

## French River Tour September 4-8, 2024

OAR is returning to the beautiful French River for 3 days of rowing in September. We have 3 routes planned of 25-35 kms/day. Cars and the boat trailer will be parked at Hartley Bay Marina which is a 2 km row from our accommodation – see below for more details.



### Accommodation

- We will be staying 4 nights (Sept 4,5,6,7) at Bears Den Lodge with their American Plan Meal Package which includes all meals and accommodation for \$925 per person (HST and any gratuity NOT included).
- A **\$300 deposit per person is needed ASAP** to secure these rooms with the balance being paid by early August. You can e-transfer the deposit to [bakertorrance@rogers.com](mailto:bakertorrance@rogers.com)
- Cancellation is possible up to 90 days before the booking (early June) – ideally if you have to cancel, it would be most helpful to us if you could find a replacement for your spot.
- All meals, linens and blankets are provided – we are asked to bring our own personal toiletries and towels. Also as the lodge is not licensed, it is BYO favorite beverages!

### Tour Fee

- \$260 per person which can be e-transferred to [bakertorrance@rogers.com](mailto:bakertorrance@rogers.com)

### Timing of arrival/departures

- We will set an arrival time, closer to the day for everyone to be at Hartley Bay Marina to help with unloading/rigging of the boats on Wednesday Sept 4
- We will then row the quads to Bears Den (approx. 2 kms); Bears Den will provide 'water taxis' to deliver our luggage to the lodge
- On Sunday morning (Sept 8), after breakfast, we will row back to Hartley Bay Marina to derig and load the trailer

### Other

- Parking at Hartley Bay Marina is approx. \$15/day – this will not be included in the tour fee as some of you are likely to be car pooling



- We will be rowing coxed touring quads so everyone will have the opportunity to have a turn coxing during the tour.
- OAR has PFDs available but we strongly encourage you to bring your own wearable, belt style PFD's to be worn while on the water.
- Bears Den Lodge  
<https://bearsdenlodge.com/>
- Hartley Bay Marina  
<https://www.hartleybaymarina.com/>
- Sneak preview of the row from Hartley Bay Marina to Bears Den

Lodge <https://youtu.be/VdNUe8E5L70>

- Just released TVO documentary on The French River  
<https://www.tvo.org/video/documentaries/tripping-the-french-river-full-documentary>
- We will be sharing more information as it becomes available but in the meantime, don't hesitate to reach out to [bakertorrance@rogers.com](mailto:bakertorrance@rogers.com) with any questions.