

Row Around Swan Island, Richmond, ME

Date: Saturday June 14, 2025 (Flag Day) 10:00 am sharp (for the tide)

Rain Date: Saturday June 28, 2025 (National Tapioca Day) 10:00 am sharp (for the tide)

Water Body: Kennebec River

Trip (long): Launch in Richmond, 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. 7 nm to campground, 8.7 nm 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. 3.5 nm total

Launch point: All tide paved launch in downtown Richmond. Usually plenty of parking at the launch.

Distance: long trip 8.7 nm (10 regular miles); short trip 3.5 nm (4 regular miles)

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 11:17 am so a 10:00 am start or perhaps earlier is needed.

