



SCHUYLKILL RIVER

NATIONAL & STATE HERITAGE AREA

Schuylkill River Sojourn Policies

For your safety and that of your fellow Sojourners, the following policies will be in effect:

1. No glass containers allowed on the river
2. All participants must attend the daily MANDATORY safety briefing conducted before launching. Skills instruction will be available. Participants must adhere to the safety guidelines presented.
3. Participants must wear a secured USCG approved Type III personal flotation device (PFD) at all times.
4. Participants under the age of 18 years are the responsibility of, and must be accompanied by, a parent or guardian.
5. Children must be able to swim and weigh at least 40 pounds to be properly fitted with a PFD.
6. Directions of the Safety Officers must be followed in the event of bad weather, hazardous conditions, or an emergency.
7. No pets allowed.
- 8. All participants must sign all liability releases, medical release and photo waiver. Parents must sign for children under 18.**
9. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the river, in municipal parks or on private property and will not be served at Sojourn sponsored events.
10. Participants are responsible for their own trash.
11. Person-powered watercraft only.
12. Organizers and safety officers of the Schuylkill River Sojourn reserve the right to take anyone off the river who is either challenged by the amount of paddling required per day, in a craft that does not fit or is beyond their skill level, or creates a hazard by not following policies.

Schuylkill River Sojourn Safety Rules

1. The first boat is always the "Lead Boat" and may not be passed. This boat will be designated by the Trip Leader.
2. The last boat is the "Sweep Boat" and no boat may be behind this boat. This boat will be designated by the Trip Leader.
3. There will be one group on the river. Each boat is responsible for keeping the boat behind in close range (approx. 50 ft. or less).
4. More experienced paddlers will be expected to assist less experienced paddlers or to function as safety boats if requested by the Trip Leader.
5. Whistle signals will be used by all to communicate on the river. These signals will be explained daily to all paddlers.