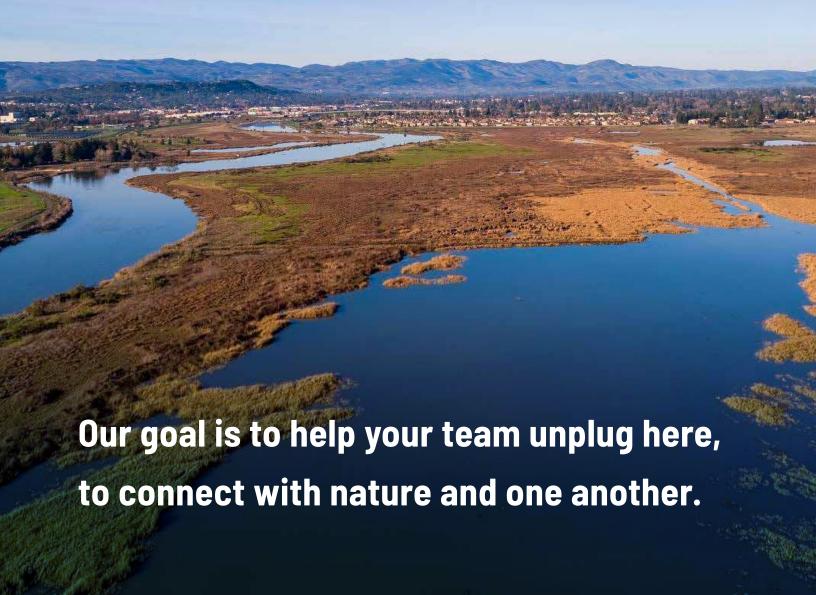


# CORPORATE GROUPS

YOUR GUIDE TO THE ULTIMATE TEAM OUTING ON THE NAPA RIVER



Among the most beautiful and underexplored waterways in the Bay Area, the Napa River boasts a calm, scenic setting with warm weather, warm water and miles upon miles of prime paddling conditions.



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Hello Friends,

As a 2nd generation Napa Valley native, winemaker and conservationist, I founded Napa Valley Paddle in 2012 to be much more than a watersports company. Ours is an authentic local experience rooted in knowledge, service and hospitality. Sharing the beauty of the storied Napa River has become a true passion and getting corporate teams out of the office and on the water is one of the most rewarding things we do.

For those planning corporate events, our goal is to make your job easy. We'll guide you through an effortless journey: from initial planning and logistics to the final high-fives as you pull ashore.

We pride ourselves in crafting the perfect experience for every group. Choose from a variety of tours for just the right balance of active adventure and restorative relaxation. Add a wine and cheese tasting, picnic lunch or catered feast to round out the day. From basic equipment rentals to guided paddles before or after meetings, to unique team building activities, we've had the pleasure of curating special events for many of the area's leading companies and look forward to hosting your team on our beautiful river.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly with any questions, needs or simply to learn more.

Cheers,

Drew Dickson

Owner, Napa Valley Paddle

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"The Napa River provided a most excellent opportunity for our team at Hurley to enjoy a stand-up-paddleboard experience that we will never forget ... The stunning Napa River shared her beauty around every meandering turn while serving up a fun adventure for the whole crew. Overall, the event was an epic bonding experience for our team in a unique setting."

Benjamin Edwards

VP Global Outreach Hurley International

## THE ESSENTIALS

## How do I get started?

#### **First Steps**

Pick your date, select a tour, equipment and any options you'd like to include. The best way to get started is to contact us for a brief consultation at 707.200.5511 or <a href="mailto:crew@napavalleypaddle.com">crew@napavalleypaddle.com</a>.

#### Next

We'll get all the details squared away and confirm your reservation.

#### **Finally**

We'll email your complete itinerary with directions, tour description, logistics, what to bring, and some inspiration to get your team excited about their awesome day on the river!



## Logistics for your team

#### Before the day

You'll receive a confirmation with meeting time, launch location and any other details to distribute to your team.

#### On the day of your outing

We'll meet at your designated launch site for an overview of the day, brief land & water instruction and tips for maximizing fun on the river.

#### After your paddle

We'll help with any post-paddle plans, whether it's wine & cheese on the dock, group photos, restaurant recommendations, toasting the day at Stone Brewery on the river, or just finding the quickest way back home.



## WHAT TO EXPECT



### All trips include

- · Complimentary paddle lessons on land and in water
- · Single or tandem kayaks and/or stand up paddle boards
- Paddles
- PFD Life Preserver
- Unlimited fun!



## What to bring

**In warmer months** (generally June to September) swimsuit, shorts, shirt, sunscreen, hat, towel and water bottle are essential. There may be cool, early morning fog so layering is best.

**In cooler months,** quick-drying layers like neoprene pants and shirts are great for keeping warm and dry.

**Water shoes** are not essential but are preferred by many of our guests. Others prefer flip flops or paddling barefoot.

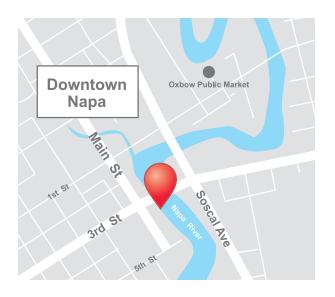
**Dry sacks or ziplock bags** are highly recommended to protect cell phones, cameras and other valuables.



## **Upon Arrival**

Most of our launch locations do not have changing facilities, so come prepared to get into the water. Upon arrival, your group will be fitted for life vests, given paddles and fit for kayaks or SUPs. Most of our fleet consists of sit-on-top single and tandem kayaks and stand up paddle boards that are stable and well suited for beginners. All have small areas to secure water bottles and other belongings.

## LOCATION



## Downtown Napa (main location)

Many tours launch from our main location at Main Street Dock in downtown Napa (the closest street address is 588 Main Street). Simply walk to the Riverfront behind the businesses on Main Street and you'll find our dock and kiosk where our staff will greet you.

#### **Parking**

Parking is located in the parking garage at Main Street and Fifth Street. Parking is also available along Main Street.



## **Getting Here**

Located in the heart of wine country, we're convenient to all points in the Bay Area. Typical drive times:

Sonoma: 20 minutes
St. Helena: 25 minutes
Oakland: 50 minutes
San Francisco: 60 minutes
Sacramento: 65 minutes
San Jose: 85 minutes

**Get Directions** 



#### **MEETING LOCATIONS & LAUNCH SITES**

Your specific tour will determine your meeting point and/or launch site. Details for your group will be included in your confirmation. All sites are within a few minutes of our main location in downtown Napa.

Downtown Napa (Main Location)Get DirectionsKennedy ParkGet DirectionsTrancas Crossing ParkGet Directions

## TOURS

Explore our most popular tours or design the perfect day with a custom itinerary.

Downtown/Oxbow Paddle Adventure

Living River Paddle Excursion

Northern Reach Paddle Adventure

Pedal, Paddle & Pour

**Custom Experiences** 

**Seasonal Tours** 

## Downtown/Oxbow Paddle Adventure



## Effortless Adventure Where History Meets Habitat

Our Guided Downtown Oxbow Tour is the best way to explore the renaissance of Downtown Napa and the Oxbow Preserve, providing a unique insight into the waterway and wildlife. All tours are led by professional guides with extensive knowledge of the ecology, wildlife, and history of the Napa River and will reveal a side of Napa that few know. Learn about its pioneering history and renowned restoration and flood protection measures that are now a model for the world. Along the way, you may spot river otters, turtles, mink and a variety of native and migratory birds that inhabit this protected region where the salt and freshwater meet! The Napa River has come a long way over the last century — come experience why it is now a defining feature of the Napa River Valley. Your group will leave with an unforgettable experience.

HIGHLIGHTS: Downtown Views / Marsh Views / Forest Views / Abundant Wildlife / Ecological History

#### **PRICING**

#### \$79-\$89/person

Includes professional guide, kayaks, paddle boards, paddles, life vests and instruction.

**Premium Packages:** Be sure to check out our gourmet picnic lunches & snacks, wine tasting packages, oyster packages and more here.

#### **DETAILS**

Kayak or paddle board

• Duration: 1-2 hours

• Distance: 3.5 miles

· Level of Difficulty: Easy, beginners welcome!

• Ideal for 12-15 people

· Offered year-round

#### **LOGISTICS**

This round-trip paddle meets at our main location on Main St. Dock in downtown Napa and typically involves a leisurely float to Milliken Creek and back. To maximize your experience, your route may be subject to slight changes due to tide and wind direction. Directions and final details will be included in your itinerary.

## Living River Paddle Excursion



## Natural Splendor and Panoramic Views

Our Living River Tour begins in south napa wetlands with expansive views and a panoramic skyline stretching from Mt. Veeder to Atlas Peak and Coombsville. Designed to ride the incoming tide one-way with a slight breeze at your back your flotilla will glide along a path of least resistance past Tannery Bend, Downtown Napa, Oxbow Preserve and into the forested northern reach. As the river narrows a mild current ushers you along into forest canopy where shorebirds make way for kingfishers, turtles and the occassional beaver, otter or mink. As one of the most biologically diverse regions in the San Francisco Bay Area, your guide will discuss the ecological history of the Napa River past and present and paddlers will learn about its rich habitat and native american fishing village.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

Vineyard Views / Mountain Views / Marsh Views / Forest Views / Abundant Wildlife / Ecological History

#### **PRICING**

#### \$89/person

Includes professional guide, kayaks, paddle boards, paddles, life vests and instruction.

**Premium Packages:** Be sure to check out our gourmet picnic lunches & snacks, wine tasting packages, oyster packages and more <u>here</u>.

#### **DETAILS**

· Kayak or paddle board

• Duration: 1-3 hours

• Distance: 2.6-5.4 miles

· Level of Difficulty: Easy, beginners welcome!

• Ideal for up to 40 people

· Offered year-round

#### **LOGISTICS**

This one-way paddle rides the tide from Kennedy Park (south of downtown Napa) to our main location on Main St. Dock in Napa.

To maximize your experience, launch site and route are subject to slight changes. Directions and final details will be included in your itinerary. Shuttle transportation is available.

## Northern Reach Paddle Adventure



## Flora, Fauna & Fun: A Truly Diverse Experience

Explore the most northerly reach of the San Pablo Bay riding clear freshwater flows on the Napa River through riparian forest, the Oxbow Preserve, downtown and beyond. Paddlers will explore the full transitions from forest to wetlands and the renaisance of Downtown Napa, where fresh & salt water meet!

As you emerge from tailwaters the ebb throttles back to the sound of cliff swallows — you are unplugged and awakened by the rhythm of your paddle breaking surface of protected water.

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

Vineyard Views / Mountain Views / Marsh Views /
Forest Views / Abundant Wildlife / Ecological History

#### **PRICING**

#### \$109/person

Includes professional guide, kayaks, paddle boards, paddles, life vests and instruction.

**Premium Packages:** Be sure to check out our gourmet picnic lunches & snacks, wine tasting packages, oyster packages and more here.

#### **DETAILS**

- · Single or tandem kayaks
- · Paddle boarders must be pre-screened
- Duration: 1.5-2.5 hours
- Distance: 3.5-5.4 miles
- · Level of Difficulty: Easy, beginners welcome!
- Ideal for 12-20 people
- Seasonal (April-June)

#### **LOGISTICS**

This one-way paddle launches at <u>Trancas</u>
<u>Crossing Park</u> (north of downtown) and finishes at our main location on <u>Main St. Dock</u> in Napa.

To maximize your experience, launch site and route are subject to slight changes. Directions and final details will be included in your itinerary. Shuttle transportation is available.

## Pedal, Paddle & Pour









We're excited to announce our most exciting group adventures yet...

Explore the river valley by surf and turf! Enjoy premier access to bicycle routes, private hiking trails and protected waters.

#### **CARNEROS PEDAL & PADDLE**

Loop through rolling champagne vineyards on a beautiful, newly paved trail. Whoop-dee-doos and sweeping views! Enjoy a rustic, riverside picnic in the Stanley Lane/Soscol Ferry area where gold miners crossed the river to pickup mules, en route from San Francisco to the Gold Country. After lunch, kayak or paddle board the Carneros region's acres of preserved bay lands, tidal sloughs and wetland habitat.

#### SOUTH NAPA ESTUARY - NAPA - YOUNTVILLE

Begin the day on kayak or SUP in the tidal wetlands south of Downtown Napa and ride the incoming tide for about 1 hour. Next, enjoy a splash of wine & picnic nosh hosted by your knowledgable guide before pedalling to Yountville along the Napa Valley Vine Trail, enjoying a second winery of your choice along the way.

#### YOUNTVILLE TO NAPA'S OXBOW DISTRICT

This adventure starts in the picturesque town of Yountville with an 11-mile guided pedal along the Napa Valley Vine Trail through scenic vineyards and into Downtown Napa. After lunch at a local winery or riverside at the Oxbow Preserve, take to the water and explore the rich wildlife corridor of the forested Northern Reach of the Napa River before finishing in the Oak Knoll AVA.

#### SONOMA COUNTY: RUSSIAN RIVER/DRY CREEK VALLEY

Take in the quaint charm and unspoiled views of the road less traveled along the Dry Creek and Russian River Valleys. Newly-paved routes offer prime cycling, while the meandering river teems with wildlife. Top it off with stops at your choice of world-class wineries and perfectly-paired cuisine to fuel an unforgettable experience.

Want a custom itinerary? Add cycling, lunch and wine tasting to a paddle tour, or simply let us know what's on your wish list and we'll make it happen.

Questions? Contact our team at 707.200.5511 or crew@napavalleypaddle.com

## **Custom Experiences**



## Let Us Create Your Perfect Outing!

Since 2012 we've offered corporate guests first-class service and pride ourselves in fulfilling just about any request to craft the perfect experience for your group. As a 2nd generation Napa Valley native, owner Drew Dickson has enjoyed decades-long relationships with wineries, chefs and other wine country professionals, providing the resources to make just about any wish come true. Our more popular custom itineraries include tailored paddling routes, gourmet cuisine, world-famous Napa Valley wines and additional outdoor activities. Let's talk about adding a special twist to your team's experience.

#### **PADDLING ROUTES**

Whether your group has time constraints or prefers a longer adventure; is eager to explore birding habitat or hone outdoor photography skills; or perhaps looking for a spot to stop for team building activities ... we'll tailor the perfect route to suit your needs.

#### **FOOD & DRINK**

What's an excursion to Napa Valley without spectacular food & wine? Gourmet charcuterie and cheeses, picnic lunches, catered meals or our famous oyster bbq will hit the spot. Local wines — including special selections from our family winery — are highly recommended!

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Those looking for even more active adventure can take advantage of our deep knowledge of the valley and the bay. Fishing with an expert guide, hiking to hidden treasures and incredible views, and world-class cycling through miles of vineyards just to name a few.

## **Seasonal Tours**







Beyond our standard tours, we're proud to offer guided experiences to the best of every season. Be sure to ask us about crafting an unforgettable adventure for your group!

#### **FALL**

**Biolumenesence & Kayak Fishing** 

#### WINTER

**King Tides & Birds of Pacific Flyway** 

#### **SPRING**

**Spring Run Off** 

#### **SUMMER**

Ask us about special exursions throughout Northern California!

## **CULINARY OPTIONS**

Our paddle adventures began in 2012, offered exclusively to Andrew Lane Winery members. Over the years we have selected the most authentic Napa Valley culinary experiences for guests to enjoy riverside either before your adventure begins, mid-paddle or upon arrival to your final destination.

#### **BOXED LUNCH**

Enjoy artisan sandwiches, seasonal salads, fresh fruit and non-alcoholic beverages, all made from locally sourced organic ingredients \$30/person

#### **STONE BREWERY**

Glide into downtown and beach your kayak at Stone Brewery to enjoy micro-brews, full menu or a charcuterie platter "Butcher Block."

\$150-250/group + 2 drink minimum

#### **BEAUJOLAIS & OYSTERS**

Toast your friends, teammates and the resilience of nature with this classic Beaujolais & BBQ oyster pairing by Andrew Lane Winery. Hosted by the winemaker and owner of NVP. \$500 minimum. Venue rental fee may apply.

#### **Wine Tasting**

\$35/person

Includes 4 wines, \$300/minimum. Venue rental fee may apply.

#### **Blending Session**

In the event of weather-related rain/lightning/extreme winds we offer an indoor blending session. Owner has 20 years of winemaking experience. *Venue rental fee may apply*.

## FAQ

#### What should we bring?

Dress as if you are going to go swimming. A swimsuit, shorts, shirt, sunscreen, hat, towel and water bottle are essential during the warmer months. In the cooler months, neoprene pants and shirts are ideal. There may be early morning fog and cooler temperatures at the time of your class, so be mindful of this when choosing clothing. Layering your clothing so that you can shed a jacket or long sleeve shirt during the paddle is ideal.

#### Will we get wet? Do we need to know how to swim?

Yes! You must know how to swim. There is a slight chance of falling in the water. However, our guides will teach all guests the skills needed to stay on their boards and enjoy the ride.

#### Do we need our own equipment?

No. We'll provide all of the equipment you'll need - boards and/or kayaks, paddles and PFDs.

#### Is the water cold?

With the closest warm water paddling to San Francisco, the Napa River is comfortably warm in the summer months with average temperatures in the 70s. Expect cooler water in the off-season with winter water temperature averaging 58 degrees.

#### How long are the tours?

It's up to you. We'll give recommendations based on what you want, but we can work with your itinerary. Group tours typically last 1.5 - 3 hours.

#### How many guests can you accommodate?

Depending on your preferred equipment (single or tandem), we can generally host between 8 and 40 people.

#### What does learning SUP involve?

Our certified SUP instructors begin with a short land-based training session, then expand upon the lesson on the water. Most beginners find it much easier than expected and become comfortable paddling through the water and standing on a board in no time.

#### Do you offer tours year round?

Yes. Each season on the Napa River brings unique opportunities for relaxation, adventure and discovery.

"Everyone had a great time and LOVED the activities ... Thank you so much for all your help on the planning side. If our team does another retreat in the Napa area, I will definitely be reaching out to plan further events with you."

Sarah Kalin

People Programs Coordinator Ironclad