

PROBUS BLUE MOUNTAIN PADDLING GROUP

Paddle the Fishing Islands in Lake Huron

Wednesday July 24 2024



We will meet at Tim Hortons at 8:00 am in Collingwood on First St. to drive 1.5 hours to Oliphant on Lake Huron. If you have a kayak or canoe but no means of transport or don't have one but want to do the tour contact the trip organizer, Dave Hambley at david.hambley2010@gmail.com The paddle will take us from the Government dock and beach at Oliphant, west to the many islands that lead to Main Station Island, the site of a fishing village in the 1800's. We will circumnavigate the Main Station Island and see if we can find the site of the village and the old fish spotting tower that was located there. The main buildings built by Captain McGregor are still standing and the waters around the islands still have Herring, Whitefish and lake Trout in the crystal clear waters surrounding the islands. In the early 1800's the fish were so thick they would break water allowing them to be spotted from the main fish tower on Main Station Island. Whiskey Island is where McGregor's men went to drink it up after work. Smokehouse Island is where the native people smoked their fish. There are many ship wrecks in the area and we may see them in the shallow waters. There are other options for the tour but we will wait until we see wind direction and how strong it is before we decide. Then we will paddle back to the shore at Oliphant where we left our cars. The length of the trip is about 9km. We will have lunch at the Green Door Café in Wiarton.

- Remember to bring all required boating safety equipment.
- Remember to sign a Paddling waiver (located on the paddling page on the Probus BM website) and email a signed photo or scan to Michael Coward michael.coward@gmail.com
- Guests and spouses are welcome and may sign the waiver at the put in point.
- Please contact the Trip Leader Dave Hambley david.hambley2010@gmail.com if you are going and if you plan to have lunch with us.