

The Marathon

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3. Part Of Body _____
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29. Noun - Plural
30. Higher Number
31. Adjective
32. Adjective
33. Type Of Weather
34. Adjective
35. Noun - Plural
36. Adjective
37. Noun
38. Part Of Body
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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.