

NFCT Waterway Work Trip Frequently Asked Questions



I live locally. Do I have to stay for the whole weekend and camp with the group? Lucky you! If you would like to join just for a day, no problem, please contact us and let us know your plans. If you plan to stay for any meals, please register online in advance.

Will I have to paddle on the WWT? Most WWT locations are accessible by vehicle and foot – so no paddling needed, but some require paddling to the site, as noted in the description. All paddling is on flatwater and requires basic skills.

Will I need to bring a canoe or kayak with me if I want to go out on the water during the WWT? Generally yes. We can help get you in touch with a local outfitter from whom you can rent one from.

Do I need to have prior experience doing trail work? No. There is no need to have previous trail work experience. There is always time made to make sure everyone is comfortable with the tasks at hand and all are able to share ideas and help each other learn.

Who runs these things? WWTs are used as leadership opportunities for our stewardship interns. There will always be NFCT staff (a crew leader) available to provide support, but expect to get directions from the “leader of the week.”

What are the paddling opportunities like? They are varied! Sometimes we get to paddle to the work or campsite. Otherwise, there is time for exploration on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

What will the meals be like? Tasty! We pride ourselves in backcountry cooking and we have a variety of unique and enticing recipes that we draw on. **Please be sure to notify us of any food preferences or allergies.** You are invited to bring your own cold beverages to consume or share.

What will sleeping accommodations be like? Plan for primitive camping accommodations. You can expect a level surface to pitch a tent. We will also have a designated cooking area where we will have a table, stoves, and a tarp set up. All WWTs will have a privy. Note - if the project involves constructing a privy, it won't be ready until we build it!

What should I bring?

- Sturdy shoes
- Clothes that can get dirty
- Paddling Gear and Rain gear
- Lightweight Workgloves

- Tent, sleeping bag, pad
- Camp chair
- Mess Kit
- Favorite beverages
- Additional snacks

Do I need to be there precisely at the Friday start time? It is helpful, but we can accommodate your schedule. Just let us know if you won't be making the established meeting time.

How will I know if any of the plans have changed before the WWT? We'll inform you of any changes via the contact email used to sign up for the WWT. Feel free to call or send an email with any questions prior to the WWT: (802)496-2285 x2 noah@northernforestcanoetrail.org

Thanks, and look forward to seeing you at the WWT!