North Brooklyn Boat Club: Private Paddles

The North Brooklyn Boat Club offers your organization the chance to experience New York City in an unforgettable way. NBBC provides the equipment, experience, and leadership, safely leading guided paddling tours of the East River and Newtown Creek.

Whether your group is interested in a relaxing trip to take in the Manhattan skyline at sunset, an ecological or historical exploration of New York waterways, or adventurous team-building paddle trips through the great urban waterscape, we’ve got you covered!

Starting and ending locations will be in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. Please get in touch for details.

Trips can be adjusted to serve larger groups or work within time constraints.

Ecological Canoe Tour on Newtown Creek
Max Capacity: 18 adults/teenagers  Staff: 4  Time: 1-2 hrs.  Price: $45/person*

Observe the rich ecological history of the Newtown Creek in our ten-person canoes. The trip will paddle into Dutch Kills and Whale Creek to examine current environmental-restoration projects and explore bird-watching areas along the Creek. These trips offer an insightful look at the damage the local ecosystems have suffered, current restoration work and wildlife, and future actions that might begin to restore what was once one of the lushest parts of Long Island.

Historical Canoe Tour on Newtown Creek
Max Capacity: 18 adults  Staff: 4  Time: 2-4 hrs.  Price: $55/person*

Explore the history of the Newtown Creek, our Superfund-designated, active industrial waterway, in our ten-person canoes. For thousands of years, Newtown Creek was the winter home and lush hunting ground of the Lenape. For two centuries it has been an industrial center, home to whaling, shipbuilding, oil refining, and other industries that made New York City the center of American capital—and made Newtown Creek the damaged, fragile ecosystem it is today. We will paddle to the Creek’s turning basin, exploring the stages of natural and industrial history.

Relaxing Sunset Canoe Tour on East River
Max Capacity: 18 adults/teenagers  Staff: 4  Time: 2-3 hrs.  Price: $55/person*

Experience the beauty of the East River in our 10-person canoes. Relax after work and watch the sun go down behind the Manhattan skyline while seaplanes and seabirds cross the evening sky. This tour paddles to Annable Basin or Bushwick Inlet, with views of Manhattan, Queens, and Brooklyn at sunset. Scheduling and destination depend on tidal currents.

Adventure Canoe Paddle on East River
Max Capacity: 18 adults/teenagers  Staff: 4  Time: 3-5 hrs.  Price: $65/person*

Explore the East River and the New York cityscape in our 10-person canoes. Adventure and cooperation are great team-building tools, and everyone works together on this trip to forge a unique NYC experience. This longer tour paddles either to the Socrates Sculpture Garden or the Domino Sugar Factory, past ferry routes and fishing piers, waterfront parks and industrial relics, with the sounds of the city evening echoing over the waters and views of Manhattan, Queens, and Brooklyn at sunset. Scheduling and destination depend on tidal currents.

Kayaking on the East River to Bushwick Inlet
Max Capacity: 8 adults/teenagers  Staff: 2  Time: 2-4 hrs.  Price: $55/person*

Kayak the East River to Bushwick Inlet. Our sit-on-top kayaks offer a great opportunity to maneuver a small boat with little previous experience. They are safe, simple, and good for big groups. Dress to get wet, as these boats are designed to take on water. Scheduling and destination depend on tidal currents.

* Prices are for groups of 10 or more. Smaller groups are at a flat rate. Please contact for more details.