

Tubing the Battenkill River

The Battenkill River and Tubing

In the shadow of the Green Mountain National Forest, crossing from Vermont into NY, lie the sparkling, pristine waters of one of the East's most delightful rivers: the Battenkill. The surrounding forest and grassland is teeming with wildlife: trout, deer, mink, songbirds, heron, eagles, and osprey. Each year, the Battenkill invites thousands of fisher-persons, canoeists, kayakers, and yes, tubers.

Tubing is for everyone. It's not uncommon—if you're tubing the Battenkill—to see foreign visitors (usually struggling with their canoe paddles!), babies, dogs, wedding parties, firefighters, poker players, and groups of twenty or more, their legs and arms interlocked and floating as one!

We will float from 2-3 hours. Both sun and shade mark the course. The Battenkill is not deep (there are a few spots). In some places the bottom is sandy, but in others, it's pebbly.

Be prepared to sit back and relax and enjoy the beauty, camaraderie, covered bridges, and excitement of a Battenkill float.

Schedule

Date and Time: Friday, August 25, 9:30 – 4 (Potential Rain date Saturday, Aug 26)

Packed Lunch: After breakfast, we'll have sandwich fixings and snacks ready for you to prep and pack your lunch.

Stop in Cambridge NY: (35 miles from camp): to inflate inner tubes (those with tire valve) and optionally purchase snacks and drinks. Air pump for bigger diameter valves will be provided at put-in.

Stop at Finish: to leave a car

Put-in: stash our phones and cash (unless you have a secure waterproof bag), and get in the water!

Lunch: We'll either lunch at the put-in, or along the way on a sand bar.

Bring

- Your own inner tube. Purchase suggestions [Amazon](#) (this one or others) or any at [WalMart](#)
- Bathing suit or other clothes that you can get wet (cotton is NOT a good idea)
- T-Shirt or rash-guard shirt – for protection from the sun
- Shoes you can get wet – to protect your feet when the river bottom is pebbly
- PFD/life jacket: Optional but strongly recommended, required if you can't swim
- Water in a bag that you can keep on you while floating.
- Towel or sweatshirt that will wait for you at the end of the float.

RSVP

Please **pre-register** so that we have accurate counts for your packed lunch. Send an email to gathering@womenoutdoors.org with Battenkill in the subject line.

Note: You must be registered for the Thursday option in order to participate. If you are already registered to start on Friday, send an email to gathering@womenoutdoors.org to add Thursday. Let us know if you will be arriving in time for dinner at 6 pm.

