

VEHICLE BASICS



Beyond proper transportation accessories to get your canoe or kayak to the launch point, it's important to note that vehicle logistics for paddling a river are different than paddling a pond, lake, or reservoir. Two vehicles are typically utilized to start and finish a trip, although in certain areas of the upper and lower Thames it is possible to use a single vehicle. Some outdoor outfitters/boat rental businesses may be able to provide delivery, making a single vehicle trip viable.

At the start of the trip all paddling gear along with one or more members of the paddling group are dropped off at the start (or "put-in") location. The two drivers then drive two vehicles to the finish (or "take-out") location. One vehicle is left at the finish and the other vehicle can drive both drivers back to the start location.

Once the trip is over, call your contact person to tell them you have finished safely, and then drive the "take-out vehicle" along with a second driver, to the put-in so the second vehicle can be picked up and driven back to the take-out where all the paddling equipment and other group members are located.

