

Peace River Brigade Route Plan - July 2022

Day	Date	Purpose	Location	Access Highway	Section Distance	Daily Distance	Trip Distance	Comments
Day 0	Friday, July 22	Registration & Camp	Cotillion Park	49/681/Rg Rd 120	0	0	0	Sign in for Brigade. Park located on south side of river west of Spirit River. Park has good pullout at Sneddon Creek outflow. Road access all paved except for final 4 kms down to river. One shower for each sex but well maintained. Excellent kitchen facility. New outhouses installed. There are some individual powered sites if teams want to book them separately. Light supper provided by the Brigade; 6:00 pm and/or as people come to check in. Captains Meeting at 8:00 pm. Short hike to great waterfall. Consider visiting the Rolla Pub in BC.
Day 1	Saturday, July 23		Cotillion Park		0	0	0	Leave Cotillion Park by 9:00 am. Drive to Blackfoot / Clayhurst bridge (1 hr.) to arrive by 10:00 am. Blackfoot Park located at site of original Clayhurst Ferry. Put in boats.
		Put in	Blackfoot Regional Park Clayhurst Bridge	Rg Rd 120/681/49/ Rolla Rd (203)	0	0	0	Smudge Ceremony to open the brigade. Start paddling by 12:00. Video drone photography by Saddle Hills. Paddle from Blackfoot Regional Park to Cotillion Park.
		Day 1 Pull out/Camping	Cotillion Park	Rolla Rd 203/49/681 Rg Rd 120	26	26	26	Supper being provided by the Cotillion Butte Recreation Assoc. Second night of camping at Cotillion Park.
Day 2	Sunday, July 24	Put In	Cotillion Park		0	0	26	Paddle from Cotillion Park to Many Islands Park on North side of river. Shuttle long 2 hours 15 minutes east via Dunvegan. Same amount of time to go west via Blackfoot Regional Park.
		Day 2 Pull out/ Camping	Many Islands Campground	Rg Rd 120/681/49/ 2/64 /Rg Rd 80	41	41	67	Pull out on river left at Many Islands Campground. Excellent group camping area with shelter. Good gravel road access off Hwy 64. Good pullout at boat launch. Well maintained facility. Supper provided by Many Islands at 6:00pm.
Day 3	Monday, July 25	Put In	Many Islands Campground		0	0	67	Start day at Many Islands - short run to Carters Camp Campground
		Pull out	Pratt's Landing	Rg Rd 65/Twp Rd 834/729/682/Rg Rd 64	41	41	108	Pull out on river left, access campground off intersection of highway 729 and 682, 32 kms west of Fairview. Leave canoes there and drive to Dunvegan. Road accessed down to river a mixture of gravel and clay. If wet, road may be difficult to drive up on with two wheel drive. Good canoe access. Ground crew to stay and guard canoes overnight.
		Day 3 Camping	Dunvegan Provincial Park Maples Day Use Area	Rg Rd 64 /682/64/2				Stay in Maples Day Use Area adjacent to Historic Dunvegan for two nights. Beautiful facility, shelter, new washrooms, camping in field adjacent to day use. Best pullout right below Dunvegan Bridge, river left. Water available at adjacent Dunvegan Provincial Park campground.
Day 4	Tuesday, July 26	Put In	Pratts Landing	2/64/682/Rg Rd 64	0	0	108	Drive from Dunvegan back to Pratt's Landing and start day there for paddle to Dunvegan Provincial Park.
		Day 4 Pull out/Camping	Dunvegan Provincial Park	Rg Rd 64/682/64/2	28	28	136	Pull out river left. Pull out upstream of Dunvegan to put on regalia. Official landing ceremony at Dunvegan at 2:30. Tour Historic Dunvegan with interpretive guides at 3:30. Supper hosted by M.D. of Fairview, starting at 6:00pm
Day 5	Wednesday, July 27	Put In	Dunvegan Provincial Park	2	0	0	136	Start longest day at Dunvegan Provincial Park. Early start on the water at 7:00am. One crew with many youth skipped this day.
		possible crew change	Water Pump Station	2	13	13	149	Short run from Dunvegan to water pump station on river left. Off hwy 2 south on range road 35 and west on twp rd 800A. Crew change location not used.
		possible crew change	Elk Island Park	2	28	41	177	River left. Off hwy 2 south on rg rd 11 and east on twp rd 802A. Road in poor condition. Walk through rough and wet terrain would be required. Crew change location not used.
		Crew Change	Kieyho Park	Hwy 49, 739	6	47	183	River right. Road conditions are rough especially down to river. High clearance vehicles required.
		Day 5 Pull Out/Camping	Shaftesbury Ferry Tangent Park	740	29	76	212	Pull out river right, past Ferry. Camp at Tangent Park, Group Site R near river. Supper by brigade with financial support from Birch Hills County.
Day 6	Thursday, July 28	Put In	Shaftesbury Ferry & Tangent Park	740	0	0	212	Start paddle by 9:30 from Tangent Park to Town of Peace River.
		Crew Change	Strong Creek Park	684	13	13	225	Lunch event hosted by M.D. of Peace, starting at 12:00pm. Landing Ceremony practise
		Day 6 / End of Brigade	Town of Peace River Riverfront Park	Hwy 2 100 Ave.	12	25	237	Pullnear Pat's Creek on river right at start of Riverfront Park in Peace River. Good pullout. Landing ceremony for completion of brigade at 2:30. Park gazebo has been booked. Light snack provided by the Brigade. Tour of Peace River Museum is highly recommended. This nights accommodations are NOT included in the brigade.

There is limited cell service in the Peace area and especially on the river with adjacent large banks. Brigade includes unpowered group camping. Some campgrounds may offer individual powered sites.

Estimate 10 km per hour paddling speed including short breaks, depending on river flow speed. Actual speed on river was close to 10 km per hour plus breaks. River flow varied during brigade.