

Driving directions for Canoe trip weekend.

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Driving directions for Ipswich River Canoe Put-in:

(We will meet the trailers with the boats at the put-in, and park the cars for the day there. After canoeing we will shuttle back to pick up the cars. Arrive at the put-in with all drinking water for the day, etc., there are no amenities.)

Take I-95 N to exit #50 onto Rte. 1 N (comes after I-95 crosses I-93). Go 2.2 miles on Rte 1 N, then turn left onto Salem Road at the top of the hill

(you've gone too far on Rte 1 if it goes downhill and crosses the river).

Salem Road goes downhill quickly and bears to the right.

The put-in is about .2 mile down Salem road, next to the bridge.

Park cars on the left side of the road. The boats will be unloaded on the right.

Driving Directions to the Foote Brothers Canoe Rentals for the longer canoe trip participants:

All going on the LONG trip need to arrive at the Foote Brothers canoe rental place by 7:50 AM. 230 Topsfield Road, Ipswich, MA 1-978-356-9771. Foote Brothers opens at 8AM, but we should be first in line, and drivers must leave Hancock by 7AM if not earlier. Directions:

Take I-95 N to exit #50 onto Rte. 1 N (comes after I-95 crosses I-93).

Go 4.3 miles on Rte 1 N

then turn right on Ipswich Road.

Willowdale Dam (site of canoe rental) is three miles down Ipswich down on the right. (Part way along the road Ipswich Road becomes Topsfield Road).

Driving Directions from Foote Brothers to Harold Parker State Park campground.

Map of Harold Parker State Park: <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/trails/harold.gif>

(These distances are rough guides - I measured them off a map).

Drive back to Rte 1, and go south on Rte 1

After Rte 1 crosses I-95 merge left onto Rte 62 W towards Middleton.

Go about 3 miles into Middleton and then jog left onto Rte 114 S, then right again on the continuation of Rte 62 W.

Follow Rte 62 to North Reading (along the way it does a hard jog to the right in South Middleton)

In North Reading center turn right (north) onto Haverhill St.

Go about 2 1/2 miles, and look for Harold Parker State park campground on the left, just after driving by a pond on your left and just before the intersection of Haverhill St (now Jenkins Road) with Harold Parker Road.

We are at the group site G01 (G213 on the map below). Site is directly across from site 216. Cars must be pulled completely off the roadway. There is auxiliary parking elsewhere on the campgrounds if we need it.

Directions from Hancock to Campground:

Harold Parker State Forest is located in north-eastern Massachusetts.

Take 128 North to Rt 93 north to exit 41, follow 125 north (toward Andover), for about 4 miles to the State Police Barracks (on right). Turn right on Harold Parker Rd., (bear left immediately to stay on Harold Parker – don't go onto Gould Rd) Take Harold Parker to Jenkins Rd (stop sign). Turn RIGHT onto Jenkins Road.

The campground is on your right a little ways up the road. Stop at the ranger station to get parking permits.

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Harold Parker State Forest Camping Area

