

Riverbank State Park

Winter 2007/2008 Kayaking Classes

The Downtown Boathouse is offering introductory kayaking classes (i.e. paddling and maneuvering a kayak) in conjunction with the Aquatics Department at the Riverbank State Park swimming pool during the winter of 2007/2008.

Who Can Participate

All persons are welcome. No prior kayaking experience is required, but one must know how to swim. All children (i.e. persons under 18) must be accompanied by a legal guardian, who must stay for the duration.

Registration

All participants must register with Riverbank State Park before participating in the class. There is a two-part registration process:

- **Identification Card:** To attend any class in the park, one must have a Riverbank State Park identification card. The card costs \$7 for seniors, and \$9 for everybody else.
- **Registration Fee:** For each class in the park, there is a general registration fee. The fee is \$2 for seniors, and \$3 for everybody else.

Class Sections

In order to allow as many people as possible to take a class, please do not sign up for more than one section (i.e. month/day combination) at a time. Each class can take a maximum of 20 students.

Equipment Used

The boats are whitewater kayaks. There are boats for almost all sizes. Lifejackets are supplied, and must be worn at all times.

Directions to Park

The nearest subway stop is the 1 train at 145th St. and Broadway. From the subway, walk west on 145th St., across Riverside Drive, and into the park. The pool is on the harbor side of the sports field. Allow ten minutes to walk from the subway. The M11 bus runs directly into the park.

Pool Rules

No running, no diving, no standing in boats, no paddle fights. Launch boats from the side of the pool, not the end. Wear a lifejacket at all times. Before going kayaking, one must have:

- Registered with Riverbank State Park.
- Signed a Downtown Boathouse waiver (good for year).
- Signed Riverbank State Park sign-in sheet (each day).

What to Bring

Bring a swimsuit, towel, padlock, registration card, and your receipt for the class. T-shirts, cutoff jeans, and leotards, are not allowed.

Downtown Boathouse

The Downtown Boathouse is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free public boat access to the Hudson River in New York City. The Boathouse owns about sixty kayaks that are available for supervised public use between mid-May and mid-October.

Contact Information

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Riverbank State Park

Riverbank is the only park of its kind in the Western Hemisphere. Inspired by urban rooftop designs in Japan, this 28-acre multi-level landscaped recreational facility is a state-of-the-art park facility. The park offers a wide variety of recreational, athletic and arts experiences for all ages, interests and abilities.

Contact Information

Riverbank State Park
679 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10031
Phone: (212) 694-3600 (park info)
(212) 694-3665 (pool office)
Web: www.nysparks.state.ny.us/parks

Class Cancellation

Call the pool office no earlier than noon on the day of the class, to check if the class is cancelled. If the message does not say so, the class is on.