



**Outdoor Ethics and Boating Safety**

Practice "Leave No Trace":  
 Plan ahead and prepare.  
 Be considerate of others.  
 Leave what you find.  
 Manage your waste.

**Wildlife Viewing Ethics**  
 View at an appropriate distance.  
 Do not feed or touch wildlife.  
 Control your pets at all times.

**Boating Safety**  
 Wear an approved PFD.  
 Dress appropriately for the weather.  
 Boat with others in case of emergencies.  
 Let someone know of your trip plans.  
 Be cautious of obstacles in the water.  
 Manage loose items in case of capsiz.

**Opequon Creek Paddling Information**

Use the Opequon Creek, Martinsburg Gauge operated by USGS. Gauge reading of 2.5 feet to 4.0 feet is best for a safe trip. Plan for at least 1 hour for every 1.5 miles of river.

Pay attention to weather; the creek can rise fast after rainfall. Use caution if you see fast water.

Follow all State fishing rules.

All access sites are public; except as noted. DNR certified sites are marked. Respect landowners on all other sites. (Pvt)\* Contact OCPT to use the Hinton Rd and Hoffman Rd access sites.

Disclaimer: Safety is everyone's responsibility. There is risk involved in paddling. It is up to you to learn adequate skills and use good judgement.



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