

# Bourbeuse Bluebell Canoe Race RULES

*“A good ole fashioned canoe race on Missouri’s most crooked river!”*

## General Information:

**Date:** Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019-- *Rain or Shine*  
(back-up date due to unsafe water levels, April 20<sup>th</sup>)

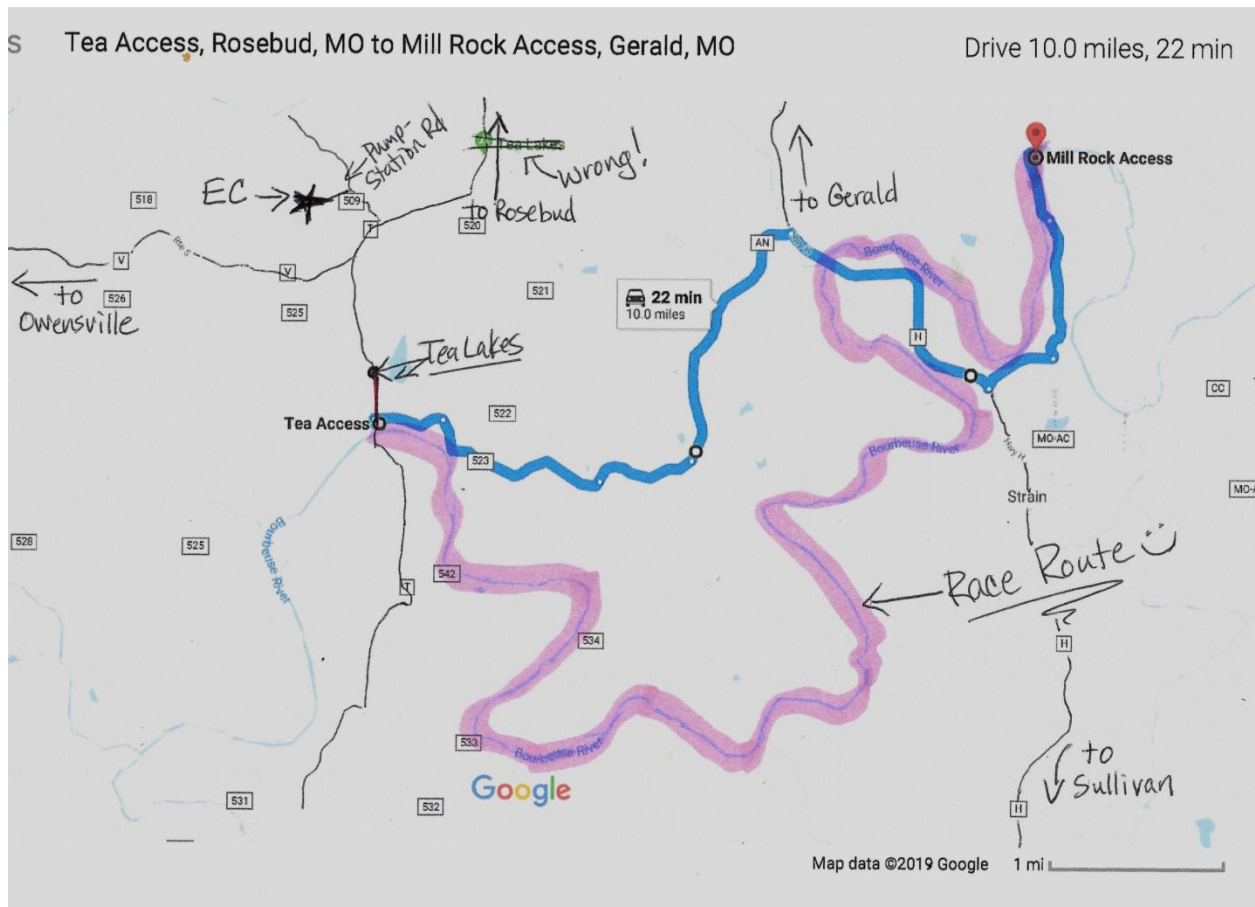
**Race Start Time:** 10:00 am  
**Registration Check In:** 8-9am  
**Mandatory Race Announcements:** 9:15am  
**Race Start:** 10:00 am in groups

**Race Length:** 17.2 miles

**Start:** MDC Tea Access (Rosebud, MO, Gasconade County)

**Finish:** MDC Mill Rock Access (Gerald, MO, Franklin County)

### MAP OF RACE



## **Recommended Driving Directions between MDC Accesses:**

From Tea Access parking lot, turn R onto Tea Rd (follow for .6 mi).  
Then turn R to stay on Tea Rd (follow for 1.6mi).  
Merge L onto Indian Bend Rd (follow for .9 mi).  
Turn L onto Hwy AN, which is pavement (follow for 2.2 mi).  
At stop sign turn R onto Hwy H (follow for 2.3 mi).  
Turn L onto Mill Rock Rd. (follow for .6 mi).  
Stay to the L to stay on Mill Rock Rd (follow for 1.2mi).  
Destination will be on R. ☺

## **Entry Fee:**

**Maximum number of participants allowed is 50 so sign up EARLY**

Early Registration - \$40/person *we're ole fashioned, mail-in only, postmarked by April 5th*

Late Registration - \$50/person *day of or postmarked after April 5th*

Registration includes: Yummy snacks in the morning, at finish, and an all-you-can-eat Italian Dinner at EC. *Yes, we are feeding you! I mean, who really needs another t-shirt! MUST have your own drinking container for the day, we will NOT supply disposable containers—yuck! Keep in mind we will have coffee, tea, Gatorade, and water, but *you supply container!* *Optional Drinking containers will be available for additional purchase.* BYOB for dinner!!*

## **Location and Directions**

Use image and links to help navigate:

**MDC Tea Access (race start—Gasconade County):**

<https://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/tea-access>

**MDC Mill Rock Access (race finish—Franklin County):** *Must enter from south side of river where parking is located (Hwy H to Mill Rock Rd). We do not recommend low water crossing from the north.*

<https://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places/mill-rock-access>

**Tea Lakes (parking and FREE shuttle .5 miles N of Tea Access from race start)**  
<https://tlakes.org/> NOTE: Google Maps is WRONG, Tea Lakes is 7miles south of Rosebud, MO!

**Earth's Classroom (dinner starting at 4:30pm, awards ceremony to follow)**

[http://www.earthclassroom.org/our\\_facility.html](http://www.earthclassroom.org/our_facility.html)

## Race Divisions

*It's a canoe race, CANOES ONLY, and Age Classes Only*

**SOLO CANOE:** *that's one person...any gender*

Age Classes as of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019: *don't lie!*

<i>The Young'ns!</i>	<i>The Primes</i>	<i>The Oldies But Goodies</i>	<i>The Wise?</i>
18-30 years	31-60 years	61-84 years	85 and up

**TANDEM CANOE:** *that's two people max....any gender*

Combined Age Classes as of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019: *please don't lie!*

<i>The Young'ns!</i>	<i>The Primes</i>	<i>The Oldies But Goodies</i>	<i>The Wise?</i>
32-60 years	61-120 years	121-168 years	169 and up

## Race Rules

Bourbeuse Bluebell Canoe Race will happen rain or shine on April 13<sup>th</sup> as long as river levels are safe. River level information is available at this web address.

[https://waterdata.usgs.gov/mo/nwis/uv?site\\_no=07015720](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/mo/nwis/uv?site_no=07015720) Back-up date will be Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Notifications will be by e-mail and Earth's Classroom's facebook. *Warning: notice could be short and cell phone service is limited to none at the Bourbeuse River.*

Race will start at approximately 10am in groups and will end at 4pm. Racers on the river after the end time can choose to continue independent of the race.

Race will be limited to 50 racers; first registered, first served (payment and registration paperwork received by EC).

Racers must be 18 years old by April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to paddle solo. Racers can be as young as 14 years old by April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 IF paddling with a tandem partner that is at least 18 years of age by the same date.

A space must be available on each side of the canoe close to the bow on which to affix the official race numbers. Each boat will be assigned numbered stickers to be placed on the boat during the race.

Each racer must wear a Type 3 U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver (PFD) at all times while on the water. A whistle must also be attached to each life preserver at all times.

In our canoe-only race, paddlers must use single-blade canoe paddles that are human-powered only. No motorized, rowing configuration, wind power, or towing is permitted.

Due to the narrow nature of the river, some boat interaction is to be expected. No purposeful interaction to cause other crafts to alter their course is acceptable. Good sportsmanship please.

The original craft must be paddled from start to finish. Any repairs may be made to the craft during the race, but other alterations are not permitted.

Any part of the craft (rudder, outriggers, etc.) that will be below the water line during any portion of the race must be “on board” from start to finish.

Deliberate littering on the river is illegal! Participants must keep their trash in their canoes and properly dispose of the waste at the race finish.

The majority of the property along the river is privately owned. Stopping should be minimal, if at all, and discreet. Please be respectful.

Overland portages are not allowed with the exception for safety reasons such as a tree obstruction (*we have beavers*). Racers can choose any channel with flowing water within the corridor.

Infractions of any rule during the race event will be grounds for disqualification to be reasonably and fairly determined by Bourbeuse Bluebell Canoe Race officials.

All race members should understand there are serious risks involved in this challenge. The greatest risk is narrow, tight, meandering channels and river hazards such as tree strainers, submerged debris, and logs. Good judgment must dictate self safety.

All racers and support personnel will enter this race at their own risk and will not hold this event’s organizers, judges, officials and sponsors liable for accidents to personnel or damage to any property.

All participants in this event, including paddlers must sign the “Waiver and Release of Liabilities”.

All participants agree to appear in any event related media coverage free of charge.

**In formulating the rules that govern this event, every effort has been made to foresee all situations and problems that may arise, however, officials of the Bourbeuse Bluebell Canoe Race retain the right to change or amend these rules at any time without liability or recourse from any party regardless of the circumstances. Should such changes or amendments be made, every effort will be made to notify all entrants.**