

The Marathon

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What does it mean to race in the AuSable River Canoe Marathon??

Here's a way for you to get a feel for it. First, _____ Verb - Base Form _____ 300 yards with a partner carrying a 30-pound _____ Noun _____ on your _____ Part of Body _____. Trip and you fall face-first onto a _____ Adjective _____ street. Now, _____ Verb - Base Form _____ into a _____ Adjective _____ river in front of _____ Number _____,000 screaming fans and climb into your _____ Adjective _____ canoe as fast as you can. You'll need to avoid the _____ Number _____ other canoes and _____ Higher Number _____ other paddlers in a narrow stretch of the river.

For the next _____ Number _____ to _____ Higher Number _____ hours, paddle an average of _____ Number _____ to _____ Higher Number _____ strokes a minute. Maneuver around _____ Noun - Plural _____, _____ Noun - Plural _____, _____ Noun - Plural _____ and other canoers in a _____ Adjective _____, _____ Adjective _____ river. Did we mention you're racing this natural obstacle course in the dark??

Need a break? Okay. For the next _____ Number _____ to _____ Higher Number _____ hours, we'll give you six breaks. You can _____ Verb - Base Form _____ out of the canoe, climb up cement _____ Noun - Plural _____ and 40-foot _____ Noun - Plural _____ and _____ Verb - Base Form _____ down 60-foot _____ Adjective _____ slopes on six portages. Don't forget to keep up the average stroke rate of _____ Number _____ per minute between portages.

Want

some more fun? Deal with temperatures as low as _____ Number _____ degrees with _____ Noun - Plural _____ in the air.

Or how about _____ Higher Number _____ degrees with _____ Adjective _____ humidity to greet you as you try to finish 120

miles of nearly nonstop paddling? _____ Adjective _____ rainstorms may be a factor. The _____ Type of Weather _____

usually is. It can blow _____ Adjective _____ Noun - Plural _____ at you as you try to cross large ponds. A

_____ Adjective _____ Noun _____ in your _____ Part of Body _____ can sap any remaining strength you have.

Not difficult enough? Throw in some _____ Adjective _____ fog during the night and early morning on a river with

_____ Adjective _____ logs and backwaters you can become lost on even in the daylight.

If paddling doesn't appeal to you, perhaps you'll want to follow the race as a spectator. For the most

_____ Adjective _____ fans, that means _____ Verb - Present ends in ING _____ more than _____ Number _____ miles, possibly

_____ Verb - Present ends in ING _____ in rain or 90-degree heat and _____ Verb - Present ends in ING _____ up all night.

If you're getting a sense of the difficulty of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, perhaps you can begin to

understand that this is exactly why it is alluring to many canoe racers and fans.