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Individuals can take advantage of floating in the area on a hot summer's day. Several local businesses offer

tubes, transportation and guided information on the best routes on the river.

River floats can provide hours of fun

Families and individuals looking for great ways to spend a hot summer day do not have to look very far.

On the banks of the Wisconsin River in Eagle River are two tube rental options that will allow adventurers to float the day away on a chauffeured float that is sure to please participants of all ages.

Both Wildwood Outdoor Adventures and Hawk's Nest Outfitters, located just west of downtown Eagle River on Highway 70, offer tube rentals for locals and tourists to partake in.

Wildwood Outdoor Adventures located at 5179 Highway 70 offers trips that last approximately two and a-half to three hours and has approximately 300 tubes in stock to meet the needs of groups of any size.

"This is the perfect activity to create lasting family memories," said Wildwood owner Jason Bach.

Trip reservations are appreciated for staffing, but walk-ins are welcome.

Hawk's Nest Outfitters has been operating river float trips on the Wisconsin River since 1973 and owner Scott Henderson has been operating the business since 2019.

Located at 6141 Highway 70 West, the business shuttles floaters up river to their put-in point. After a two- to three-hour float, they end back at the business location.

"We have several tube varieties, ones with backrests and cupholders, ones that can be tied together, cooler floats. The variety is convenient for a lot of the customers," says Henderson.

All of the river rental tubes are quality-grade PVC vinyl, can hold up to approximately 350 pounds and most have backrests and cupholders for luxury and ease during the trip. A variety of options— open, solid or mesh bottom are available in different colors.

The floats are operated on a route on the Wisconsin River that is very mild with little to no rapids, offering a truly laid-back and

relaxing experience. The designated route allows floaters to keep the tube in a slow current and let nature and gravity do the work by moving them gently down the river.

Rates for area tube trips range from \$20 to \$25 and include tubes, safety equipment and shuttle service to or from the river put-in or takeout points. Safety is important on

the river, and floaters are encouraged to keep the weight on tubes evenly distributed to improve stability. There is no diving allowed from tubes, and utilizing paddles for anything other than paddling is discouraged. Although tubes may be tied together, pets or people should never be tied to the vessel.

Participants may bring snacks and beverages with them on the trips, cooler floats are available to utilize during the trip. There can be no glass on the river, only non-breakable containers.

For local river trip availability and times, visit wildwoodoutdooradventures.com or hawksnestoutfitters.com.

Two performances slated for upcoming Music in the Park

Buckwild will perform Sunday, July 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Koller Park in Manitowish Waters as part of the Music in the Park series.

The series will take place every Sunday until September 10, with some special additions on other days.

Strum 'n Drummer will perform Saturday, July 15, from 7 to 10 p.m. as one of these additions.

Visitors can arrive in cars, boats, or any other mean of transportation. Dock space is limited, but anchoring to listen on the water is allowed.

Seating is not provided, attendees are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, food and beverages.

The event is open to the public, free of charge. For more information visit mwmusicinthepark.com.