

River Etiquette

| Guidance | Description |
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| Play the River | Practice maneuvers when and where possible. Experience the joy of understanding a section of the river rather than just paddling through it - catch eddies, surf waves. |
| Play Areas | Yield to paddlers who wish to run through a play site Don't monopolize a play site – share it with others |
| Spacing | Maintain adequate spacing from boat ahead: 50 – 75 feet in easy rapids, difficult rapids should run solo |
| Passing | Don't pass in narrow sections of the river or where navigability is restricted. These sites are best played solo. |
| Consideration | Be considerate of others on the river – try not to hinder them or force them to alter their course. |
| Training | Identify and give wide berth to instructional programs being conducted on the river. Novices are just learning to read the river and control their boats |
| Skill Level | Choose rivers or river sections that are acceptable to the skill level of the weakest paddler in your group. |
| Challenge by Choice | Allow any in your party to opt-out gracefully from any situations where they are not comfortable |
| Accident Priority | Watch out for others when conducting rescues. Remember priorities: others > your group > rescuers > victim > boat > gear. Avoid or monitor rescue lines for potential entrapment |
| Personal jeopardy | Avoid situations that can require you to be rescued. Rescues encumber and bring risk to others in your party or professionals in the area. |