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Greetings Poker Paddlers!

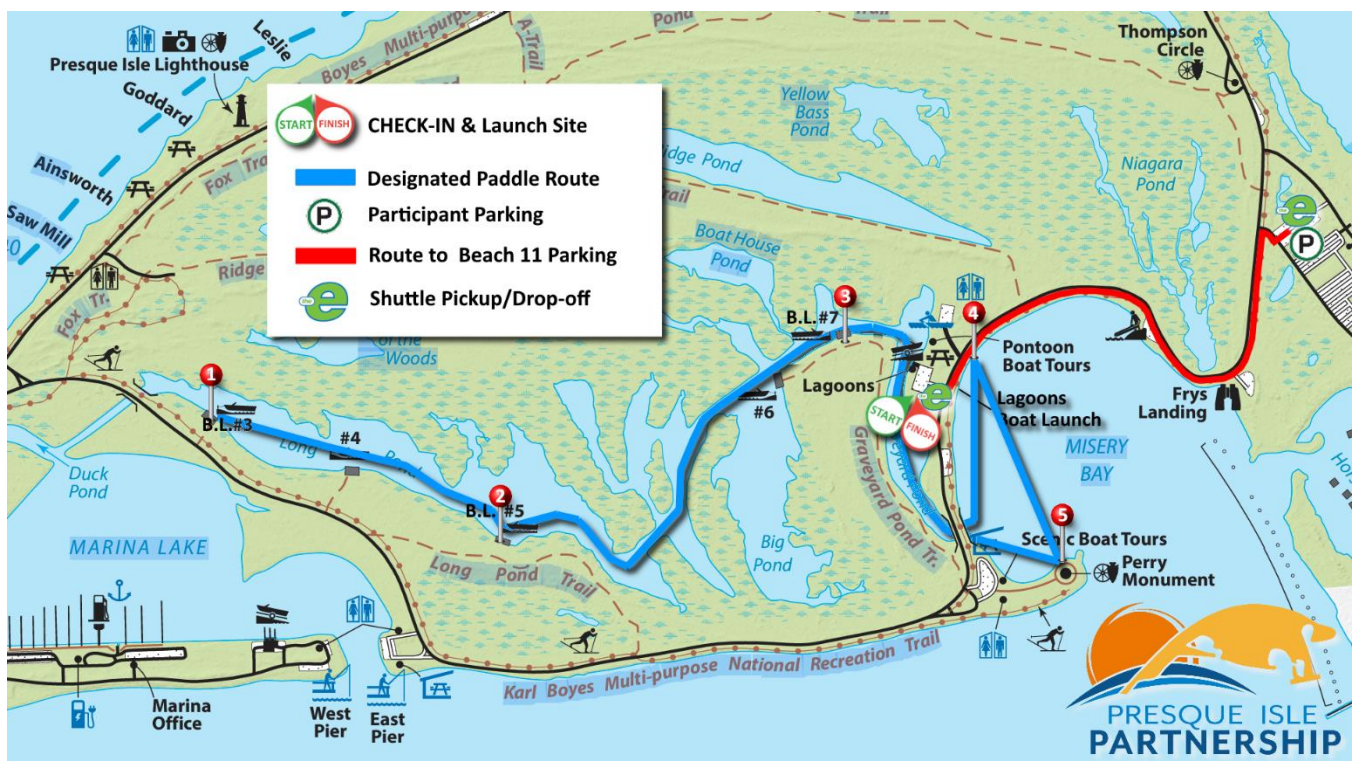
Welcome to the Presque Isle Poker Paddle! We're excited to have you join us for an adventurous day on the water. To ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience, please take the time to read this entire EVENT INFO document carefully. It contains essential details about safety, schedules, and procedures.

Thank you, and happy paddling!

-Presque Isle Partnership

SPECIAL WEATHER STATEMENT AND EVENT UPDATES

1. The forecast is currently calling for less than 50% chance of rain Saturday, high of 68 degrees, and winds 20-30 knots from the East.
2. **These forecasted conditions have heightened our concerns over participant safety. Therefore, we are altering the course to eliminate Presque Isle Bay and Horseshoe Pond from the paddle.**
3. The NEW ROUTE will be contained within the protected Lagoons and a portion of Misery Bay. The route is no longer a complete loop.
4. The NEW ROUTE is attached below.
5. It is at each paddler's discretion to complete all, some, or none of the poker stops -and in no particular order/sequence.
6. You can draw your remaining cards at the Presque Isle Partnership tent.
7. If you choose to NOT paddle, you have the option to hike to the poker stops, or you may draw all your cards at the Presque Isle Partnership tent.
8. Presque Isle Poker Paddle is a rain or shine event, and all registration fees are non-refundable.
9. The paddle portion of the event will be cancelled if there is lightning detected nearby, and no make-up day will be scheduled.



Safety First

- A PFD is required by law to be with you, and we strongly encourage you to wear it!
- Safety whistles will be provided.
- Follow navigation guidelines.
- In the event of a critical emergency, **CALL 911**
- For non-life-threatening emergencies, **[call the Event Director, 814-602-9655](#)**

Launch Permits

- Not needed at Presque Isle State Park.

Tickets

- No need to print. We'll check you in with our master list.

Launch Times

- Stick to your assigned launch time to avoid congestion. Don't worry if you're a bit late.

Participant Number

- Memorize your assigned number. It's essential for the day.

[Click here to view Padder Number and Launch Times](#)

Redeeming your Meal Ticket at Oasis Pub **[3122 W Lake Rd, Erie, PA 16505](#)**

To ensure a quality experience at the Oasis Pub, please follow these guidelines for redeeming your picnic-style buffet Meal Ticket:

- Your launch time will dictate the timeframe in which you may redeem your YELLOW Meal Ticket.
- At check in, you will receive your meal ticket and redemption instructions.
- You must present your YELLOW Meal Ticket at Oasis Pub
 - **For launch times 7:30am - 9:30am**, you must redeem your buffet meal ticket between **10:00am and 12:30pm**.
 - **For launch times 9:30am -11:00am**, redeem your buffet meal ticket between **12:30pm and 3:00pm**.
- Please understand that these times are set to reduce congestion and avoid overwhelming the staff at Oasis Pub.
- Be sure to check in with our volunteers at Oasis when you arrive.
- Buffet service ends at 3:00pm.

Arrival and Check-in

- ALL PADDLERS MUST CHECK-IN AT THE PARTNERSHIP TENT
- Arrive at [Lagoon's Boat Launch](#) 30 minutes before your launch time.
- Stay left of the orange cones and pull into the grass to unload gear.
- Check in at the Presque Isle Partnership tent to receive your player card, dry-bag, whistle, map, and meal ticket.
- Bring cash or a card for a \$5 bonus donation card and the 50/50 raffle.
- Park your vehicle at Beach 11 and take the shuttle back to the launch.

Kayak Rentals

- Arrive at [Presque Isle Boat Rental](#) next to the launch area.
- Kayak renters are permitted to use the Boat Rental Parking.
- Check-in at the Presque Isle Partnership over near the boat launch.
- After checking in, you can then proceed to the Boat Rental. The staff there will have your name on record, and they do require a driver's license and credit card at the time of rental. The special rate for poker paddlers is \$25. At this point, you're all set to get underway!

Restrooms

- There are portable toilets at the Lagoons Boat Launch.
- A restroom facility is accessible in Marina Lake at the [East Pier](#).

Launching

- Launch on time, or as close as you can to your chosen launch time.
- The direction of travel and the order of stops is at your discretion.

Card Stops

- There are 5 stops:
- B.L. #3, B.L. #5, B.L. #7, Perry Monument, and Misery Bay (west bank).
- Again, it is at each paddler's discretion to complete all, some, or none of the poker stops -and in no particular order/sequence.
- Stay in your boat.
- At each stop, begin by calling out your number. A volunteer will draw a card, and you'll circle it on your player card with the provided permanent marker.
- We will record your card on our master sheet, also.
- Be on your way to your next stop.

Finish

- ALL PADDLERS MUST CHECK-OUT AT THE PARTNERSHIP TENT.

- This is your last chance to get your donation card to help strengthen your hand. Donation card is \$5; One per paddler.
- Record your best hand at the PARTNERSHIP TENT. A staff member will assist you.
- \$300 will go to the best hand and \$150 to the “weakest” best hand. The weakest hand is nothing, 7 high.
- If there is a tie, the winnings can be split if both parties agree or there will be a draw-off for the highest card for best hand / lowest card for the worst hand.
- Take the shuttle to Beach 11 to retrieve your vehicle, then gather your gear and head to Oasis Pub & Tiki Bar.
- Remember to bring your YELLOW Meal Ticket and to redeem it within your designated timeframe.
- WINNERS names and cards will be posted on the event website at the conclusion of the event: <https://www.discoverpi.com/events/presque-isle-poker-paddle>

Keep in Mind

- Be kind to volunteers.
- Respect wildlife.
- Abide by PA Boating Laws.
- Carry a whistle and wear your PFD.
- No alcohol on Presque Isle.
- Bring drinks and snacks.
- Essentials: change of clothes, towel, sunglasses, sunscreen, hat, bug spray.
- Check DCNR & PA Fish and Boat Commission laws: www.dcnr.state.pa.us and www.fishandboat.com.
- Drink responsibly at the after-party.

Thank you for supporting Presque Isle State Park! Have a blast and paddle safely!

-Presque Isle Partnership