



CHECKLIST

(not comprehensive)

- ☐ Life jacket ON
- ☐ Paddling partner(s)
- ☐ Waterproof bag with snacks and extra clothing
- ☐ Plenty of fluids to stay hydrated
- ☐ Sunscreen and a hat
- ☐ 1st aid kit and flashlight

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GET OUT AND PADDLE SAFELY

Arizona Game and Fish
Boating Safety Education



LAUNCHING



Have your gear all ready before making use of the boat ramp.



Minimize the amount of time you tie up the ramp area.



Consider using the shoreline to launch rather than the boat ramp.



Leave details on where and when you are paddling with a friend.

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Use 3 points of contact when getting into or out of your kayak.

MINIMIZING THE RISK

Always wear your life jacket!

Don't paddle alone!

Make sure someone knows your paddle plans!

PLANNING

Gather intel before you go:

- Where can you launch?
- What's the access like?
- Do you have to hike in or can you drive up to the water?
- Are there restrictions or closures?
- Is the water level going to be a problem?
- What will the weather be like?

KEEPING IT LEGAL

1. Lights are required if paddling after sunset-even if the moon is out. The lights keep powerboats from running over you in the dark.
2. Paddling under the influence of alcohol or drugs can result in hefty fines and handcuffs.
3. Registration is a must if any kind of motor is attached to your paddlecraft.

NATURAL HAZARDS

- Wind can be a large factor
- Unsafe water levels-too high or too low
- Dress for the water temp, not the air temp
- Storms can occur suddenly, pay attention

POWERBOAT HAZARDS

- Know navigation rules and follow them
- Avoid high traffic areas
- Keep a proper lookout
- Share the waterways

