

We were founded for the enjoyment of our beautiful waterways and surrounding natural areas. Hundreds of paddlers of all skill levels call PSC their club, and we invite you to become a member!

### What do I need?

A kayak or canoe, paddles and a life-jacket (PFD). Add to that lunch, rain gear, and water and that should get you started!

### How do I join PSC?

Visit our website, enter your contact information, pay our modest dues, and you will be a new member.

### As a Prairie State member, you will be able to:

- \*Check out our upcoming trips on the PSC website.
- \*Receive members-only emails and e-blasts.
- \*Sign up for our classes at a reduced rate.

Your paddling adventures start at:

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Prairie State Canoeists is a club full of friendly members, and we enjoy meeting new paddling enthusiasts.

Together we have paddled thousands of miles. Members love sharing their enthusiasm and experiences.

We invite you to paddle along on our next adventure.

We'll assist you with directions, and help you unload your boat and carry it to the boat launch.

We can help you stay safe, and enjoy your time on the water with us.



A Northeast Illinois  
Canoe and Kayak Club

Founded in 1971

Organized Paddle Trips  
Training & Instruction  
Camping Trips  
Social Events  
On-Line Workshops

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## Prairie State Canoeists: Your Home for Paddling Adventures and Experiences

During the paddle season our organized member-led weekend trips include popular rivers such as the DuPage, Fox, Kishwaukee and Des Plaines Rivers.

### RIVER TRIPS

Rated for their difficulty and challenge from Beginner to Expert, more than 100 paddling trips are sponsored annually. Complete descriptions are posted on the website.

### WEDNESDAY PADDLES

Every other Wednesday between April - October PSC organizes Wednesday paddle trips to rivers such as the Turtle, Kishwaukee, Sugar, Nippersink, and south branch of the Kishwaukee.

### EVENING PADDLES

PSC runs evening paddle trips on the DuPage River and Salt Creek sometimes followed by a social outing.

### CAMPING TRIPS

Overnight camping and paddle trips may include base camping and river camping. Some are weekend trips or can be as long as a week. Camping destinations are Mecan, Kickapoo, Wisconsin and Namekagon Rivers and numerous Michigan rivers.

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**River Trips:** The Trip leader will provide directions to the launch site and starting time. Plan on arriving early to unload, prepare, and participate in the car shuttle. Cars are driven to the take-out location and you are shuttled back to the starting point. Your car will be waiting at the end of the trip.

**Training:** Instructor will contact you with information on equipment and location, and answer any questions you have.

**Prairie State Canoeists is a not-for-profit club that organizes trips and instruction for the pleasure and safety of canoe and kayak paddlers.**

## TRAINING

Prairie State Canoeists offers classes for canoes and kayaks by certified American Canoe Association instructors.

Our classes are focused on making sure both new and experienced paddlers are confident with their equipment, confident in their skills, and most importantly, safe on the water.

- Pool Practice
- Virtual Learning
- Intro to Canoe & Kayak
- River Skills Workshops
- Moving Water 1 and 2
- Coached Events
- River Rescue



Classes are focused primarily on training for the types of waterways and conditions the majority of members will experience while on club trips. Sign up on the website!