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Trip Shuttle Guide



The most difficult part of any canoe or kayak trip is often the coordination of the shuttle. There are more ways to arrange any shuttle than you can shake a paddle at, and undoubtedly each paddler on the trip will have an opinion on how it should be arranged. Here are some basic shuttle tactics!

Before Paddling

Objective: To get all boats and paddlers at the put-in and as many vehicles as possible at the take-out within the most reasonable amount of time.

Possibilities:

- A. Have all drivers meet at put-in
 - Remove all boats
 - Have all drivers drive to take-out
 - Pile as many drivers into as few vehicles as possible
 - Make sure all drivers/passengers have their keys!
 - Drive back to put-in
- B. Have all drivers meet at take-out
 - Pile all boats onto and all paddlers into as few vehicles as possible
 - Make sure all drivers/passengers have their keys!
 - Drive to put-in

After Paddling

Objective: To get all drivers who left vehicles at the put-in back to their vehicles as quickly as possible.

Possibilities:

- A. Make sure all drivers/passengers have their keys!
 - Have as few vehicles as needed drive drivers back to put-in immediately after taking out, don't wait for everyone to get changed, etc.
 - All drivers drive back to take-out to pick up their boats and partners
- B. Make sure all drivers/passengers have their keys!
 - Load the boats of the drivers who left their vehicles at the put-in onto other vehicles
 - Make sure all drivers and passengers have all their boats/gear
 - Drive both the boats and the paddlers back to the put-in.