

Maitland River Trip



Participants: Bill, Janice, Joe, John, Jay, Gina, Tony & Ruth.
Distance: 30km.

Bill: Oct. 12, 1997. The original plan was to go from Auburn to Benmiller but the water levels looked too low. We had heard that it was better from Wingham to Auburn so we headed up there after leaving the shuttle car at Auburn. Because of the change, we didn't get on the water till 10:35am. It is a nice sunny day and nice and warm. It started out nice and deep with clear water that you could see all the fish swimming around. We went under Hwy. # 86 bridge and then wound our way down to Auburn. We had lunch at 12 noon on the bank of the river and when everyone had had their fill we carried on. There was a nice mix of rapids and deep water. All in all there was about 5 places that it was really shallow and these were closer to Auburn. We passed lots of fishermen and they didn't seem to be catching any fish. We could see the fish in the clear water and we didn't see any where they were fishing. One fish jumped up and surprised Janice. There were a couple of herons that followed ahead of us or it could have been a bunch of different ones. It took about 7 hours to do the trip and it made for a wonderful day of canoeing. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Tony's quote of the day: " Lets see you dance through these rapids." John thought it was pretty funny to see us stuck in the rapids. Gina did really well and enjoyed herself. Ruth was still smiling at the end.

Jay: This trip was the first one I've been on in ages. I truly enjoyed the beautiful scenery and quiet solitude.

Joe: A fun trip with many close calls with rocks in the rapids. Could have done without the sun glaring off the water so we could tell where the rocks were. Beautiful scenery, and I've never seen so many suckers (the fish) in the same area in my life.

Janice: Rapids are fun.

Bill: If this is the deeper part of the river, then I am glad we did this instead of the lower part. Great trip.

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