

# Canadian Style Paddling Rendezvous 2025

A Fun Weekend of Skill & Games for  
Canadian-Style Paddlers  
(Solo & Tandem)

*Share, Play, Learn!*

**Canadian Style Paddling (CSP)  
Rendezvous!**

**Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 27 – 28, 2025**  
(With Optional Extra Prep & Play Friday & Monday)

**Share, Play, Learn!**

Join in • Slalom matches • World's longest pivot lines • Canoe dance • Workshops & More

**Pinehurst Lake Conservation Area, Ayr, Ontario N0B 1E0**

**For Registration & Information, Email: [environment@orcka.ca](mailto:environment@orcka.ca)**

Watch for the second Canadian Style Paddling Rendezvous in September! A chance to meet and paddle with other CSP enthusiasts. Join the fun on a friendly day of paddling without the stress of a course or clinic. ***Share, play, learn!***

## When:

- **Saturday & Sunday, September 27-28, 2025**, with optional extra prep and play Friday and Monday.
- The main event is on Saturday and Sunday, but why not come for extra practice time on Friday and stay until Monday afternoon?

**Prerequisites:** At a minimum, you are an intermediate – advanced canoeist, who might have been tripping for years, tandem or solo. You'd like to be even more efficient and smooth and learn some functional paddling (with a little flair thrown in). You might also be an [ORCKA Level 4 paddler with CSP1a/b \(solo or tandem\)](#) certification; [Paddle Canada Lake Canoeist](#) or [Intro Canadian Style Paddler](#); an Intermediate [American Freestyle Flatwater Paddler](#); or equivalent.

**Questions about your level? Please, just ask!** 😊 Through fun and sharing, this event will make you an even better paddler.

## Activities include:

- Slalom/English gate challenges
- Funny, fun challenges (Rules? What rules?)
- Follow-the-leader manoeuvres
- Building the world's longest canoe-pivot lines

- ***Join in to make 2 matching big canoes dance!***

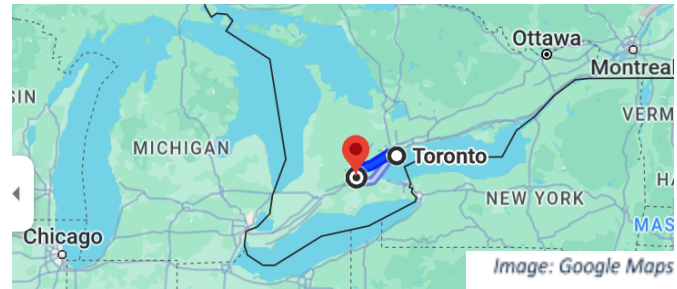
- Canoe dance: demos, small-group practices, & all-canoe dance with an expert caller.
- Informal paddles and workshops on-water and off.

#### Where:

- [Pinehurst Lake Conservation Area](#),
- 468 Pinehurst Rd., RR 3, Ayr, ON N0B 1E0
- 120 km west of Toronto
- Approx. halfway between London, ON and Toronto

#### Cost:

- Gatehouse Day Use Fee: \$9.00/\$7.25 (Seniors)
- Just **\$40.00/participant** for the weekend!  
**\$20/participant** for Friday's prep time! Monday morning – free play time! **(Maximum fee \$60 collected through online registration in advance)**
- Camping fees extra (see below)



#### What to Bring:

- Your own canoe (but we have a few extra available), PFD, paddles
- Your own food (snacks and hot beverages will be supplied on Saturday and Sunday), bowl, plate, cup, utensils, camp chair & camping gear, if camping)

#### Camping is Available:

- Please make your own reservations through the [Grand River Conservation Authority's](#) online reservation system. Choose Pinehurst Lake Conservation Area [here](#), and please book early to guarantee a spot. Many of us will be in the **100 Section**.

#### Many Nearby Hotels/Motels are Available:

- Check Paris, ON and Cambridge, ON with your favourite booking app, and check the distance between your accommodation and the conservation area. We'll start at 8:30 a.m. each morning, but come earlier to catch the morning mist.

#### Your Next Steps:

- Please register with Lee at [environment@orcka.ca](mailto:environment@orcka.ca) for updates, more information, & more details & **online**



### Grounding Acknowledgement for Pinehurst Conservation Area

*Guided by Kōrero, AI designed to help people reflect deeply on their relationship with place at [Native-Land.ca – Our Home on Native Land](#):*

"As a visitor here, I paddle and rest on the ancestral lands of the Anishinabewaki, Haudenosaunee, Attiwonderonk (Neutral), and Mississauga peoples, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This glacial lake and remnant Carolinian forest sustained life for millennia—winter fishing, medicines, and treaties still alive today.

As a paddler here, I commit to stewarding this place by cleaning, learning, and teaching others. I will amplify Indigenous voices, stencil the Moccasin Identifier on boats, and confront the injustice of displacement. Let every stroke on this water be a prayer of gratitude and a step toward reciprocity."

registration at <https://www.orcka.ca/events-coming> closer to the event. **Questions?** Email Lee—Just ask! 😊

