

SAINT JOHN RIVER

~ NORTHERN MAINE ~

MAY 16 - 23, 2009



Often considered the "granddaddy" of all Maine canoe trips the SAINT JOHN RIVER is the classic spring river trip in Maine's great northwoods. Rising in a series of remote ponds, the Saint John starts as a narrow stream, flows deep through dense coniferous forests of remote northwestern Maine, eventually evolving into a river of majestic proportions, as it approaches the northernmost tip of Maine.

The river is quite suitable for novices; the whitewater increases gradually in difficulty from the riffles of the winding upper stretches to the heavier water of the renowned Big Rapids. It's also the perfect river for learning the art of canoe poling. (Class I-II+,)

One of only two "free flowing" rivers in Maine - the Saint John has a narrow window of time for optimum water conditions - essentially the last two weeks in May - right after ice-out. It is truly a wondrous way to greet the coming of spring in the great North Maine Woods. We offer this trip on an exclusive basis - once every few years



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Climate conditions can range from brisk evenings - with a frost, to warm summer-like days in the 70's even 80's. A packing list will be provided. Participants can also opt to paddle either solo or tandem.

LOGISTICS: The trip meets the evening prior (Friday, May 15) in Bangor, Maine (we can assist with hotel reservations), and departs the next morning (Saturday, May 16) for the 5-6 hour drive to Baker Lake - the first night's camp - in one of the most remote pockets of northwestern Maine. The take-out is in the village of Dickey (near Allagash); participants should be prepared to spend the last evening (Saturday, May 23) in Bangor. Parking for your vehicles can be arranged for the duration.

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Custom Scheduling Upon Request
Saint John trips meet evening prior in Bangor
(8 days) \$1550 p.p.



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