

**NVP**  
NAPA VALLEY PADDLE

# GROUP PLANNING GUIDE

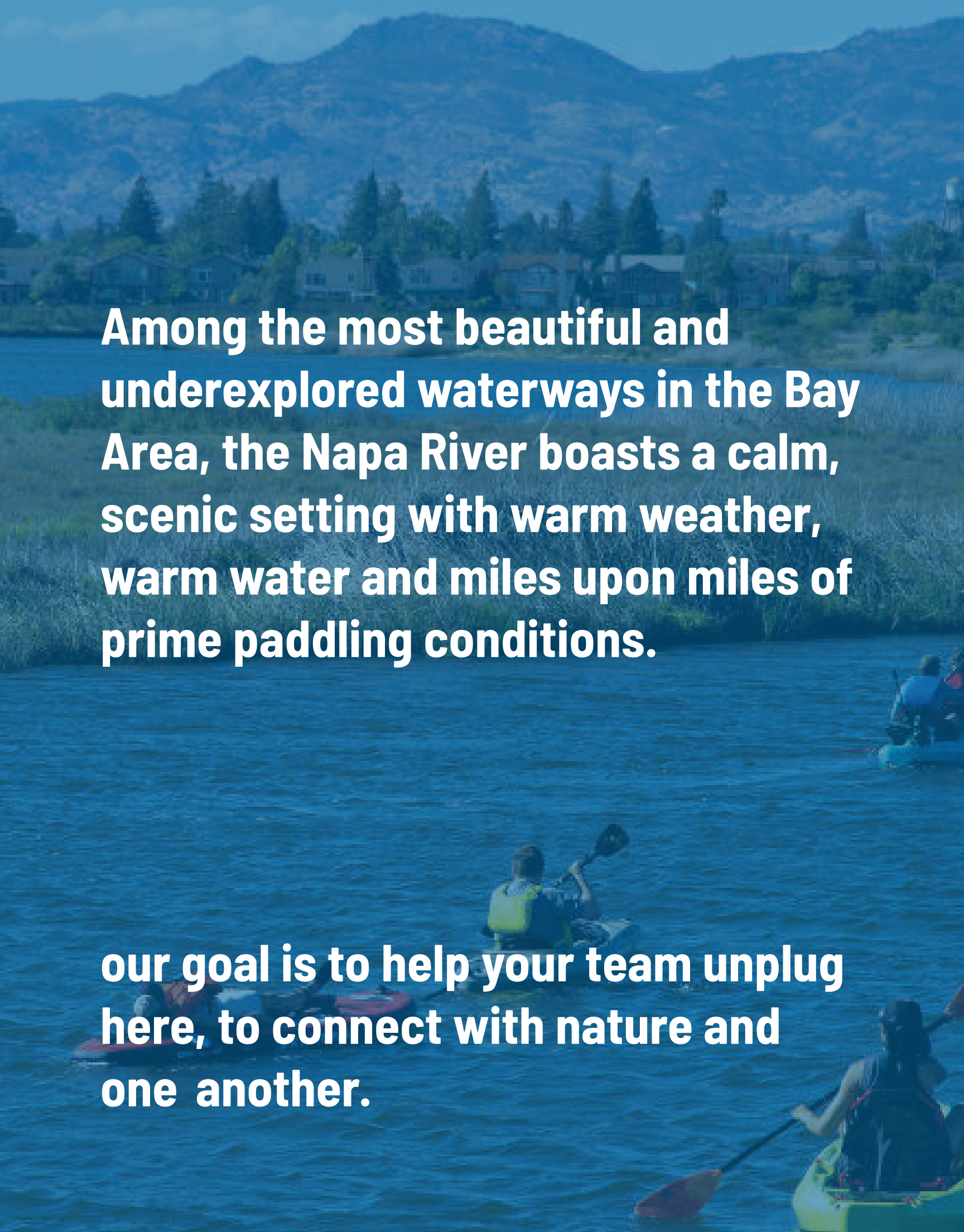
**Your guide to the ultimate team outing on the Napa River**

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A scenic view of the Napa River. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. A line of evergreen trees and some houses are visible along the riverbank. In the foreground, several people are kayaking on the water. One person in a yellow kayak is in the center, and another in a blue kayak is to the right. The water is a deep blue color.

**Among the most beautiful and underexplored waterways in the Bay Area, the Napa River boasts a calm, scenic setting with warm weather, warm water and miles upon miles of prime paddling conditions.**

**our goal is to help your team unplug here, to connect with nature and one another.**



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Hello Friends,

As a second-generation Napa Valley native, winemaker, and lifelong outdoorsman, I founded Napa Valley Paddle in 2012 with a vision that extends far beyond watersports. Our mission is to offer an authentic local experience, rooted in deep knowledge, hospitality, and a profound connection to the landscapes that make this region extraordinary.

What began 14 years ago as a river adventure for wine club members has since evolved into a regional adventure company, guiding guests through the three distinct ecosystems of the Napa River, the Napa-Sonoma Marsh, and the breathtaking Point Reyes National Seashore & Tomales Bay.

Growing up on Howell Mountain in the 1980s, I witnessed Napa Valley's transformation as the wine industry flourished. My childhood was steeped in adventure—hiking to waterfalls by age seven, boogie boarding along the Baja coastline while my father surfed, and living among families drawn to the promise of wine country. Today, I find that same alchemy of wildness and beauty in one of Napa Valley's new frontiers—the restored Napa River Estuary. There's magic where urban life meets untamed nature—a contrast that inspires.

One of the most rewarding parts of what we do is getting corporate teams out of the office to experience these waterways for themselves.

For those planning corporate events, our goal is to make your job effortless. From the initial logistics to the final high-fives as you pull ashore, we take care of every detail to craft an unforgettable experience for your team.

Whether you're looking for:

- ✓ **Guided paddles** before or after meetings
- ✓ **A paddling adventure** bundled with a riverside culinary experience
- ✓ **Private river access & grounds** for an executive retreat
- ✓ **Unique team-building activities** that balance adventure and relaxation

We've had the pleasure of hosting many of the area's leading companies and would love to create a customized, memorable experience for your team.

Let's make it happen. Contact me directly with any questions, special requests, or to start planning your team's next great adventure.

Cheers,

Drew Dickson  
Owner, Napa Valley Paddle  
707.200.5511  
Drew@NapaValleyPaddle.com





"We had a wonderful experience at the River Cottage with Napa Valley Paddle! The venue provides a breathtaking view of Atlas Peak, Mt. Tam and migratory bird action. Drew and his team are the best of the best. They come with years of experience. Napa Valley isn't just an incredible food & wine venue, it offers adventure activities and breathtaking wildlife. If you are looking for a bespoke experience, look no further."

Jane Maine

Owner, Contenta Meetings & Events



# 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](mailto: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

- Brief on-shore lesson & overview
- Paddle
- Life Preserver (PFD)
- Kayak or Paddle board
- Unlimited fun!



## What to bring

**In warmer months** (June – September) Beach attire ie. shorts, shirt, cover up or hoodie, sunscreen, hat, and water bottle are essential. There may be cool, early morning fog so layering is best. Consider a lightweight towel for drips/splash on your legs.

**In cooler months** dress in layers with a waterproof/windproof outer layer. Non-cotton, breathable pants.

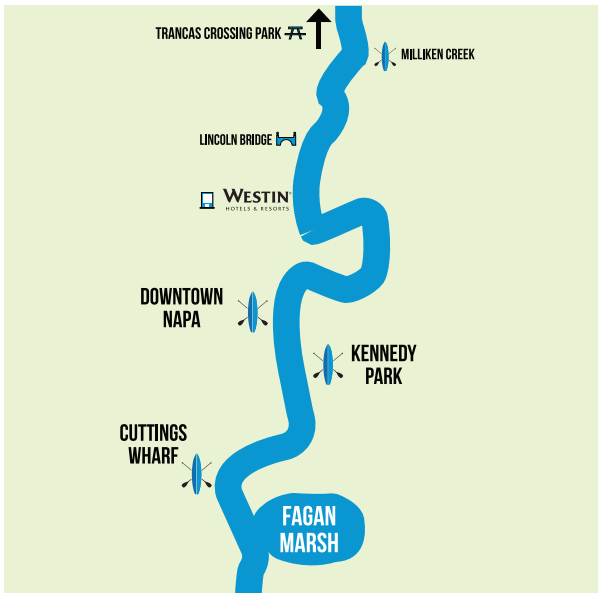
**For more detail** visit page 12 “What To Bring”



## Upon Arrival

Most of our launch locations do not have changing facilities so come prepared. Our kayak fleet includes premium sit-on-top, Crescent Crew Tandem Kayaks with framed, elevated seats suitable for beginners. These kayaks keep you off the deck & dry while providing extra back support. All kayaks have water bottle holders and storage space. Dry bags are available upon request.

# Location



## Launch Locations

### Kennedy Park

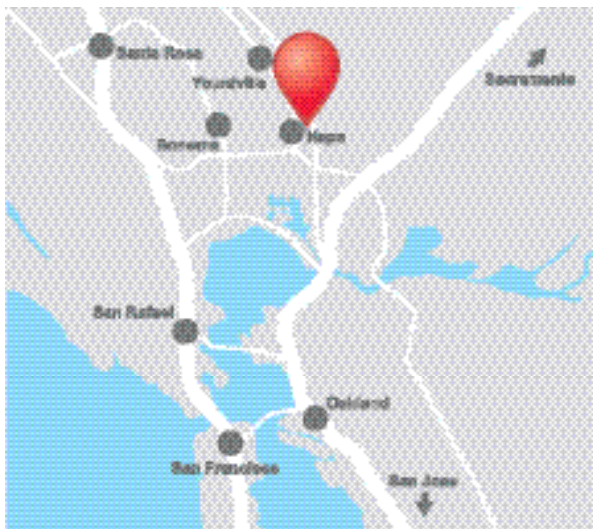
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Napa, CA 94558

### Cuttings Wharf

6 Cuttings Wharf Rd.  
Napa CA 94559

### Downtown Napa

Napa Yacht Club Boat Ramp  
100 Riverside Dr.  
Napa CA 94559



## Getting Here

Located in the heart of wine country, we're convenient to all points in the Bay Area. Typical drive times:

*Sonoma: 20 minutes*

*St. Helena: 30 minutes*

*Oakland: 50 minutes*

*San Francisco: 60 minutes*

*Sacramento: 65 minutes*

*San Jose: 85 minutes*

[Get Directions](#)



## 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. All sites are within a few minutes of our main location in downtown Napa.

**Downtown Napa**

**Kennedy Park**

**Carneros (Cuttings Wharf)**

[Get Directions](#)

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Explore downtown, oxbow & forest round trip

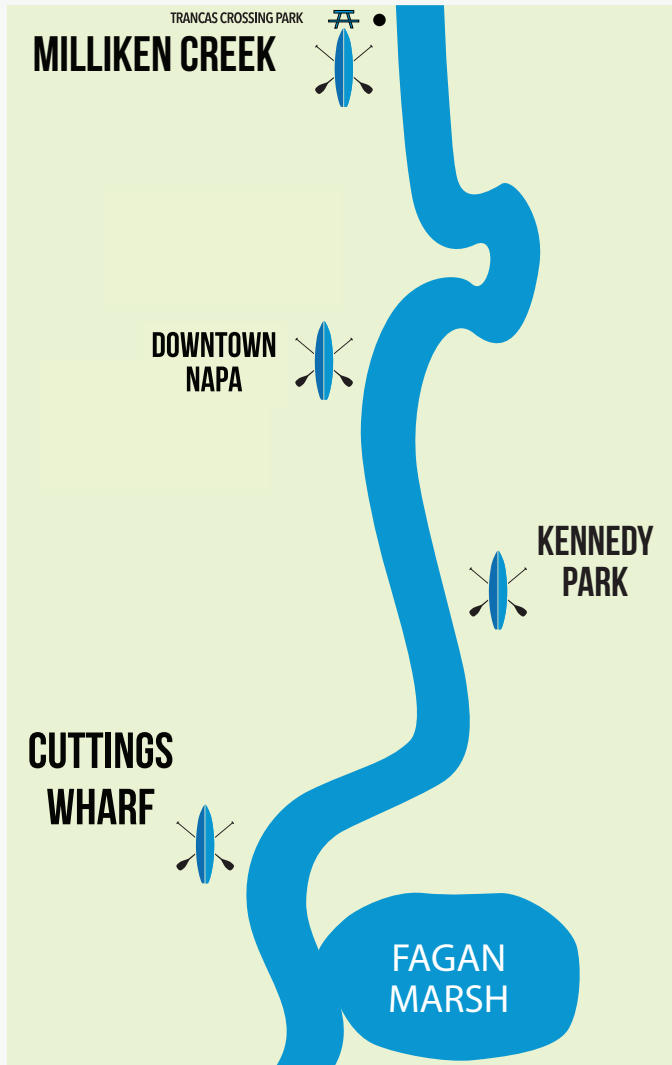
Redwood groves and pavilion, 2.5 miles down river

Wetlands paddling in Fagan Marsh, 12 min commute

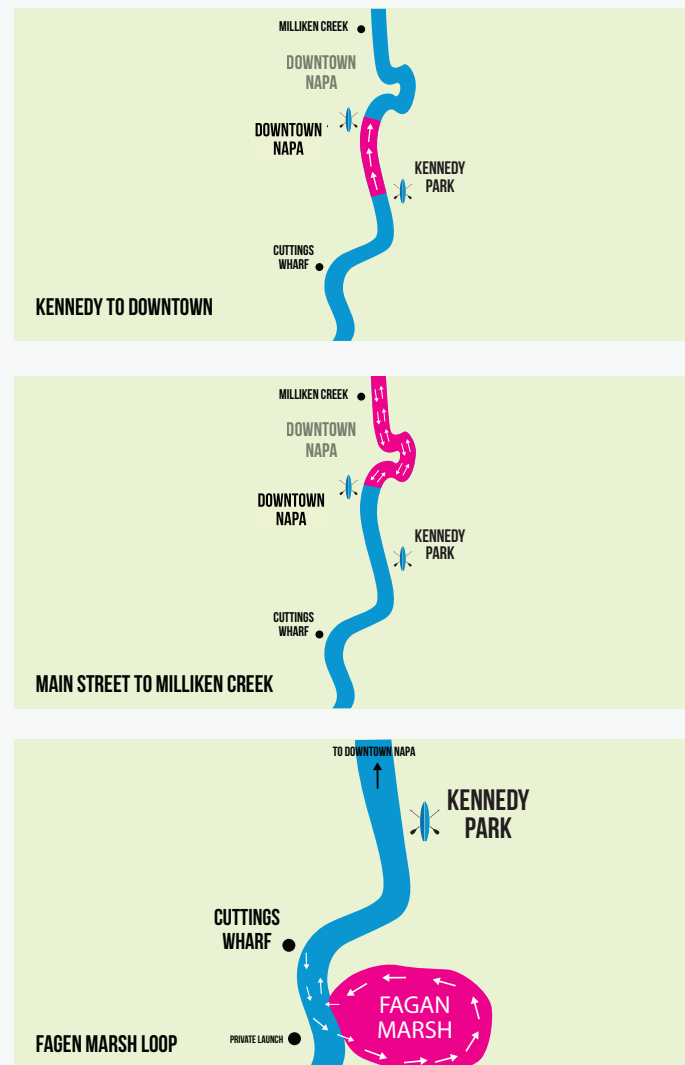


# MAPS

## MAIN MAP



## ROUTES



## Distances for NVP paddle routes:

**Fagan Marsh Loop** 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

**Main Street Dock to Milliken Creek** Round Trip, 4 miles.

**Cuttings Wharf to Napa Valley Yacht Club** One way, 5.5 miles. Add 1 mile to Main Street Dock

*\*On average, 4 miles = 2 hours*

# Downtown - Oxbow Paddle Adventure



## Effortless Adventure Where History Meets Habitat

Our Guided Downtown Oxbow Tour is the best way to explore the renaissance of Downtown Napa and the Oxbow Preserve, providing a unique insight into the waterway and wildlife. All tours are led by professional guides with extensive knowledge of the ecology, wildlife, and history of the Napa River and will reveal a side of Napa that few know. Learn about its pioneering history and living river restoration, where fresh and salt water meet. Disembarking in downtown Napa offers a wide range of culinary experiences. Picnics are hosted in the Oxbow, on the river adjacent to the Oxbow Market.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** *Downtown Views / Forest Views / Abundant Wildlife / Human History / Ecological History*

### PRICING

#### **\$109/person**

*Includes professional guide, kayaks, paddle boards, paddles, life vests and instruction.*

**Premium Packages:** Be sure to check out our gourmet picnic lunches, charcuterie platters & wine tasting packages, and more [here](#).

**Starting at \$169/person** \*recommended

### DETAILS

- Kayak or paddle board
- Duration: 1-2 hours
- Distance: 4 miles
- Level of Difficulty: Easy, beginners welcome!
- Ideal for 12-36 people
- Offered April - December

### LOGISTICS

This round-trip paddle meets at the Napa Valley Yacht Club Boat Ramp in Downtown Napa and typically involves a leisurely paddle to the Oxbow Preserve and back. To maximize your experience, launch site and route are subject to slight changes. Directions and final details will be included in your itinerary. Shuttle transportation is available.

Questions? Contact our team at **707.200.5511** or [Drew@napavalleypaddle.com](mailto:Drew@napavalleypaddle.com)

# Kennedy Park & Wetlands



## Natural Splendor and Panoramic Views

Our Kennedy Park Tour begins in south napa wetlands with expansive views and panoramic skyline stretching from Mt. Veeder to Atlas Peak and Coombsville. Designed to ride the incoming tide one-way with a slight breeze at your back your flotilla will experience the full transition from wetlands to forest, gliding along a path of least resistance. As the river narrows a mild current ushers you through Downtown into the forest canopy of the Oxbow Preserve where shorebirds make way for kingfishers, turtles and the occasional otter or beaver. Half or full day event includes a pavilion set-in redwood groves along the vine trail, just a short walk from the launch ramp.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

Mountain Views / Marsh Views / Forest Views  
Shorebirds / Ecological History

### PRICING

#### **\$109/person**

*Includes professional guide, kayaks, paddle boards, paddles, life vests and instruction.*

**Premium Packages:** Half or full day event, includes lunch under covered pavillion set-in redwood groves, adjacent to boat ramp, sand volleyball and bathrooms.

**Starting at \$169/person** \*recommended

### DETAILS

- Just 7 min drive from Downtown Napa
- Covered picnic tables adjacent to the launch ramp
- Sand volleyball, BBQ and catering options
- Optional relay race or water-based scavenger hunt
- Ideal for large groups up to 50 people

### LOGISTICS

This one-way paddle rides the tide from Kennedy Park(south of downtown Napa) or Cuttings Wharf to the Napa Valley Yacht Club boat ramp. To maximize your experience, launch site and route are subject to slight changes. Directions and final details will be included in your itinerary. Shuttle transportation is available.

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# Carneros Wine Region



## Experience Surf & Terroir with Napa Valley Paddle

Deep into the wetlands of the Los Carneros along the Pacific Flyway, our charming river cottage is your ideal base camp to relax after your paddle adventure. Package includes guided kayak or paddleboard tour in Fagan Marsh State Marine Park embarking from our private dock. You'll experience Wine Country from a whole new perspective, from the peaceful marshlands to the waters that nourish some of the world's finest wines. Upon return your team will have carte blanche at the river cottage, patio, redwood pergola and manicured grounds with panoramic views centrally located in Napa Valley's cool climate Pinot region. Enjoy a full day of private access to estuary waters, miles of hiking trails and rolling vineyard-studded hills.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

*Vineyard Views / Mountain Views / Marsh Views /  
Abundant Wildlife / Ecological History*

### PRICING

#### Private River Cottage

16 person maximum

#### **\$229/person \$2399 minimum**

Includes river cottage & grounds, guided kayak trip, private dock, charcuterie platter, half sandwich & salad

**\$109/person for Guided Tour only, \$1750 minimum**

#### Cuttings Wharf Launch

48 person maximum

**\$95/person Guided Tour, \$1200 minimum**

### DETAILS

- River cottage & grounds
- Private kayak launch, dock
- Ideal base camp for executive retreats
- Launch pad for both paddle & peddle tours
- Convenient access to Carneros wineries
- Accommodates 8-14 people
- Views of Atlas Peak, Mt. Tam, Mt. Diablo

### LOGISTICS

#### Private River Cottage

4 Cars or 2 Mercedes Sprinter Vans

1.5 hour round trip paddle

#### Cuttings Wharf Launch (1/2 mile up river)

6 Cuttings Wharf Rd. Napa, CA 94559

\*meet at public boat ramp

Unlimited parking in large parking lot

2 hour round trip paddle

One-way trip to Downtown Napa available

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# Bioluminescence Tour



## Experience Enchanting Bioluminescence Kayaking in Tomales Bay.

This bioluminescent kayak tour offers nature's most illuminating light show in the waters of Tomales Bay on the darkest nights from July through October. Paddling Magazine calls it one of the 5 Best Places on Earth to experience this rare phenomenon.

Our coastal kayaking adventure starts just before nightfall so that you can enjoy the rich colors of the sun setting on the horizon. As the evening fades into darkness, the sky is lit by stars above, followed by traces of bioluminescence glowing as it spills from your kayak paddle.

These tours require dark nights, light wind and a relaxed current. Private events are bookable on Sundays and weekdays, that are clustered around our 2025 tour dates posted on our website.

Note: This night time tour is recommended for experienced kayakers only. Not for beginners.

### PRICING

#### **\$179/person**

2 person minimum, tandem kayaks

\$1200 minimum

*Includes professional guide, kayaks, paddles, life vests, headlamp and instruction.*

### DETAILS

#### **DEPARTS FROM**

Miller Boat Ramp at Nick's Cove

23240 CA-1, Marshall, Ca 94940

#### **TRIP LENGTH**

Four miles, two hour paddle time, 3- hour event

#### **DEPARTURE TIME**

We embark during the sunset hour.

### **OVERNIGHT CAMPING OPTION**

#### **POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE**

We will create our basecamp on the beach, where you can relax under the starry sky and enjoy tasty

meals prepared by **Food Network's Chopped Grill**

**Masters Napa Champion, Chef Dan Sanchez Gomez.**

Camping, Guided Bioluminescence & Private Chef

**\$650/Person**

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# Pricing Structure



## Culinary Add-On

Groups over 16 people are hosted at Kennedy Park. [See Page](#)

River cottage with private river access available for groups up to 12

Dine al fresco on the patio with views of the wetlands & distant mountain peaks

Bathrooms, changing rooms, covered redwood pergola and indoor lounge area

Full service, private catering by **Chef Dan Sanchez Gomez** available for up to 24

Drakes Bay Oyster Company, fresh & bbq oyster bar

Private, riverfront terrace in the Oxbow District at The Barn

<https://www.thebarnnapa.com/>

Groups up to 60+

Indoor & Outdoor options available

Fatted Calf

Premium Boxed Lunch \$40/person

Half sandwich platter, cheese & charcuterie, salad & bread \$55/person

<https://www.fattedcalf.com/>

### PRIVATE, GUIDED TRIPS

*All tours are approx 4 miles, 2 hours paddle time or less.*

#### Round Trip Paddle (Downtown Napa)

<8 Vessels, Round trip from the Napa Yacht Club Ramp, \$99/person

>8 Vessels \$109/person

#### One Way Trips \$109/person

#### Off-Site Launch Locations (Kennedy Park, Cuttings Wharf, or Fagan Marsh)

\$109/person Tandem Kayak

\$99/person Paddle board



Premium Boxed Lunch \$40/person

Half sandwich platter, cheese & charcuterie, salad & bread \$55/person

At the Fatted Calf, charcuterie is a way of life—an approach to cooking and eating that celebrates the pleasures of the table.



Food Network's Chopped Grill Masters Napa Champion  
Chef Dan Sanchez Gomez  
\$165/person

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# Custom Experiences



## Let Us Create Your Perfect Outing!

Since 2012 we've offered corporate guests first-class service and pride ourselves in fulfilling just about any request to craft the perfect experience for your group. As a 2nd generation Napa Valley native, owner Drew Dickson has enjoyed decades-long relationships with wineries, chefs and other wine country professionals, providing the resources to make just about any wish come true. Our more popular custom itineraries include tailored paddling routes, gourmet cuisine, world-famous Napa Valley wines and additional outdoor activities. Let's talk about adding a special twist to your team's experience.

### PADDLING ROUTES

Whether your group has time constraints or prefers a longer adventure; is eager to explore birding habitat or riparian forest; or perhaps looking for a spot to stop for team building activities... we'll tailor the perfect route to suit your needs.

### FOOD & DRINK

What's an excursion to Napa Valley without spectacular food & wine? Gourmet Charcuterie and cheeses, picnic lunches, catered meals or our famous oyster bbq will hit the spot. Local wines — including special selections from our family winery — are highly recommended!

### ACTIVITIES

Those looking for even more active adventure can take advantage of our deep knowledge of the valley and Tomales Bay. Fishing with an expert guide, hiking to hidden treasures and incredible views, and world-class cycling through miles of vineyards.

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# Seasonal Tours



Beyond our standard tours, we're proud to offer guided experiences that showcase the best of every season. Be sure to ask us about crafting an unforgettable adventure for your group!

## FALL

Bioluminescence, Drakes Estero & Fagan Marsh

## WINTER

King Tides, Drakes Estero & Birds of Pacific Flyway

## SPRING

Los Carneros & Fresh Water Flows

## SUMMER

Water to Wine, Bioluminescence & Oxbow Preserve

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# 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



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

# Culinary Options

Our paddle adventure began in 2012, offered exclusively to Andrew Lane Winery members. Over the years we have selected the most authentic Napa Valley culinary experiences for guests to enjoy riverside either before your adventure begins, mid-paddle or upon arrival to your final destination. \*see pricing structure page

## **Private Chef**

Chef Dan Sanchez Gomez

Formerly trained at French Laundry, Madera, and La Toque Dan offers both a casual or fine dining experience. Box lunch menu includes artisan sandwiches, seasonal salads, fresh fruit and desert, all made from locally sourced organic ingredients

## **Fatted Calf Charcuterie**

House cured, artisan meats including chorizo, salumi, pate, pickled accoutremant, olives, seasonal jam/relish, Cowgirl Creamery cheeses, crackers, bread and sandwich menu

## **Beaujolais & Oysters**

Toast your friends, teammates and the resilience of nature with this classic Beaujolais & BBQ oyster pairing. Hosted by the winemaker and owner of NVP.

\$2199 includes the Carneros River Cottage

## **NVP Wine Tasting**

Experience the terroir by water in the surrounding landscape, then revisit that same terroir in your wine glass after the paddle (3) American Viticultural Areas in your wine glass after the paddle.

\$45/person 4 person minimum

## **Catering from Nicks Cove**

\*For Tomales Bay paddle excursions ask about the Boat Shack or Tule Deck at Nick's Cove for post-paddle nosh

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

# WHAT TO BRING



## Summer Beach Attire

**Clothing Materials:** Non-cotton, synthetic clothing 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.

**Footwear:** 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 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.

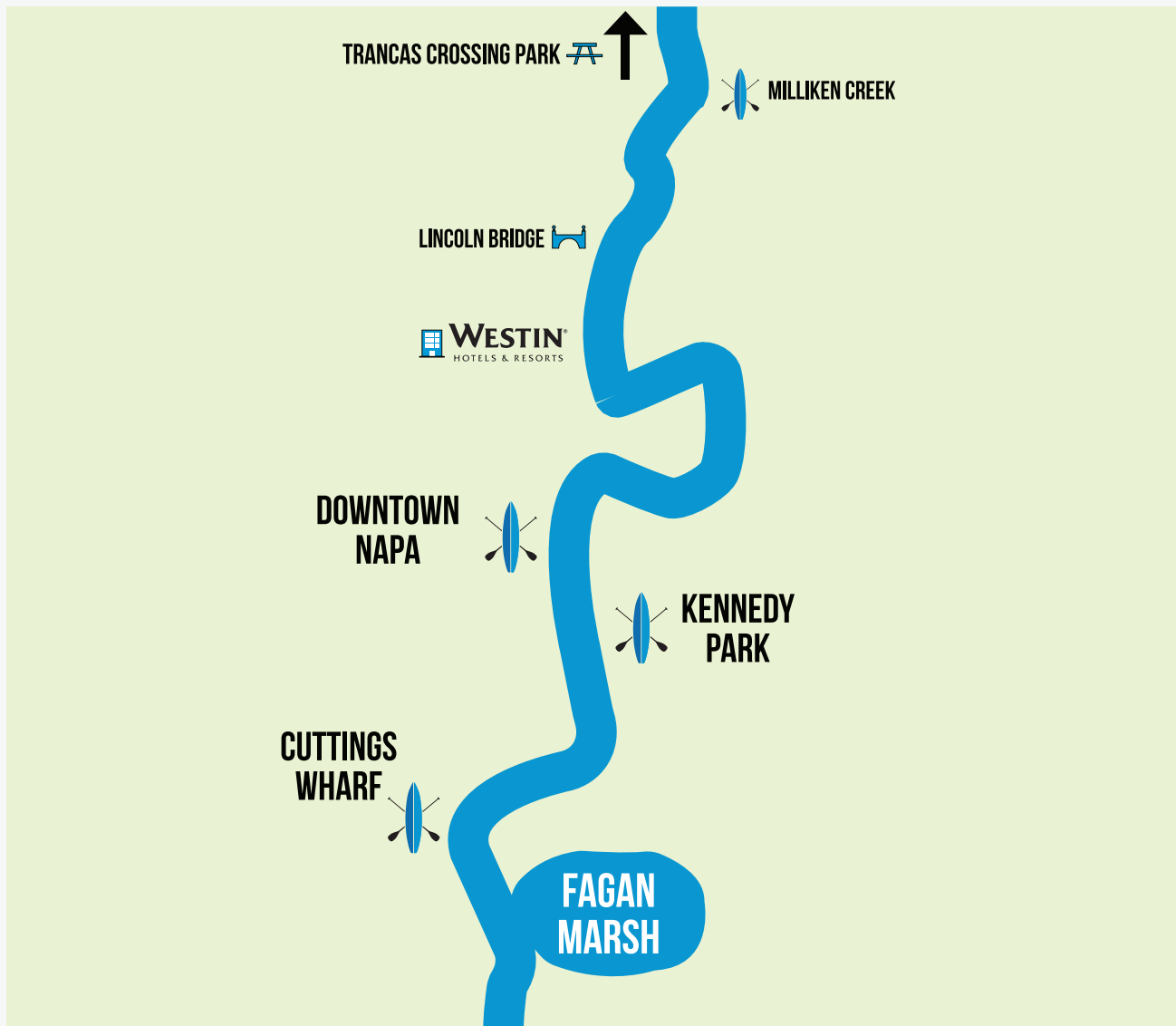
**Chums:** Don't lose your favorite pair of shades if they slip off while paddling.

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

More Questions? Contact us any time or visit our [FAQ page](#).



# NAPA RIVER VALLEY MAP



## Distances

**Fagan Marsh Loop** 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

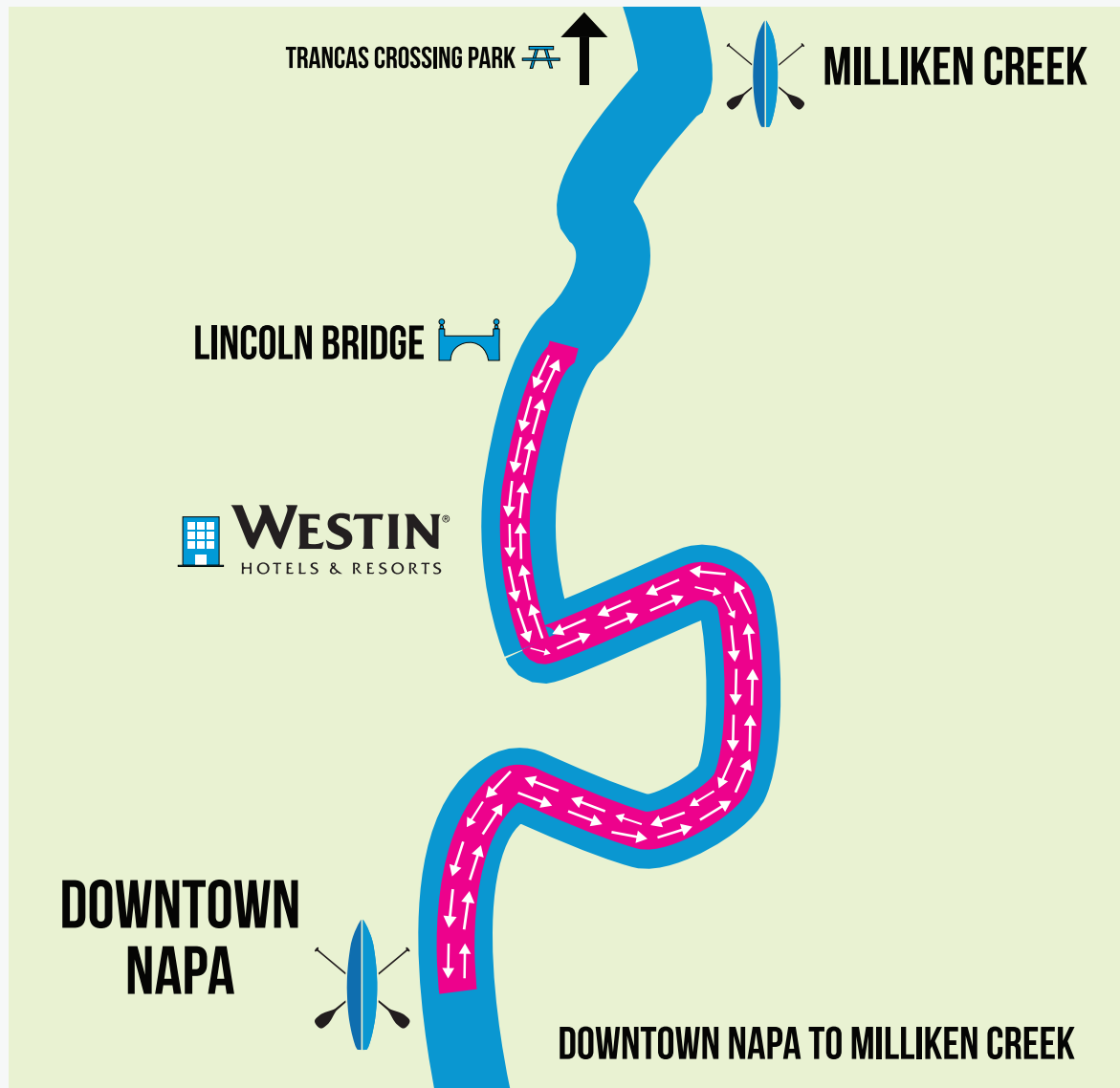
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**Cuttings Wharf to Napa Valley Yacht Club** One way, 5.5 miles. Add 1 mile to Main Street Dock

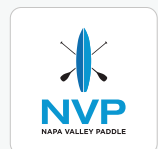
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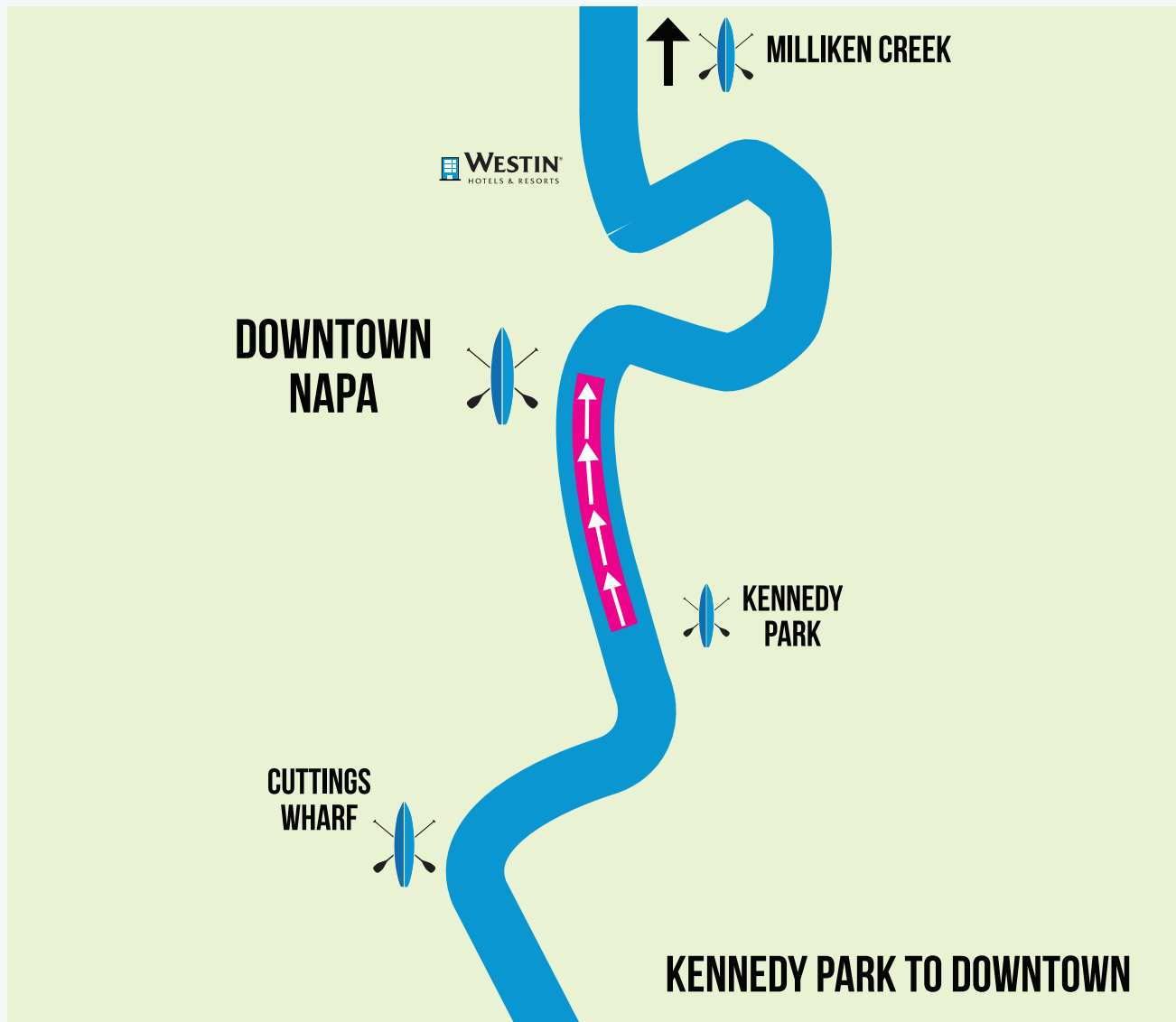
# NAPA YACHT CLUB TO OXBOW PRESERVE



Napa Yacht Club to Oxbow Preserve Round Trip, 4 miles.

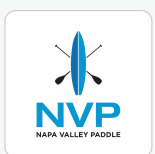


# KENNEDY PARK TO DOWNTOWN



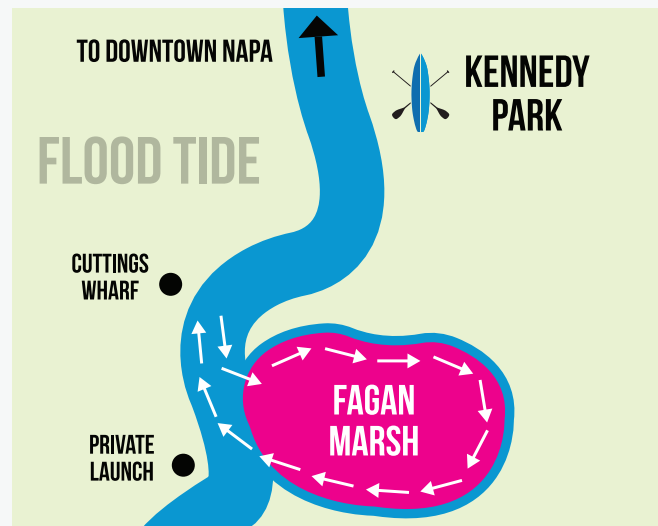
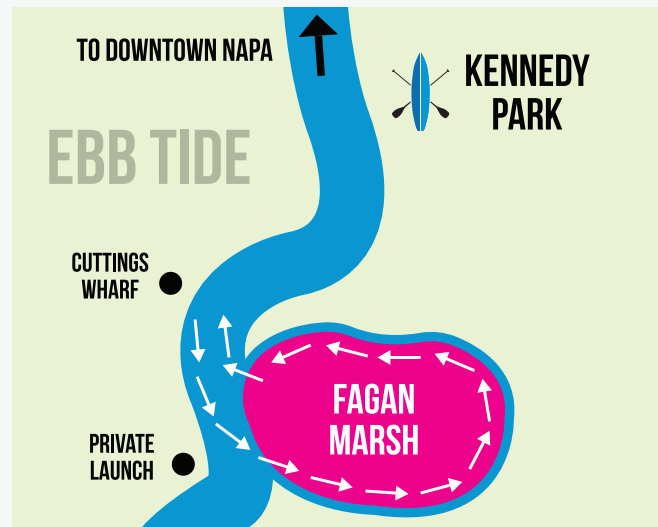
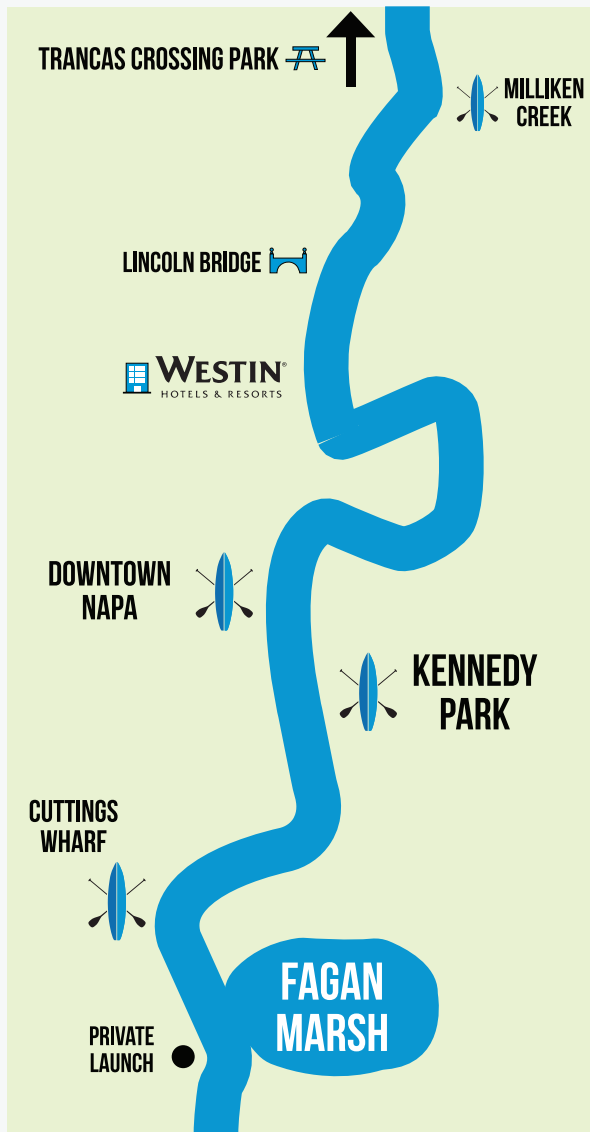
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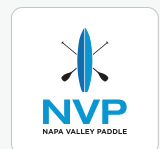


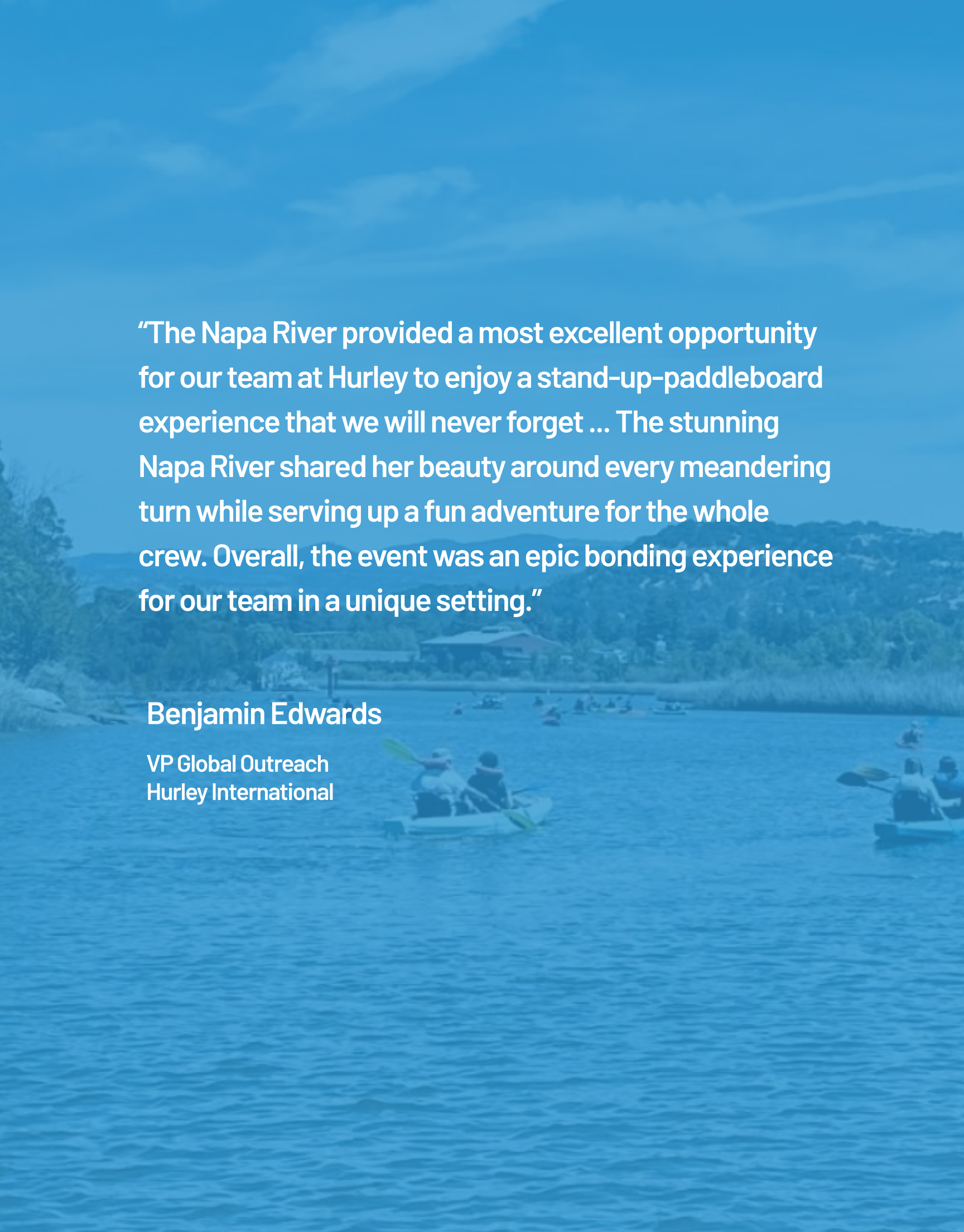
# FAGAN MARSH LOOP



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A blue-tinted photograph of a river scene. In the foreground, several people are kayaking on the water. In the background, there is a building and a forested hillside under a blue sky with some clouds.

“The Napa River provided a most excellent opportunity for our team at Hurley to enjoy a stand-up-paddleboard experience that we will never forget ... The stunning Napa River shared her beauty around every meandering turn while serving up a fun adventure for the whole crew. Overall, the event was an epic bonding experience for our team in a unique setting.”

**Benjamin Edwards**

VP Global Outreach  
Hurley International