Frequently Asked Questions

What is the best way to contact AKT?
- E-Mail (year round)
  info@AtlanticKayakTours.com
- Main Office (year round)
  Phone: (845) 246-2187
- Norrie Point Paddlesport Center (in season when open)
  Phone: (845) 889-8461

How do I get started in kayaking?
Start with one of our Short Tours from Norrie or Saugerties. After that, try a full day beginner tour or instructional program.

How do I sign up for a program?
Use our online reservation system on our website, in person at Norrie or email, info@AtlanticKayakTours.com. Detailed information about the program will be sent upon registration.

Can I use my own boat?
Yes. Your boat must have bow and stern flotation and be a minimum of 14’ long for beginner programs.

Can I bring my kids?
Some programs are only suitable for ages 16 and above. Private programs are suitable for kids of all ages. Norrie Short Tours allow for younger paddlers (see the program description).

If my question isn’t answered here, where else can I look?
Check the Getting Started page on AtlanticKayakTours.com.

Do I have to sign a release form?
A liability release form must be signed by each person or their guardian. Kayaking is a high risk activity and you must be willing to assume responsibility for your participation.

Private Programs
Call us to arrange a custom program for your school, club, private or corporate group. We will work with you to set up a program that meets your scheduling needs and interests at special program prices for any size group.

AKT’s mission is to promote the safe enjoyment of paddlesports

Atlantic Kayak Tours is dedicated to expanding opportunities for paddlers of all abilities through equal access to our programs, adaptive training, and the enthusiastic support of our staff and all who paddle with us.

“Over the years, many new paddlers were introduced to kayaking through our tours, instructional programs and skill sessions. While our focus is currently making the Norrie Paddlesport Center a top source for education and information for both seasoned and new paddlers, we are still offering your favorite tours and the same high level of instruction that we have provided in the past, along with some new programs. So visit our website, for our current offerings, and come paddle with us. We look forward to giving you an unforgettable experience!”

Janice and Bill Lozano
Owners, Atlantic Kayak Tours

Have a smartphone?
www.AtlanticKayakTours.com
Scan the QR code for the website.
No one ever forgets a kayak trip!

The most experienced kayak company in the tri-state area. Established in 1984. In addition to our Norrie Point Paddlesport Center, we offer dozens of different tours, plus instructional programs. Below is a sample of our programs.

Our 100 boat fleet is made up of high quality fiberglass and plastic kayaks. We paddle along the Hudson River from NY City to the Albany area, and locations from NJ to Cape Cod.

Tours and Instructional Programs

We offer many different tours for the beginner, intermediate and advanced paddler. With an emphasis on fun and safety, our tours range from a leisurely scenic paddle to challenging ones in exposed areas. Instructional programs range from first-time lessons to advanced paddling in open water and surf.

What makes us even more special is the talent and friendliness of our staff, who continually participate in skill and leadership training programs.

Instructional Programs

- **Kayak Fundamentals**
  
  This half day course is appropriate for kayakers seeking to gain confidence in basic technique. How to paddle efficiently and effectively, and how to handle a rescue.

- **Core Techniques**
  
  This is the course for people with some kayaking experience who want to get the most from themselves and their kayaks by learning core kayaking skills.

- **Coastal Paddling**
  
  This 2 day course focuses on skills needed to paddle and lead on open water where you encounter conditions created by the tides, currents and winds.

- **Additional Locations**
  
  We offer programs from the Saugerties area, as well as programs from many other locations. These will include both full day programs and evening programs.

- **SUNSET PROGRAM**
  
  We have a few different possibilities for this trip. What we do will be dependent on the currents, wind and the group. Whatever we decide to do, this is a nice part of the Hudson to paddle and a great way to end the day.

- **SAUGERTIES SKILL SESSIONS**
  
  Each session we will cover different skills and brush up on already learned skills. We will paddle some and stop along the way to work on skills. The conditions of the day and the group needs will help determine what we get covered each week. At the same time enjoying the sunset on the Hudson River.

Norrie Point Paddlesport Center

Located at the marina in Norrie State Park, 4 miles north of Hyde Park in Staatsburg, NY. The area’s beautiful shoreline and abundant wildlife make it an ideal location for tours and instructional programs.

Norrie State Park has been called the Jewel of the Hudson.

Spend the weekend at the Norrie State Park campground (cabins available) and paddle both days or hike on the many beautiful trails. You have the opportunity to spot: osprey, great blue heron, green heron, snowy egret, wild turkey, snow geese, red-tailed hawks, kingfishers, deer, and bald eagle. Rhinebeck is 8 miles north of Norrie State Park, and offers many fine restaurants for dining after the trip.

We don’t offer rentals but the Norrie Short Tour is a great option to get out on the river.

- **NORRIE SHORT TOUR**
  
  For those wanting to experience kayaking without a full day commitment, we offer short guided tours. Depending on the conditions of the day, exploring Black Creek, Esopus Island and Mills Mansion are all possibilities.

- **NORRIE DAY TOUR**
  
  Two Norrie Day Tours; one north and other south. The north trip paddles past the Esopus Lighthouse and has lunch at Mills Mansion. The south trip paddles to Vanderbilt Mansion for lunch. Both trips paddle to Esopus Island, offers us a beautiful view of this island on our trip back to Norrie.