

Row Around Swan Island, Richmond, ME

Date: Saturday August 1, 2026, 10:00 am sharp (for the tide)

Rain Date: Sunday August 2, 2026, 10:30 am not as sharp (for the tide)

Water Body: Kennebec River

Trip (long): Launch at the Town of Richmond boat launch, row downriver & down tide on the west side of Swan Island, round the south end of the island and row upriver & incoming tide to the state campground for a picnic lunch, after lunch, continue upriver and return to the boat launch. 8 miles to campground, 10 miles total.

Trip (short): For those wishing a shorter row or paddle, launch in Richmond, go upriver around the north end of Swan Island, then downriver to the campground, enjoy Swan Island until the round the island people arrive, picnic lunch and return to the boat launch. 4 miles total.

Launch point: All tide paved launch in downtown Richmond. Usually plenty of parking at the launch. Note there is an adjacent Swan Island gravel boat launch. You can launch there, but meet at the town boat launch dock.

Comments: Date picked to have a favorable tide for most of the way. The part from the boat launch to the north end of Swan Island will be against the tide. Low tide is at 10:49 am so a 10:00 am start is needed.

