



Community Kayaking Packing List, Clothing List and FAQ

Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park

Packing List

1. Water bottle – Stay hydrated, especially if it's sunny or warm.
2. Sunscreen – Even in October, UV rays can be strong.
3. Hat – For sun protection, ideally with a strap so it doesn't fly off.
4. Sunglasses with a strap – Protect your eyes from glare and secure them with a strap to avoid losing them in the water.
5. Waterproof phone case or dry bag – To keep phones, keys, and other valuables dry.
6. Towel – For drying off after the tour.
7. Change of clothes– In case you get wet during the paddle.
8. Water shoes or sandals – Shoes that can get wet but still protect your feet.

Recommended Clothing

1. Quick-drying layers– Wear moisture-wicking or synthetic fabrics like polyester or nylon. Avoid cotton, which stays wet and heavy.
2. Light jacket or fleece– October can be cool, so bring a layer for warmth.
3. Swimsuit or quick-dry shorts/pants OR waterproof pants– Since sit-on-top kayaks may leave you a little wet, quick-drying or waterproof clothing is ideal.
4. Water shoes, sandals, or old sneakers– Footwear should be able to get wet and still provide protection.
5. Windbreaker or rain jacket – Weather can change quickly, so it's good to have a light, water-resistant layer on hand.

FAQs:

1. Will I get wet during the tour?

Yes, sit-on-top kayaks mean your legs or feet may get wet. It's best to dress in quick-drying clothes and shoes that can handle water.

2. Do I need any kayaking experience?

No experience is necessary! Our guides will provide all the instructions you need for a safe and fun experience.

3. What is the age requirement for participants?

Our tours are suitable for adults and families with children. Children must be under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

4. *How long is the tour?*

The tour lasts approximately 2 hours, including a brief safety and instruction session at the beginning.

5. *What should I bring with me?*

Bring sunscreen, water, a hat, sunglasses with a strap, and a towel. You can also bring a waterproof case for any valuables you'd like to keep with you.

6. *What if the weather is bad?*

7. If the weather conditions are unsafe (thunderstorms, high winds), we will cancel the tour and notify you in advance. You will have the option to reschedule or receive a full refund.

8. *Are life jackets provided?*

Yes, we provide U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets for all participants, which are required to be worn during the tour.

9. *What if I've never been kayaking before?*

No worries! Our experienced guides will give you a full rundown of paddling techniques and safety instructions before we start.

10. *Can I bring my phone or camera?*

Yes, but we recommend you bring a waterproof case or dry bag to protect your devices.

11. *Is there a place to store personal belongings?*

Our kayaks have small storage compartments for personal items. However, we recommend you leave valuables behind if they aren't waterproof.

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