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BEFORE YOU GO

Monitor the weather. Check the forecast before leaving, and prepare for rain even

made of material that retains heat even when wet, to help you stay warm and dry.

Wear bright colors or a high-visibility life jacket. The law requires a boat to carry

one life jacket per person aboard, but people die each year because they weren't

wearing their life jacket. Buckle and zip up that life jacket! Learn more about life

Carry a cell phone or radio for emergency communication, but keep in mind you

Carry plenty of food and water. Drink fluids frequently to avoid dehydration,

haven't urinated in a few hours, eat a light snack and drink water.

if you don't think it will. Bring a weather radio as an early warning system for

Dress appropriately for the weather. Wear quick-drying clothing (not cotton!)

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Plan an alternative take-out point in case of emergency.

Carry a first aid kit and know how to use it.

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Use extra caution when paddling in cold water. Boating accidents are five times

Paddling in a group is safer than paddling alone. If you are in a group, stay within

In areas of high motorboat traffic, stay near the shore, and approach waves head-

If you do fall out or capsize, keep your feet pointed downstream and keep them off

the bottom to avoid getting snagged or stuck. Stay upstream of your boat to avoid

If a section of river appears too challenging for you and your group, don't be afraid

to portage around it. This is a much better option than paddling in rapids, or quick

Riffles in the water mean that rocks are dangerously close to the surface. Follow

Scan ahead for hazards like overhanging trees, rocks, low bridges or rapids.

currents that you aren't used to. "When in doubt, get out and scout!"

more likely to be fatal if the water is colder than 60 degrees.

Never strap a person or lifejacket to a canoe or kayak.

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on or at a slight angle to avoid capsizing.

getting pinned between it and a rock or log.

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