



WARNING
Canoeing and kayaking can be dangerous. Serious bodily injury and loss of life can and does occur. Varying water levels, holes, drop-offs, fallen trees, sharp objects, rocks, dams, water current, undertow and other phenomenon of the Clinton River create constantly changing conditions and hazards. Do not attempt to swim or wade in the river. Avoid rapid areas. Do not dive head-first into the river.

There is danger of being swamped by waves when attempting to take canoes or kayaks into Lake Erie.

This map is provided only as a general guide and is not to be relied upon to identify all hazards. All distances and times are approximate. Prior to any canoe trip it is essential the route be thoroughly scouted.

- HELPFUL HINTS**
- Starting Point** – Suggested starting point is at Bloomer Park in Rochester Hills, off Avon Road.
 - Recommendation** – The river becomes high and fast after heavy rains. In early spring, it is recommended that novices put their canoes in at Dodge Park.
 - Ending Point** – Suggested end of trip is as Shady Side Park in Mt. Clemens.

- PADDLING TIPS**
- Life Preservers** – Whether you own, rent or borrow a canoe or kayak, make sure there is a Personal Flotation Device for each person on board. Wear footwear in case you tip over.
 - Learn to Maneuver Safely** – Steering and back paddling to avoid hazards are important.
 - Portaging** – Caution should always be used when approaching a portage area. Leave ample space between canoes or kayaks for loading and unloading.
 - Keep Safe** – Splashing each other with paddles and throwing objects at others can lead to tips and spills. A tipped boat could be fatal.
 - Respect Private Property** – Please picnic on public property.
 - Don't Litter** – Attach a bag to your boat. After picnicking, clean up the site and place debris in containers provided for that purpose.
 - Keep Your Gear Dry** – Pack your gear in waterproof bags and attach them to the canoe or kayak. If you tip over, they will stat dry and float along with you and the boat.

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CLINTON RIVER

CANOING & KAYAKING MAP

From Rochester to Lake St. Clair

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