



River Cleanup Group Information

The City of Ann Arbor and the Argo and Gallup Canoe Liveries are committed to a healthy Huron River ecosystem. The river and its publicly-owned shoreline and riparian areas create a blue and green corridor across the city that attract river enthusiasts and nature lovers. GIVE 365 coordinates the city's volunteer cleanup efforts on the river through a grant from the DEQ in partnership with the Huron River Watershed Council.

The City of Ann Arbor Canoe Livery is the largest livery in the State with 100,000 people annually paddling boats from city liveries. This section of the Huron has also become popular with people tubing the river, especially the Argo Cascades. With the increase in river recreation and being located in a busy urban environment, there is a constant need for on-going cleanup efforts.

Thank you for wanting to volunteer!



There are two type of GIVE 365 River Clean Up trips. Please see the following page for scheduling guidelines.

1. Argo to Gallup River Trip (3.7 miles) *

We estimate the group to plan for *three* hours to volunteer for a river clean up trip. Contributing factors:

- *how fast the river is flowing*
- *how quickly you paddle*
- *amount of litter*
- *Shuttle timing/availability to get you back to where you started-once everyone has finished at Gallup. Shuttle runs about every 30 minutes.*

***Meeting point determined by time of year and livery operation.**

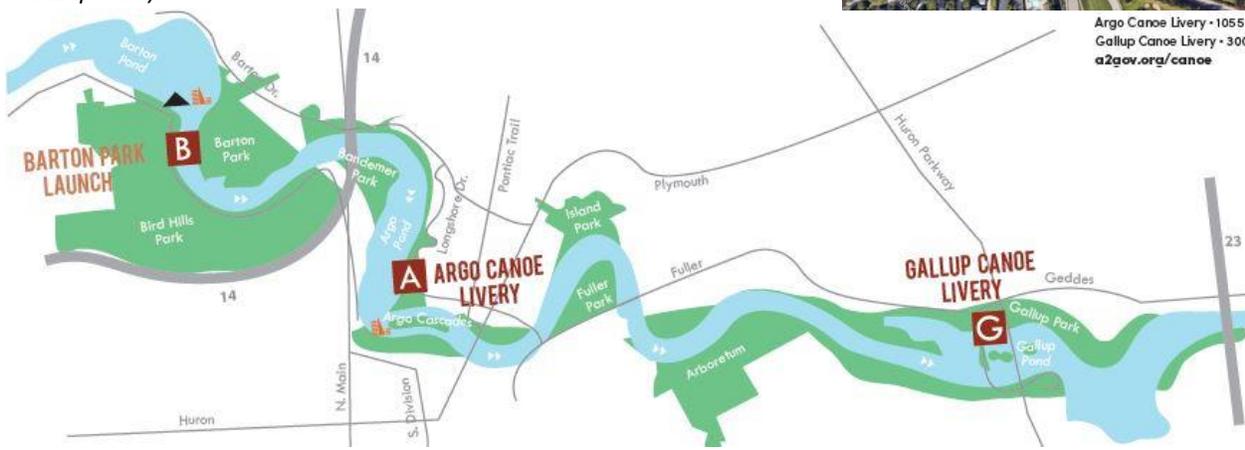
2. Huron River- Gallup Pond

We estimate it takes about **1.5 hours** to complete

- *Start and end at same location*
- *Accumulation of all down stream trash along the banks, focusing on perimeter and around the islands (Area between wooden bridges in Gallup Park).*



Argo Canoe Livery • 1055
Gallup Canoe Livery • 30C
a2gov.org/canoe



Group size

Maximum 10 canoes and 20 people (2 people/canoe). If there are more than 20 people in your group, you may consider whether a third person can fit in a canoe or whether you would want to pay \$20/boat for additional boats.

Scheduling Availability

Argo to Gallup River (3.7 miles, allow at least 3 hours)

- **Weekdays:**
 - **Summer: (June-August)** Meet at Argo Livery, 1055 Longshore Drive. Must start between 9am-4pm. Group will paddle to Gallup Livery and be shuttled back to Argo.
 - **Spring & Fall: (Before Memorial Day Weekend and after Labor Day)** Meet at Gallup Livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. Must start between 10am-4pm. Group will be shuttled to Argo Livery to begin and paddle down to Gallup.
- **Weekends:**
 - **Summer: (June-August)** No weekend trips available.
 - **Spring & Fall: (Before Memorial Day and after Labor Day)** Meet at Argo Livery, 1055 Longshore Drive, and must start between 10am-4pm. No more than 20 volunteers.

Gallup Pond (1-1.5 hours)

- **Weekdays:**
 - **Summer:** Meet at Gallup Livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. Must start between 9am-6pm.
 - **Spring & Fall:** Meet at Gallup Livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. Must start between 10am-5pm.
- **Weekends:**
 - **Summer:** No weekend trips available.
 - **Spring & Fall:** Meet at Gallup Livery, 3000 Fuller Rd. Must start between 10am-5pm.

Boat & Paddling information

Canoes are recommended as two volunteers can sit comfortably and collect the most litter, especially larger items. Depending on weight limits, a third volunteer may be able to sit in the middle of the boat if needed.

- Canoes do not go through the Argo cascades. Volunteers enter the canoes at the base of the cascades.
- 10 canoes are allotted for each river clean up and covered by a grant through Michigan DEQ.
- Double kayaks are only available if the river is too low to support weights of canoe *and* there are experienced paddlers volunteering.

Weather and River Considerations

- Forecasts of thunderstorms, heavy rain or other severe weather warnings will require a cancel/reschedule.
- High river flow can make a river clean up unsafe. No cleans up if river flow is >600 cfs.
- If river flow is too low or too high, your pre-scheduled river trip can be cancelled or will have alternate options (ie, kayaks only for low water conditions or pond area clean up only). GIVE365 will confirm with livery staff the day prior to event and evaluate conditions the day of.

Safety Lifejackets must be worn at all times. Be aware of heat, hydration and weather conditions/precautions.

Parking: Whenever possible, please carpool, bike, walk, or bus due to limited parking at both Argo and Gallup.

What do I bring?

GIVE365 & Gallup Livery will provide all materials needed included boats, lifejackets, oars, trash pickers and bags. Each volunteer is required to complete the GIVE 365 volunteer waiver *and* the Gallup Livery waiver. We do recommend bringing water and sun protection (sunscreen/hat/sunglasses). Consider waterproof protection for phone.

Meeting Point

Be advised the meeting point can be a source of confusion as it changes according to the specific trip & time of year. Not being at the same meeting site as our staff will result in considerable delays or require a reschedule. This will be established and communicated at the time of booking your river clean up event. Please double check!