

Schuylkill River Sojourn: What Should I Wear & Bring?

Please mark your name on everything you pack.

On-Water Gear

- Kayak or canoe** - You can bring your own boat or arrange a rental from Take it Outdoors Adventures in advance of the trip.
- Paddle**
- Type III life jacket (PFD)** - Inflatable life jackets are not permitted.
- Whistle**
- Sunblock and lip balm with SPF**
- Waterproof dry bag**
- Water bottles** - Aim for 1.5 liters or 48 ounces of water bottle capacity per person. Water will be available at every stop.
- Medications you require during the day**
- (optional)* Bailer and sponge
- (optional)* Seat pad
- (optional)* Small waterproof dry box - Useful for protecting cell phones and car keys.
- (optional)* Short bow line (painter line) - 5 to 10 feet in length. Lines must be coiled short and secured when not in use. A line is not necessary.
- (optional)* Portage wheels - If you bring wheels, they must be secured safely inside a hatch when not in use. Portage wheels are most needed on Tuesday (of our 2021 itinerary). Wheels are not necessary, even if you are unable to portage your boat by yourself.
- (optional)* Spare paddle

Not Permitted

- Inflatable life jackets
- Paddle leashes
- Unsecured or excessive lines, ropes, or bungees
- Portage wheels on kayak decks or inside cockpits

On-Water Wear

Pack for hot, cold, sunny, wet, and windy weather. Prepare for 40° to 90° daytime temperatures, brilliant sun, downpours, and strong winds.

- Athletic apparel, outdoor clothing, and swimming apparel** - Pack clothes designed to wick moisture and dry quickly. Avoid cotton garments except on the hottest days. Consider clothing that provides UV protection.
- Sport sandals with ankle straps, water shoes, or sneakers** - Shoes are required for the trip. Avoid flip flops and shoes that can't get wet.
- Hat with a brim**
- Sunglasses and glasses strap**
- Face mask**
- Rain jacket or paddling jacket** - No ponchos.
- (optional)* Paddling gloves
- (optional)* Additional warm layer - Polyester fleece jacket, neoprene top, synthetic "puffy" jacket, etc.
- (optional)* Rain pants or paddling pants
- (optional)* Rainhat

Off-Water

- Up to two duffle bags per person** - Water-resistant or waterproof bags are recommended.
- Camping gear** - Consider packing a tent, ground cloth, tent stakes, sleeping bag, sleeping pad/camping mattress, and pillow.
- Clothing for a cool night** - Extra layers, a fleece or wool hat, and gloves are suggested.
- Shoes and socks** - Switching shoes when you get off the water will help minimize blisters.
- Headlamp or flashlight, and extra batteries**
- Toiletries and a towel**
- Any medications you take**
- (optional)* Baby/body wipes - Showers are not available at some of our camps.
- (optional)* Insect repellent
- (optional)* Spare glasses
- (optional)* Blister treatment supplies
- (optional)* Earplugs - We camp near train tracks.
- (optional)* Folding camp chair