

NVP
NAPA VALLEY PADDLE

GROUP PLANNING GUIDE

Effortless Wine Country Adventures for Teams, Retreats & Celebrations

KAYAK | SUP | TOURS | TEAM BUILDING



CULINARY | LODGING | CUSTOM EVENTS

DESIGNED FOR EVENT PLANNERS

Who Need It to Be Easy

- Corporate retreats
 - Executive offsites
 - Client appreciation
 - Incentive travel
 - Team building
 - Multi-day group programs
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- ✓ One point of contact
 - ✓ Tide-based planning handled for you
 - ✓ Central locations
 - ✓ Local outfitter, not a tourist dock



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LAUNCH⁴

Hello Friends,

I'm Drew Dickson—second-generation Napa Valley native, winemaker, and lifelong outdoorsman. I founded Napa Valley Paddle in 2012 with a simple but uncommon goal: to help our clients explore their curiosity—in nature and in each other—through refined, shared adventure.

What began as intimate river outings for wine club members has evolved into a luxury adventure company guiding guests through three remarkable ecosystems: the Napa River, the Carneros Estuary, and the wild elegance of Point Reyes National Seashore & Tomales Bay.

I grew up on Howell Mountain, surrounded by vineyards and wild creeks, during Napa Valley's formative years. Today, I find that same sense of discovery in one of Napa's most compelling frontiers—the restored Napa River Estuary—where cultivated beauty meets untamed nature. It's a place that invites perspective, conversation, and connection.

Our corporate experiences are designed for teams who want something better—finally, a company offsite that isn't boring. We create shared adventures that feel effortless, intentional, and memorable. From first planning call to the final paddle stroke, we take care of every detail.

Cheers,

Drew Dickson
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THE ESSENTIALS

How do I get started?

First Steps

Pick your date, select a tour, equipment and any options you'd like to include. The best way to get started is to contact us for a brief consultation at 707.200.5511 or crew@napavalleypaddle.com.

Next

We'll get all the details squared away and confirm your reservation.

Finally

We'll email your complete itinerary with directions, tour description, logistics, what to bring, and some inspiration to get your team excited about their awesome day on the river!



Logistics for your team

Before the day

You'll receive a confirmation with meeting time, launch location and any other details to distribute to your team.

On the day of your outing

We'll meet at your designated launch site for an overview of the day, brief land & water instruction and tips for maximizing fun on the river.

After your paddle

We'll help with any post-paddle plans, whether it's wine & cheese on the dock, group photos, restaurant recommendations, toasting the day at THE BARN on the river, or just finding the quickest way back home.



WHAT TO EXPECT



All trips include

Complimentary paddle lessons on land and in water
Single or tandem kayaks and/or stand up paddle boards
Paddles
PFD Life Preserver
Lots of fun!



What to bring

In warmer months (generally June to September) swimsuit with cover up, shorts, shirt, sunscreen, hat, and water bottle are essential. There may be cool, early morning fog so layering is best.

In cooler months quick-drying layers like breathable water proof pants, under armor and a dry shell are great for keeping warm and dry.

Water shoes are not essential but are preferred by many of our guests. Others prefer flip flops or paddling barefoot.

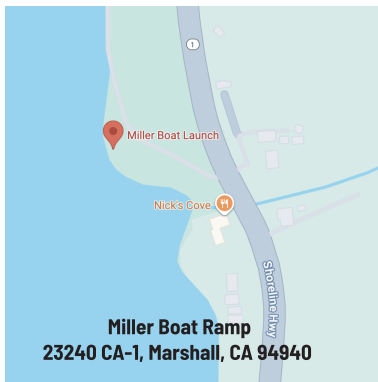
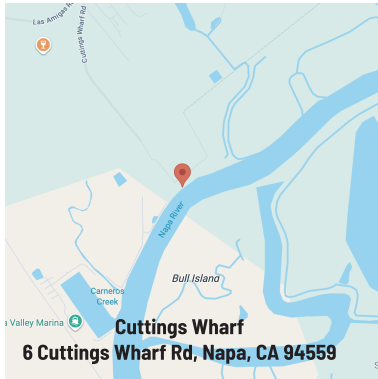
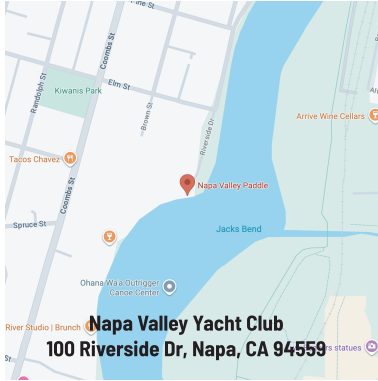
Dry sacks or ziplock bags are highly recommended to protect cell phones, cameras and other valuables.



Upon Arrival

Most of our launch locations do not have changing facilities, so come prepared to get into the water. Upon arrival, your group will be fitted for life vests, given paddles and fit for kayaks or SUPs. Most of our fleet consists of sit-on-top and tandem kayaks and stand up paddle boards that are stable and well-suited for beginners. All have small areas to secure water bottles and other belongings.

LAUNCH LOCATIONS



MEETING LOCATIONS & LAUNCH SITES

Your specific tour will determine your meeting point and/or launch site. Details for your group will be included in your confirmation.

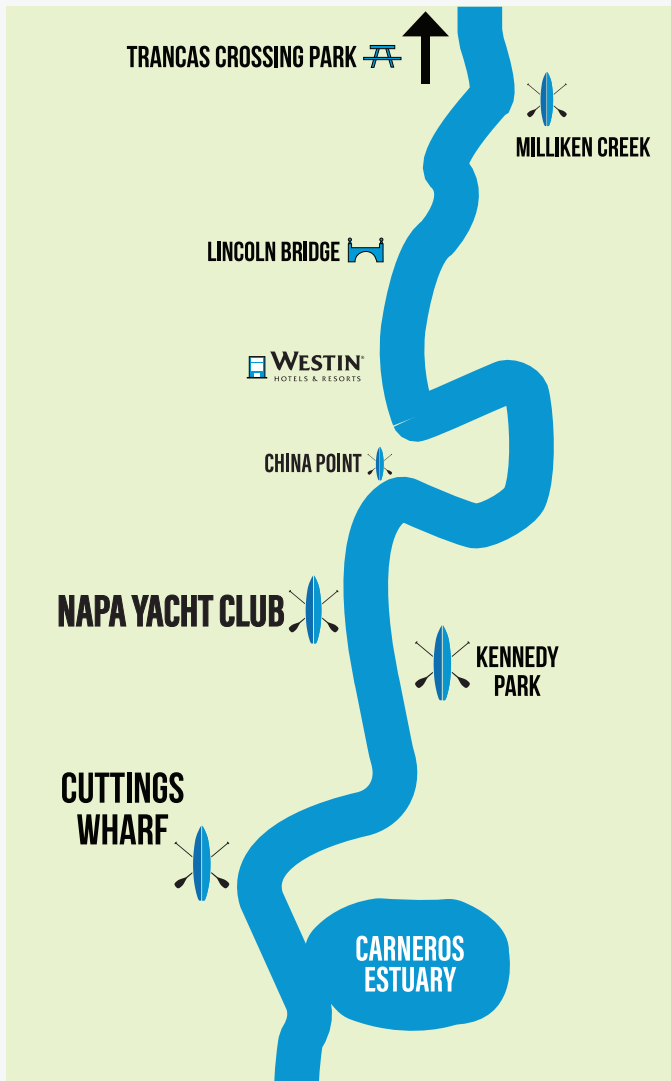
Napa Valley Yacht Club
Moore's Landing
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100 Riverside Dr, Napa CA
6 Cuttings Wharf, Napa CA
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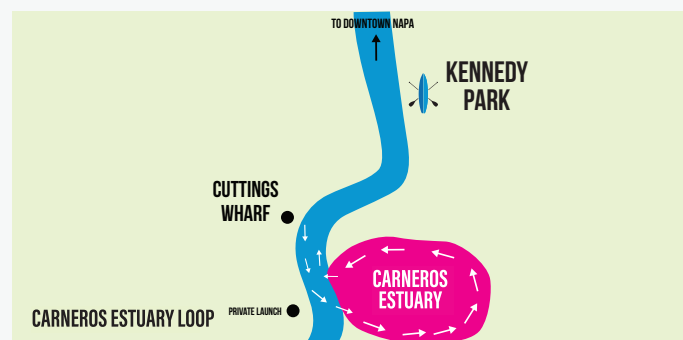
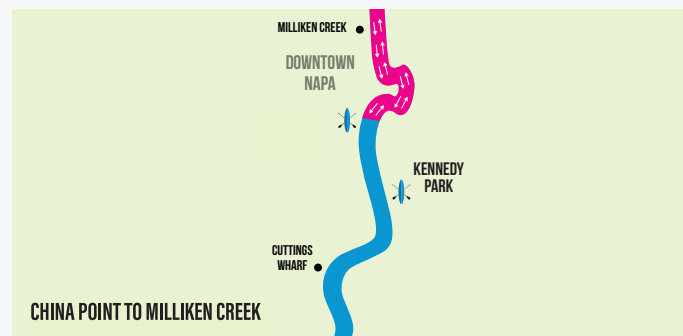
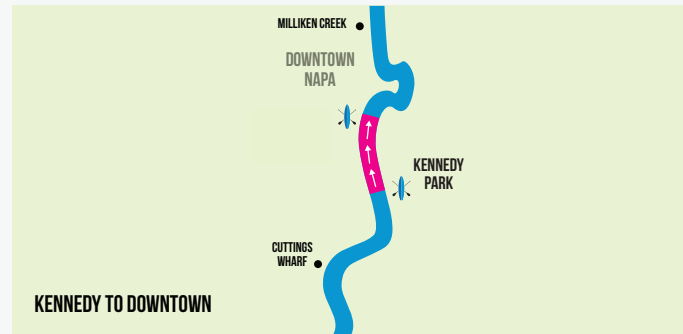
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MAPS

MAIN MAP



ROUTES



Distances for NVP paddle routes:

Carneros Estuary Round Trip 3.15 miles. Add 1.5 miles round trip, if launching from Cuttings Wharf

Kennedy Park to Downtown Napa One way, 2.5 miles. Add 1.5 miles if paddling into Oxbow Preserve

China Point to Milliken Creek Round Trip, 4 miles.

Cuttings Wharf to Napa Valley Yacht Club One way, 5.5 miles.

*On average, 4 miles = 2 hours

\$229/person

\$109/person
guided tour only*

CARNEROS ESTUARY

An exclusive, nature-forward retreat for leadership teams seeking clarity, connection, and place.

Set deep within the wetlands of Los Carneros along the Pacific Flyway, our private river cottage offers a rare Wine Country setting where cultivated beauty meets wild nature. This half or full-day executive retreat blends guided paddle experiences, estuary immersion, and refined relaxation—anchored in Napa Valley's cool-climate wine region. Between sessions, enjoy private access to the river cottage, patio, and manicured grounds with sweeping vineyard, estuary, and mountain views.

Pricing

\$229-\$275 per person | \$2,199 minimum

Includes:

- Exclusive use of river cottage & grounds
- Guided kayak or paddleboard tour
- Private dock & launch access
- Charcuterie platter, boxed lunch or private chef options
- Vegetarian options available

Guided Tour Only: \$109 per person

Details at a Glance

- Group size: 8-14 guests
- Duration: Half-day or full-day formats
- Amenities: Private dock, landscaped grounds, patio seating
- Views: Atlas Peak, Mt. Tamalpais, Mt. Diablo, Mt. Veeder
- Location: Los Carneros, 12 minutes from Downtown Napa

Why This Retreat Works

- Private, distraction-free setting
- Easy, inclusive outdoor activity
no experience required
- Designed for executive teams, wellness retreats, and leadership offsites

Experience Highlights

- Guided paddling in Fagan Preserve
- Vineyard, marsh, and mountain views
- Wildlife encounters along the Pacific Flyway
- Ecological storytelling and sense of place
- Optional Duffy Boat rides, nature hike, access to nearby wineries

Ideal base camp for executive retreats and private gatherings

**For large group experiences of up to 40 guests, tours launch from an alternate put-in located approximately ½ mile upriver*

\$189/person

\$119/person
guided tour only*

DOWNTOWN OXBOW

***Effortless Adventure | Steps from Oxbow & First Street Hotels
Where History Meets Habitat***

Premium Packages Available

- Gourmet picnic lunches
- Charcuterie & wine tasting experiences
- Custom enhancements

Starting at \$189 per person (recommended)

\$119 per person

Includes professional guide, kayaks or paddleboards, paddles, life vests, and instruction.

Trip Details

- Kayak or paddleboard
- Duration: 1-2 hours
- Distance: ~4 miles
- Difficulty: Easy (beginners welcome)
- Group Size: Ideal for 12-36+ guests
- Season: April-December

The best way to experience the renaissance of Downtown Napa and the Oxbow Preserve—from the water. This guided paddle reveals a side of Napa few ever see, blending wildlife, history, and living river restoration where fresh and salt water meet. Led by professional guides, the experience ends back downtown with endless options for dining, wine, or a hosted picnic along the river.

Why Guests Love This Experience

- Iconic downtown Napa river views
- Forested Oxbow Preserve and wildlife
- Stories of pioneering history & river restoration
- Easy access to restaurants, wineries & Oxbow Market
- Optional riverfront picnics and curated add-ons

Logistics

Round-trip paddle

- Launches from Jim Hench Kayak Launch, downtown Napa
 - Located below China Point at 1st Street & Soscol Ave
- Typical route paddles toward Milliken Creek and back
 - Route may adjust slightly for tides and wind
- Final directions and details included in your itinerary

FAGAN
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Ideal for larger groups

BIOLUMINESCENCE TOUR

\$695/person

\$189/person
guided tour only*

Bioluminescence Retreat: Lecture on Tap Private Paddle-In Experience | Tomales Bay, California

Base Package

- Duration: 3–4 hours (evening)
- Group Size: Minimum 12 · Maximum 24
- Fireside lecture and light snacks

Starting at \$445 per person

Culinary Add-On

- **\$165–\$225 per person**

All-In Package (Best Seller)

- Duration: 4 hours (evening)
- Includes Private Chef

Pricing: \$625–\$695 per person

An intimate, evening retreat designed for executive teams, research groups, and innovation leaders. Your evening begins at dusk, gliding across calm coastal waters as the western sky ignites with sunset color. As darkness settles in, stars emerge overhead—while beneath your kayak, ribbons of electric white-blue light awaken with every stroke. Bioluminescence streams from your paddle blades, swirls around the hull, and spills across the bay in a rare, immersive display found in only a handful of places worldwide.

Trip Details – All-In Package

- **Fireside Lecture:** A conversational talk linking evolutionary biology to modern biomedical science, designed to spark clarity and new perspectives.
- **Paddle & Arrival:** Paddle across Tomales Bay to a secluded, roadless beach in Point Reyes National Seashore.
- **Culinary Experience:** A seasonal fireside meal by Chef Dan Sanchez Gomez (French Laundry-trained, Manresa alum, CHOPPED Champion).
- **After Dark:** Guided kayaking through bioluminescent waters for direct observation of living light.

Why Corporate Teams Choose This

- Encourages creative thinking beyond traditional office environments
- Promotes mental clarity, stress reduction, and cognitive restoration
- Connects science, nature, and sustainability in a meaningful way

One of nature's most illuminating light shows

\$169/person

\$109/person
guided tour only*

KENNEDY PARK

Effortless Team Adventure | Large-Group Friendly

Designed for teams that want something better than another conference room, this one-way, tide-assisted paddle delivers a shared experience that feels natural, energizing, and remarkably easy. Launching where the Vine Trail meets the Napa River Estuary, your group moves together with the current through Napa's most dynamic landscapes. As the river transitions from open wetlands to shaded forest, teams experience the full arc of Napa's living river story. Half- and full-day formats include exclusive access to a covered pavilion set among redwood groves, ideal for catered meals, meetings, and informal breakout sessions.

\$109 per person

Includes professional guides, kayaks or paddleboards, paddles, life vests, and instruction.

Recommended Corporate Packages

- Half- or full-day offsite format
- Catered lunch under a redwood pavilion
- Adjacent launch ramp, restrooms, and open space
- Optional team challenges

(relay races or water-based scavenger hunts)

Starting at \$169 per person

Why This Works for Corporate Groups

- Naturally builds camaraderie through shared adventure
- Easy, inclusive activity—no experience required
- Supports groups of 20-50+ guests
- Seamless logistics with tide-assisted routing and optional shuttles

Event Details

- Kayak or paddleboard
- Duration: 1-2 hours of paddle time
- Distance: ~4 miles
- Difficulty: Easy (beginners welcome)
- Group Size: Ideal for 12-36+ guests
- Season: April-December

Logistics

- Located 7 minutes from Downtown Napa
- Close to Meritage Resort & South Napa hotels
- Covered picnic tables, open lawn, bbq, sand volleyball
- Ideal for leadership retreats, client events, and team celebrations

Park-like setting is fun for the whole family

VESSELS



CULINARY OPTIONS

Our paddle adventures began in 2012, originally offered exclusively to Andrew Lane Winery members. Over the years, we've carefully curated some of the most authentic Napa Valley culinary experiences—designed to be enjoyed riverside before launch, mid-paddle on a secluded shoreline, or upon arrival at your final destination.

Boxed Lunch & Charcuterie Platter

A thoughtfully prepared selection of artisan sandwiches, seasonal salads, fresh fruit, and non-alcoholic beverages, made with **locally sourced organic ingredients**—perfect for paddlers who want simplicity without compromise.

House-cured artisan meats include chorizo, salumi, and pâté (when available), paired with pickled accoutrements, olives, seasonal jams or relishes, **Cowgirl Creamery cheeses**, crackers, and fresh bread.

Private Chef Experience

In true surf & terroir style, Chef Dan Gomez has been laser-focused on seafood since winning Food Network's Chopped BBQ Championship over a decade ago.

Trained at The French Laundry, Manresa, and La Toque, his menus feature dry-aged albacore, Salt Point Pacific cod, and Tomales Bay Dungeness crab—often caught personally by the chef and NVP's owner.

Two unforgettable formats:

\$165 per person — Rustic, fireside meal on a secluded Point Reyes beach

\$285 per person — Elevated dining experience

NVP Wine Tasting

Experience the terroir by water, then revisit that same landscape in your glass after the paddle.

Wines are sourced from vineyards visible in the surrounding hills of the **Carneros Wine Region** and Napa Valley floor. \$45-\$65 per person

Catering from Nick's Cove

For Tomales Bay paddle excursions, ask about post-paddle dining at Nick's Cove—including the Boat Shack or Tule Deck.

for groups over 24, in-house event planner is required.

WHAT TO BRING

Summer Beach Attire

Clothing Materials: Non-cotton, synthetic is advised. Lycra, Nylon, Spandex, and Microfiber. Biking, Yoga, and workout apparel for example are usually blends of these non-natural fibers. Avoid Cotton.

Fit: Good, on-the-water apparel is generally snugger fitting than standard leisure wear. Keeping the apparel close to the body increases warmth and reduces wind drag.

Footware: Bring flip flops or strapped sandals. Water shoes are recommended. Tennis Shoes will be fine.

***Winter paddling, mornings and the sunset hour:** can be brisk. Dress in layers. Base layer underneath a long sleeve shirt, vest and waterproof outer layer.

Also Recommended

Waterproof Phone Case: We don't want you to lose your phone. We don't guarantee it will float! Dry boxes are available upon request.

Water Bottle: A necessity if you're paddling for long periods of time. There is no place to stop for water in the marshes.

Sun Screen: You'll be on the water for quite a while. We recommend protecting your skin.

Hat: Additional sun protection is very important on the water.

Sunglasses: Protect your eyes from glare and water shimmer.

Chums: Don't lose your favorite pair of shades. They may slip off while paddling.

All items above are available for sale in our shop so don't be worried if you forget to bring something.



TRANSPORTATION

Private Wine Tour Car Service Choose Napa or Sonoma

- Lux vehicles, Local guides
- Tasting fees not included
- Concierge services
- Transportation to/from your hotel/resort
- 20% Auto gratuity is applied to your final bill
- 4 hour minimum, no max, when bundled with river tours & hiking tours including Tomales Bay

Larger format vehicles available. Pricing for 24ft+ passender bus available at market rates.

\$155/hr
Mercedes Van
Up to 10 passengers

\$120/hr
Luxury SUV
Up to 6 passengers



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