

Fishing Tips

If you plan on fishing during your canoe trip, remember that a current fishing license is required to fish in Indiana *and* Michigan. Your canoe trip will take you through both states if your end point is the Niles Dam public landing.



St. Patrick's County Park

St. Patrick's County Park entrance is located on Laurel Rd., north of Auten Rd., in South Bend. The park is bordered by the St. Joseph River to the west, and the Michigan state line to the north.

574/277-4828

Below are guidelines of when different species of fish may be found. Weather and conditions will affect spawning and availability of fish. Bluegill, carp, catfish, sucker, sunfish and others may be caught year 'round.

	small mouth	brown trout	chinook	coho	pike	steelhead	walleye
January		■				■	■
February		■				s ■	■
March						s ■	
April						s ■	
May					■		■
June	■				■		■
July	■				■		■
August	■	■			■		■
September	■	■	■	■	■		■
October	s ■	s ■	s ■	s ■	■		■
November	■	s ■			■		■
December	■	s ■			■		■

s: spawning



Kayak Stand Up Paddleboard Canoe the St. Joseph River



Get your family and friends together and paddle the beautiful St. Joseph River!



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Get your friends and family together and enjoy the outdoors at St. Patrick's County Park!

Canoe, Kayak & Stand Up Paddleboard Rental

When: Friday-Sunday and holidays, Memorial Day weekend through first weekend in October. SUP's only available Saturday & Sunday

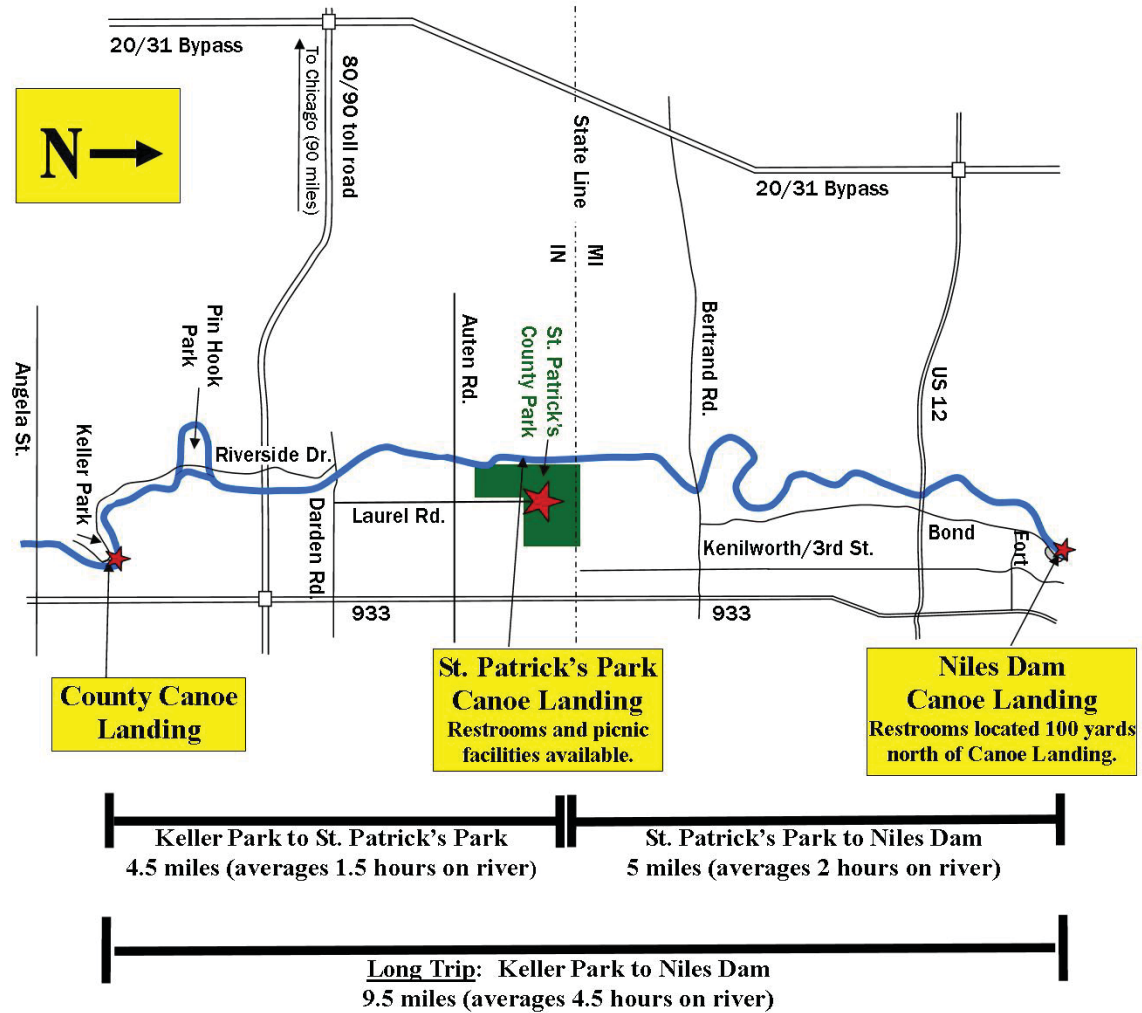
Time: 11am-4pm (equipment returned by 7pm)
Long trips weekends only, rental ends at 2pm
Please arrive at least 15 mins. prior to closing to fill out necessary paperwork.

Fee: Different depending on long or short trip, and vessel rental. Kayak & SUP supply is limited.

We also offer a beginner's practice pond, livery of private equipment, and group canoe reservations for 10-30 canoes.

To ensure the safety of our patrons, and promote a positive experience, we reserve the right to limit river trip options or discontinue rentals when our daily rental capacity is reached.

Evening Paddle
Every Thursday in June-August
5:00, 6:00, or 7:00 pm departure times
Short trip only, 2 hour limit
Please arrive at least 15 mins. prior to departure times to fill out necessary paperwork.



Rental packages include: vessel, paddles, required life jackets (and shuttle service at St. Patrick's County Park). Parental signatures required for renters under age 18.

Bring plenty of water. Consider bringing sunscreen, insect repellent, water shoes, and a picnic or snack.

Rental closes if weather or river conditions are unsafe.