

Emmet County Conservation Watercraft Rental Policy

1. Renters must be 18 years of age or older and present a valid photo id. Renters under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and the rental will be in-care of the parent/guardian.
2. It is recommended that renter have prior watercraft experience.
3. ****Reservations MUST be made in person or over the phone during Nature Center hours (Monday-Friday 8-4). ****
4. Reservations not made 24hours in advance cannot be guaranteed.
5. Rental fees need not be paid at the time of reservation but must be paid-in-full before use.
6. The rental fee for 1 person is \$10 per 2 hours. Refunds will NOT be given if renter cannot make it out the day of rental.
7. The rental fee may be paid by cash or *check. No credit cards. *DL/ID# must be presented with check.
8. **The renter MUST provide a valid form of photo identification.**
9. All equipment must be returned by 3:00pm during regular Nature Center hours or by the end of the float for organized events, unless previously arranged. **Failure to return any and all equipment in the condition that it was in was in prior to rental, will result in a fine up to \$750.00. A cleaning fee will be assessed if the equipment is not returned in the same condition as it was in prior to rental, i.e. full of mud or sand.**
10. No equipment will be considered returned until the renter returns it to Emmet County Conservation personnel, or to the designated rental stall.
11. Upon return all equipment will receive a full inspection.
12. Renter will be charged current replacement costs for any equipment lost or returned with such extensive damage as to warrant replacement.
13. **The destination can only be High Lake unless this rental is part of an organized event on another body of water with Emmet County Conservation personnel or approved by Emmet County Conservation personnel.**
14. **The renter will not transport the equipment. Only Emmet County Conservation personnel will transport the equipment, unless previously approved by Emmet County Conservation personnel.**
15. Renter must write on the rental form the destination, float time, and paddling partners and will follow through as indicated.
16. Renter MUST be the one in the boat rented.
17. U.S. Coast Guard Max Capacity Regulations must be followed.
18. Emmet County Conservation personnel reserve the right to refuse a request based on prior experience, attitude and skill level of participant, river levels, and weather conditions.
19. All renters and persons in a rental boat will wear a provided proper-fit PFD (lifejacket) at all times while on and near a body of water.
20. Failure to comply with any ECCB ordinance or rental policy will result in: fine(s), loss of rental and usage rights to any or all ECCB areas, equipment and activities.