

2015 Eastern United States Wildwater Team Trials  
Lehigh River, Pennsylvania  
August 23-24, 2014



Hosted by: Lehigh Classic Organizing Committee &  
USA Canoe/Kayak, Wildwater Committee

Come join us at the Lehigh River in Pennsylvania for the 2015 Eastern Wildwater Team Trials on August 23-24, 2014! Qualifying participants at this event will be asked to join Team USA in the Wildwater racing division, and may travel to Vienna, Austria for the 2015 International Canoe Federation's Sprint World Championships to be on held June 22-28, 2015.

The event will feature a 5.5-mile "classic" race on Saturday, as well as two "sprint" races on the same .3-mile course on Sunday. Participants in the USA Canoe/Kayak hosted team trials must be current members of USACK. The Lehigh Classic on Saturday is open to the public and paddlers in any discipline are encouraged to participate separate from this team trial event.

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**Event Details:** Pre-registration is strongly encouraged on the [website](#) or by email. ICF, USACK, and USA Wildwater [rules](#) will be followed. Seniors and juniors will be encouraged to participate. Event fees will be \$20 for both Saturday and Sunday. T-shirts and stickers are available to offset participant fees for an additional cost. Please pre-order these items on the website. Follow the schedule closely.

**Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

8-9:30 am – Registration & boat control at Rockport access – upper field

10 am - Mandatory Racers Meeting at Rockport

10:30 am – Safety/Volunteers/Timers Meeting at Rockport

1 pm – Downriver Classic begins at Tannery Road bridge (paddlers must put-in upstream at White Haven access)

5 pm – Classic event awards ceremony in grassy field at Rockport

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>:**

8 – 9 am – Participants Meet at 501 Main St, White Haven, PA in the large parking lot area across from the red Railroad Car, to caravan to Sprint Course on the “upper upper” section of the river.

9:15 am – Leave White Haven as a group, caravan to sprint course

10 am – Mandatory Racers Meeting at sprint parking lot/starting line (41.093, -75.762)

10:30-noon – Practice Sprint runs (no timing)

Noon – Sprints begin

4 pm – Results/Awards at Sprint Course parking lot

The event is insured by ACA and takes place with Pennsylvania’s Lehigh Gorge State Park. A safety plan will be followed closely. Spectators may enjoy viewing the event from along the [D&L Trail](#), a popular rail-trail for biking and walking. A special use permit for this event requires that participants adhere to all State Park regulations, including that paddlers may only access the river at designated access points, which are in [White Haven](#), under the route 80 bridge and at the [Rockport](#) take-out. We also encourage participants to walk their boats up the hill at Rockport instead of pulling their car down to the loading/unloading area. Sunday’s sprint course is not a normally paddled section of the Lehigh River, as access is normally restricted for paddlers but is being allowed for this event under a special use permit.

**About the Lehigh River:** The Lehigh River in White Haven, Pennsylvania is a popular dam release class I-II+ whitewater river located within Lehigh Gorge State Park. The expected flow on August 23, 2014 is 1,700 cfs and on August 24, 2014 it is expected to be 1,100 cfs, though flows may be as low as 750 cfs. The river has a similar style of rapids to the Nantahala, Cheat River Narrows, and the Deerfield Fife Brook section, with rapids that have long wave train, requiring some maneuvering around rocks or other obstacles, interspersed with flat water pools, some of which are a couple hundred yards long. Commercial whitewater rafting is very popular on the White Haven to Rockport section of the Lehigh River and further downstream. During the 5.5-mile classic event, it is unavoidable that participants will encounter commercial rafts. Rafting trips are self-guided, with four or so professional guides in kayaks accompanying trips of 20 rafts. The sprint event on Sunday will not have any boating traffic other than event participants.

**Maps, Travel, Food and Camping Information is available online at <http://www.LehighClassic.com>**

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