

Lake Charlotte Challenge

Present By



DATE: April 1st

CHECK-IN: 8:00 AM

RACE TIME: 9:00 AM

- Tandem Divisions: Male, Female, Mixed
- Solo Divisions: Male, Female
- 10 Mile Long and 1 Mile Short Course
- Great Camaraderie
- Fun Prizes

Location: Cedar Hill Park in Chambers County. 1112 Lake Charlotte Rd, Wallisville, TX 77597

[Cedar Hill Park - Google Maps](#)

Boat rental from
www.oakgeosciences.com

Long Course Description

Distance: 9.82 miles

Start: Cedar Hill Park

Finish: Touch the Finish Buoy at Cedar Hill Park



Course: This is a loop course, starting and ending at Cedar Hill Park. Segments of the race, corresponding to the race map, are as follows:

Green: From Cedar Hill Park to Lake Pass. This segment is 1.56 miles long and is an open water crossing on Lake Charlotte. Racers may use any line they like across the lake, though the direct bearing is approximately 220 degrees (SSW). There will be a safety boat posted at the entrance to Lake Pass to help orient racers.

Blue: From Lake Pass to the Trinity River. This segment is approximately 2.00 miles long and winds through the cypress swamps of the Trinity Delta. Do not make any left turns off Lake Pass. Continue all the way to the Trinity River and turn right. The river is the only right turn.

Red: Trinity River to the Sulfur cut. This segment is approximately 3.31 miles long and is upstream against the current in the Trinity River. While the current will slow you down a bit, generally it is easy to make headway by keeping close to the shoreline and taking advantage of the reduced current speed due to bank and bottom drag. Continue to the Sulfur Cut, which is a wide channel opening on your right. This location will be marked by a safety boat.

Yellow: The Sulfur Cut and Mac Bayou. This segment is approximately 2.35 miles long. Racers will proceed the length of the Sulfur Cut to the turnaround buoy, which they will touch with their paddle, hand, or boat. A race official will be monitoring the turnaround buoy to assure that all racers successfully touch the buoy. Racers will then return on the Sulfur Cut to Mac Bayou and turn left (SSE) toward Lake Charlotte. A race official will be stationed at the turn into Mac Bayou to assure that all racers make the turn.

Orange: This is the home stretch! This segment is approximately 0.60 miles from the mouth of Mac Bayou across Lake Charlotte to the finish Buoy at Cedar Hill Park. Racers are free to choose their best line across Lake Charlotte. To finish, racers must touch the buoy with their paddler, hand or boat.

Other Information: A Safety/sweep boat will accompany the racers and will be there to assist any racers needing help. Additional race officials will be posted at Lake Pass, the Trinity River, the Sulfur Cut, the Turnaround Buoy, and Mac Bayou. Remember, there are two open water crossings, so expect some waves and perhaps a bit of chop. You are in what is essentially wilderness. Stick to the course and don't get lost! Note that there are alligators, snakes, wasps, etc. They are mostly just colorful additions to the race route and usually quite shy. Even so, don't tease the reptiles!

In the event, you reach the Trinity River and decide that you are unable to continue against the current, inform the race official at the Trinity/Lake Pass intersection. You will be directed to the Trinity River boat ramp on the west bank of the river (river right) immediately below the I-10 bridge. Please call the race director and your shore crew, if you have them, to arrange to be shuttled back to Cedar Hill Park.

Short Course Description

Distance: 1.21 miles

Start: Cedar Hill Park

Finish: Touch the finish buoy, at Cedar Hill Park



Course: This is an out and back course! Racers will cross Lake Charlotte to the WNW, from Cedar Hill Park to Sand Island (0.60 miles) by whatever line they wish.

Racers will stay to the left of Sand Island and go around the island in a clockwise (right turn) direction. A race official will be posted on the back side of Sand Island to assure that all racers complete the turn safely.

Racers will then be free to return to Cedar Hill Park by whatever line they wish. Too finish, racers must touch the finish buoy with their paddle, hand or by bumping it with their boat.

Race Officials may change to race route if weather or water conditions dictate.

Other Information: A Safety/sweep boat will accompany the racers and will be there to assist any racers needing help. Remember, this is an open water crossing, so expect waves and perhaps a bit of chop.

Lake Charlotte Challenge Race Rules

1. NO alcoholic beverages will be allowed at the launch site or on the course.
2. NO participant will be allowed on the launch sit or course who appears to be under the influence of alcohol.
3. NO firearms or other weapons will be allowed at the launch site or on the course
4. NO more than one (1) paddler in solo division or NO more than two (2) paddlers in any other division, in any participating boat.
5. A signed general liability waiver will accompany each application, pertaining to his/her participation in this event. If participant is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian's signature is required.
6. ALL participants are required to have a US Coast Guard approved vest type life jacket in the boat for each person in the boat. Any participant aged 14 and under MUST WEAR their life jacket at all times.
7. ALL participating boats will have at least one cell phone on board to communicate with race officials and their own shore crew.
8. ONLY race participants and sweep boats will be allowed to launch or traffic the course.
9. THERE is no early exit from the racecourse, except that if, upon entering the Trinity River (Approximately mile 3.5), a paddler determines that they are unable to continue the race they may turn downstream to the Trinity River I-10 boat ramp to exit.
10. NO aid will be given to or accepted by participants unless "emergency" help is requested.

11. Deliberate blocking or obstruction of the course WILL NOT be tolerated.

12. This is not a "team" activity (two or more canoes operating as a group). "Team" maneuvering to gain advantage of the course, disable or mislead another participant or block traffic will result in disqualification of all those involved. Such incidents should be reported as soon as possible.

13. Portages are authorized along the course if deemed necessary to get around an obstacle, as long as there is no possible path on the water. Note that portages are very unlikely.

14. In Lake Pass and Mac Bayou, a slower boat WILL yield the right of way to a faster boat upon reasonable oral request. This will be done in a reasonable manner for safety.

15. ALL boats must touch the buoys at the finish and at the turn around point in the Sulfur Cut for the 10-mile race. You may touch with your paddle, your hand, or bump the buoy with your boat.

16. ALL disqualified participants will forfeit any entry fees and be escorted off the course.

17. Any Canoe class is required to be paddled with a single blade paddle. No kayak paddles.

****In the event of inclement weather, the race may be postponed until a later date determined by race officials or canceled. No refunds will be given.**