

Sunset and Full Moon Paddle on Webster Lake Thursday, Aug 18, 2016

The paddle is to launch from Point Breeze Restaurant/Marina located on Webster Lake at 114 Point Breeze Road.

We plan this to be a relaxed paddle going out on the lake just before sunset and paddling to watch **the Sunset which is at 7:43 PM**. We will begin launching at **6:30 PM**. We will be paddling into parts of Middle Pond or South Pond. **The moon rises at 7:54 PM**. The weather forecast is partly cloudy with a high of 85F and a low of 66F with a Westerly wind at 8 MPH. A jacket might be a good idea to have. In any case **the plan is to go out and paddle, clouds or not, but if it is raining we will cancel**. If it is totally overcast we will go out and come in before dark as there is no sun or moon to see. The plan is to go out quite a bit before sunset so we can get some paddling in before dark. The full moon on Aug 18 is called the **Sturgeon moon**.

There will be room for a few vehicles near the Marina Launch site but when it is filled, you can park your vehicles back up the hill in the restaurant parking lot. Park on the grass end of the restaurant parking lot to leave room for the patrons of the restaurant. Please don't jam up the Marina parking lot or the restaurant parking lot, leave room near the restaurant for dinner patrons to park and leave room in the Marina Parking lot for boaters with slips to have a place to park.

We want to be sure all paddlers get back safely. We are asking you to sign up so we will know how many people are paddling with us.

6:00 PM till 6:30 PM Registration.

6:30 PM launching all boats, kayaks, canoes and any other type of paddle craft down at the Marina

6:45 PM we all head out to start our paddle.

If there is time we will gather in the water in front of the restaurant for a group photo and then we will be off paddling. **We may not be following the course on the map below so follow the leader. The course will depend on the weather as well as the boat traffic.**

7:43 PM Sunset and we should be watching it a short distance from the takeout out by Goat Island or wherever is best that evening.

7:54 PM Moonrise which is a bit after sunset. **Make sure you all have flashlights & whistles.**

In order to give us an idea of how many plan to attend please send me an email at: ernieb@charter.net with your name email and phone number. This will help with the registration process. There is no fee.

For safety reasons and to cover the law everyone must have a life vest and please wear it. You should also have running lights or a bright flashlight because we are paddling in the twilight & after sunset. **A flashlight is all you need and it should be handy to signal to any approaching boats that you are present and to avert a collision. It is not necessary to have a flashlight on all the time when it gets dark. Having a flashlight on at all times will ruin your night vision and that of other paddlers, so only turn on a white light when you sense danger** or need to see something clearer. A signaling device (horn, whistle, or bell) is advised as it is a state law to carry one.

We will have a pontoon boat following throughout the paddle in case we have any weary paddlers and for safety reasons. Use your whistle or flashlight to get the attention of the group that you are in distress and for the safety boat to help you.

Directions to Point Breeze Restaurant: If traveling from North or South get off Interstate Highway 395 at exit # 1.

Travel South on Route 193 / Thompson road about 1.2 miles to the entrance of Point Breeze road on your left. There is a large sign for Point Breeze Restaurant right where you turn. Note that Point Breeze Road is opposite the Hospital Emergency Room Entrance. The restaurant is ½ mile down Point Breeze Road, just keep going till you see the big white building. The launch site is down South Point Road (big hill) and to the left into the Marina. Follow the yellow track on the map below: Launch site N42° 2.0485' W71° 50.3417'

