

How do Shuttles Work?

Normal Shuttle

- Standard Procedure
- Allows everyone to leave from take-out after the paddle (except shuttle drivers)



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Before Paddling

Step 1

Unload all boats/gear at put-in.



Step 2

Drivers take all vehicles to take-out location. Passengers stay at put-in to guard boats/gear and/or begin launching boats.



Step 3

Shuttle drivers take all drivers back to put-in location using minimum number of vehicles.



Step 4

Drivers and other paddlers launch from put-in.

After Paddling

If vehicles at take-out DO NOT have room to load all shuttle driver/passenger boats/gear to take back to put-in:

Step 1

Load all boats and gear (except shuttle driver/passenger boats/gear) on vehicles at take-out.



Step 2

A kind person drives shuttle drivers back to their vehicles at put-in.
Most other vehicles/drivers/passengers head for drinks/dinner!
Shuttle passengers or volunteers stay with boats/gear until their return.



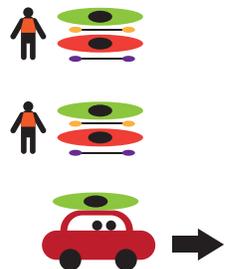
Step 3

Shuttle drivers drive back to take-out.



Step 4

Shuttle drivers (and passengers) load boats/gear on their vehicles at take-out and meet everyone else for drinks and dinner!



OR

If vehicles at take-out have room for shuttle drivers, passengers, AND boats/gear:

Step 1

Load all boats and gear on vehicles at take-out.



Step 2

A kind person drives shuttle drivers, passengers and boats/gear back to their vehicles at put-in.
All other drivers and passengers head for drinks and dinner!



Step 3

Shuttle drivers/passengers load boats/gear on their vehicles and meet everyone else for drinks/dinner!



Reverse Shuttle

May be used in the following situations:

- Parking fees or insufficient parking at the take-out (i.e. Kickapoo Landing 12)
- Trip organizer makes decision to conduct shuttle prior to all paddlers arriving (due to weather considerations, paddlers late due to unexpected road work, etc.)

NOTE: Total shuttle time can be slightly more for reverse shuttles. Reverse shuttles can allow paddle to start earlier, but time saved before the paddle is added after the paddle.

Before Paddling

Step 1

Unload all boats/gear at put-in.



Step 2

Shuttle drivers plus one additional vehicle drive to the take-out location.

All other paddlers stay at put-in to guard boats/gear and/or begin launching their boats.



Step 3

Shuttle drivers drive back to put-in location.



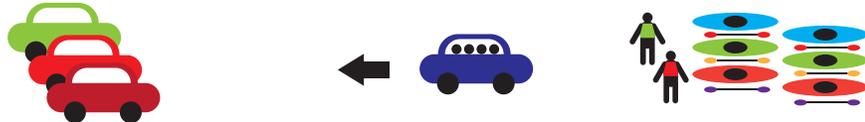
Step 4

Drivers and remaining paddlers launch from put-in.

After Paddling

Step 1

Shuttle drivers take all drivers back to put-in location.



Step 2

Drivers take all vehicles to take-out location.



Step 3

Load all boats and gear on vehicles at take-out.



Step 4

Everyone heads for drinks and dinner!

Other General Notes

- Shuttle vehicles SHOULD have room for many passengers.
- When possible, vehicles left at the take-out for normal OR reverse shuttles SHOULD have space for additional boats and gear. This allows some shuttle drivers/passengers to avoid driving one length of the shuttle route at the end of the paddle.
- Shuttle drivers for reverse shuttles SHOULD be the first paddlers to reach the take-out.
- Thank the volunteer shuttle drivers - perhaps buy them a drink or dinner after the paddle!