



# SOGGY BOTTOM KAYAKERS

## Calderwood Paddle, Lunch at Tapoco Lodge

**Thursday, July 22, 2021**

**Meet at Sloan's Hardware, depart 8am**

**Length:** 6 Miles

**Type:** Out/Back

**Rated:** Moderate



The Calderwood Paddle is an easy 5 miles out and back paddle with lunch at the Tapoco Lodge after the paddle. We will meet at Sloan's Hardware Store (Tellico Village) at 7:50 AM and leave by 8:00 AM. We will be driving the Tail of the Dragon (Highway 129) passed Deals Gap, below the Cheowah Dam, and turning right onto River Road before crossing the bridge. Our launch site will be the Magazine Branch Boat Ramp on River Road. This is a very scenic river setting in the mountains with much cooler water and greater opportunities to see eagles, river otters and beavers. There is an old train tunnel and if the water isn't too high we will be able to paddle through it. After our paddle, we will reload our kayaks and head to Tapoco Lodge for lunch.

### **Directions to Magazine Branch Boat Ramp on Lake Calderwood**

After leaving Sloan's take a left on 444, then a left on 72 to Vonore. At the light take a left onto US-411. In 5 miles take a right onto East 72 to Hwy 129. At the intersection of 72 and Hwy 129 take a right and stay on Hwy 129 (Tail of the Dragon) into North Carolina. After passing Deals Gap and staying on Hwy 129, in 2 and 3/4 miles take a right onto River Road before crossing the bridge. Note: We will try and regroup on Highway 72 and 129 before heading up the Dragon.

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