



# Rendez-Vous on the Red 150 Canoes on the Rouge

June 24 @ 4PM



## Celebrate Canada 150 and the Canoe *in the making of Canadian history*

Join Rivers West and the voyageurs of the La Brigade de la Rivière Rouge, also celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in this historic gathering on the Red River to mark Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday! Our goal is to have 150 canoes on the river in front of the St. Boniface Cathedral dock at 4:00 pm which will be marked with a rifle salute by La Compagnie de LaVérendrye and the ringing of the church bells. This event caps off a three day historic trek of the voyageurs down the Red River from St. Jean-Baptiste with community celebrations in Ste. Agathe and St. Norbert.

### General Information

All participants must register and sign a waiver. Minors must have a parent or guardian sign. Forms are available on the Rivers West Facebook page and website ([www.riverswest.ca](http://www.riverswest.ca)), as well as the Brigade de la Rivière Rouge Facebook event page. Volunteers at each entry point will collect registrations and provide additional information as required.

Everyone is asked to be in position on the Red between The Forks and the Cathedral dock for 3:45. Have your canoe facing the Cathedral and the person sitting at the bow (in front) lift their paddle in a two-hand salute. The scene of having this number of canoes on the Red at one time is worthy of a photo and a group photo is scheduled for 4pm from various vantage points. Allow extra time due to anticipated congestion for accessing and exiting the river. There could be wait times at each of the docks.

There will be many canoes (and other boaters) on the water, therefore please respect all other canoers and allow for enough space for all. And remember, this is not a race.

We will have volunteers in canoes on the river to respond to traffic issues on the water as well as any safety issues that may arise. These volunteers will also check that all participants are wearing their life jackets and have all the necessary boating equipment. Volunteers will be briefed in safety procedures in case of emergency.

### **4 authorized entry points have been identified**

**1 – St. Vital Park Dock:** If you plan on leaving from this dock you will require an average of 3 hours to reach the St. Boniface dock area. You may wish to plan to pull out of the water at a closer location following the event as returning to St. Vital Park against the current can take a lot longer, depending also on the wind.

**2 – Manitoba Paddling Association Dock at 80 Churchill Drive:** Please do not park in the driveway. You will require about 40 minutes to reach the St. Boniface dock area from this

location. Returning to this dock after the event can take a little longer depending on the current and the wind.

**3 – Winnipeg Rowing Club Dock at 20 Lyndale Drive:** You will require approximately 20 minutes to reach the St. Boniface dock area and can also return to the same dock.

**4 – St. Boniface Cathedral Dock on Taché Avenue:** This dock will be very busy with people registering and being the central hub for the event. Parking is also limited to de la Cathédrale Avenue and neighbouring streets. This entry station will serve as the central administrative point and from where we will respond to emergency situations.

All participants must abide by **Transport Canada's rules/regulations**. Please be sure to have the mandatory canoeing gear readily available at all times. (You are subject to inspection before getting on the water and during the event.)

<https://www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/marinesafety/tp511e.pdf>

#### **Required**

- 1 lifejacket or PFD for each person on board
- A sound signaling device or appliance (e.g. whistle)
- 1 buoyant heaving line at least 15 meters
- 1 bailer or manual bilge pump

#### **Recommended**

- 1 basic first aid kit
- 1 litre of water for hydration
- Cellphone in a waterproof case or double Ziploc bags
- Small Dry Bag
- Rain gear – pants and jacket
- Extra cloths
- Sunglasses

Remember to enjoy your time on the water and thank you for joining us in this historic event!

Vive la Brigade!

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