

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **WHAT DO I WEAR?**

It is best to be prepared for the elements. Dress in layers you can always stow them inside or on the back of the kayak

## **WHAT SHOULD I BRING?**

Check out our Recommended Equipment List

## **WILL I GET WET?**

Yes, your feet are likely to get wet when launching into the water. A small amount of water may accumulate inside your kayak and your paddles and people paddling around you are likely to splash you as well.

## **DO I NEED EXPERIENCE?**

You don't need any experience to get started kayaking, and you can easily pick it up. It is important you know how to swim or wear a life jacket if you can't swim. The river bank or another kayak is usually not that far away.

## **DO I NEED TO BE IN SHAPE?**

Kayaking is a sport and does involve exercise. Nevertheless, the more you kayak, you are sure to get into better shape, which will lead to longer sessions on the water. The Skagit River in the summer moves pretty slow and the current will take you to your destination, however some paddling will be required to maneuver

## **WILL I CAPSIZE A LOT?**

It is infrequent that kayaks capsize, and when it does, it is often due to people acting inappropriately or a sudden or uneven distribution of weight. Some kayaks will have a maximum weight limit as excess weight can lead the kayak to capsize.

## **IS IT SAFE FOR CHILDREN?**

Kayaking is definitely safe for children, and with our two-person sit on top kayaks for sale, you can easily keep an eye on them. We advise that children go kayaking when they are of an age where they can understand and follow instructions.

## **WHAT IF THE WEATHER IS BAD?**

Kayaking can be an all-weather activity. Though best enjoyed on warm days in summer, you can still enjoy getting out on the water when it is cold, overcast or raining. Nevertheless, don't go out kayaking when conditions are too dangerous such as when high river levels, high winds or heavy rain are present.

