

## KAYAK, CANOE AND PADDLE AROUND PORTLAND

The following list include links to various organizations and clubs that provide equipment, lessons, tours for paddlers of all ages and abilities.

### Outfitters That Offer Classes and Guided Trips

The following are outfitters who offer classes and guided group tours as described on their websites.

- [Alder Creek](#). Downtown Portland. Sponsors the annual [Spring Paddle Festival](#).
- [eNRG Kayaking](#), Oregon City.
- [Next Adventure](#). Portland SW.
- [Portland Kayak Company](#). Portland SW.
- [Ridgefield Kayak Rentals](#)
- [Scappoose Bay Paddling Center](#).



### Community Classes and Tours

Several organizations provide classes and tours to beginner as well as experienced paddlers.

- [City of Portland Parks & Recreation](#). Columbia Recreational Center, open kayak time.
- [Hillsboro Senior Center Activities](#). Spring kayak class.
- [Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership](#). Summer canoe paddles in 12-person canoes.
- [Motivated Zen](#). Puts paddlers in unique and beautiful environments. Portland
- [North Clackamas County Parks & Recreation](#). Adult Outdoor Programs, kayak touring class.
- [Portland Community College](#). Kayak tours in natural areas.
- [Tualatin River Keepers](#). Guided paddle trips May through October. Led by trained volunteer trip leaders, each trip has a different focus. Beginner to advanced paddlers. Gear provided. Fee.
- [Willamette River Riverkeepers](#). Discovery river paddle (kayak or canoe) trips from Eugene to Portland.

### Kayak and Rowing Clubs

Clubs are another way to acquaint yourself with the rowing sports, and find kindred spirits. Whether you're a beginner or looking for white water adventure, there's a club here for you. Clubs always welcome newcomers and usually give you an opportunity to test the water before making the plunge.

Below is a list of outdoor and kayaking clubs that include paddling adventures and classes.

- [Bridge City Paddling Club](#). Competitive dragon boat and outrigger canoe club.
- [Cascade Prime Timers](#). Outdoor club with canoe/kayak activities.
- [Bergfreunde Ski Club](#). Ski and outdoor club with kayak activities.
- [Golden Dragons](#). Senior, 50 and older group of active men and women dragon boaters.
- [Oregon Kayak & Canoe Club](#). Focus is to organize river trips at all skill levels, while strengthening the boater community. Education, tours, social activities.

- [Oregon Ocean Paddling Society](#). Explores lakes, rivers, bays and oceans of the Pacific Northwest. Education, tours, social activities.
- [Oregon Whitewater Association](#). All river users including kayakers, canoeists.
- [Pacific NW LGBT Kayaking Club](#). Lesbian and gay kayak enthusiasts who enjoy exploring the waters of Oregon, Washington, and Pacific Ocean. Open to all.
- [Portland Kayak & Canoe Team](#). Adult and youth kayakers and canoeists who seek to become more skillful, fit, or competitive.
- [Portland Sea Kayakers](#). Information website for sea kayakers. <http://www.pdxseakayaker.net/>
- [Year-round schedule](#) of whitewater and flat/moving water trips for canoeists and kayakers.
- [Willamette Kayak and Canoe Club](#). Organizes trips on all types of water, all over Oregon western states. Training.
- [Wasabi Paddling Club](#). Dragon boat paddling teams, workouts, all levels. Welcomes new paddlers.

## Meetups for Paddlers

Another option for boomers seeking all things outdoors, including a kayaking or canoeing group, are Meetups. Meetups are groups formed by individuals around a common or multiple interests. Joining is generally free or inexpensive and gives you access to the meetup's scheduled activities.

Following are links to paddling meetup groups:

- [Kayak Portland](#). Diverse group, welcomes all skill levels.
- [Portland Kayaking Community](#). For first-timers as well as seasoned kayakers.
- [Kayak Heroes](#). Whitewater kayakers.
- [Tualatin River Paddlers](#). Kayak, canoe, or SUP, for families and individuals, all levels.
- [Vancouver Lake Dragon Boating](#). Dragon boating, kayaks, rowing. All skill levels.

Meetups come, go and change. To find what's current, search online at [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) for Portland Meetups and enter your interest such as kayak, canoeing, paddling, etc.

Meetup descriptions will tell you about the activity or interest and for whom it is appropriate, as well as a schedule of meetings and the part of town where it's located.

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