You assume responsibility for your safety while on the lake at all times. Keep international borders in mind. Freighters and large watercraft share the lake with paddlers and they move much quicker than expected. High wakes trailing behind fast-moving, motorized watercraft are dangerous, and collisions can be deadly. Weather conditions on the lake can be unpredictable and can turn dangerous quickly. Always be prepared with an outboard engine ready to start and a personal floatation device (PFD) in case of emergency.
**Lake St. Clair Water Trail**

**Clinton River Water Trail**

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### Safety Tips

**Alcohol & Paddling**
- Never paddle alone.
- Always paddle with at least one other person and do not paddle in high winds.

**Approach & Paddling**
- Be aware of the water temperature. Cold water is extremely dangerous. Always wear a life jacket, wetsuit or dry suit, and have a plan B to linger in cold water. You may have a shorter paddling season than you think.
- Be aware of the stream flow. Check the current stream flow report before you embark. Make sure your comfort level, skill level, and experience match or exceed the stream flow.
- Be aware of the depth and bottom contour of the water trail. Always paddle with at least one other person.
- Be aware of the weather. Conditions can change rapidly. Be aware of forecasts and don’t get too far from the shore or into unstable weather without a minimal weather plan.
- Be aware of the weather forecast for the day and night. Be prepared for any eventuality. Keep your paddling window to a minimum, if possible.

**The Kayak**
- Know how to swim.
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