

ROCKTOWN ADVENTURES PROVIDES YEAR ROUND FUN!

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Rocktown Adventures has been providing year round fun since opening in March of 2014. Located at 107 Spruce Street in Aurora (630/506-5706) across from the main Hollywood Casino entrance on the Fox River, the company helps you gear up and head to waterways and trails in the Fox Valley area. Store Manager Jake Wolfe and the staff are on hand to answer all your questions.

With the winter season about to start, it's time to set your sights on snowy adventures. There are an abundance of trails in the area. Rocktown Adventures carries a large selection of winter apparel and a full selection of gear and equipment for purchase or rent so that you can enjoy being outdoors. Nordic Ski Packages and Snowshoe rentals are available for 2 or 4 hours, or a full or multi day outing. Kids' rentals are available at half price for those 12 and under, making a family outing more affordable.



Experienced instructors know where to go for the best adventures and offer instruction and guided trips (both local and out of state). Tuition for the two hour Nordic Skiing and Snowshoeing Classes includes equipment. Ask about the free Trail Knowledge class designed for those not familiar with what is available in our area.

Summer weekend trips launch from either New York Street in Aurora adjacent to the store (for beginners) or North Aurora, near Harner's Restaurant on the Bridge, for 1-2 hour trips; or in Batavia from the Glenwood Forest Preserve for a four hour trip. Transportation by shuttle is available to North Aurora or Batavia. Paddleboat season is typically from May 1st through October 31st, or later if warm weather persists.

Rocktown carries paddle and hiking apparel and a complete selection of gear and equipment for purchase or rent. Rentals of Single Kayaks, SUP's, Tandems (two person kayak), Canoes and Fishing Kayaks are available for 2 hours, half, full or multi days with the same discount for youth age 12 and under. Lessons include Intro to Kayak for novices, Kayak Balance, Bracing and Stroke Refinement for intermediates, Kayak Safety & Rescue, Fishing Kayak Paddling and Safety, Intro to Standup Paddleboard and Stand Up Paddleboard YOGA. A discount is applied to those who have their own equipment. Private and semi-private lessons are available with all instructors certified by the American Canoe Association.

Rocktown offers summer memberships which include half off rentals, 20% off guided trips and shuttles, 10% off private lessons and 5% off selected hard goods.

Clothing available in the store features branded Rocktown items and other active outdoor merchandise by Sims, Outdoor Research and NRS, plus Day & Back Packs, Hats, Wet Shoes, Hiking Socks and Gloves. Gear for sale includes not only Cross Country Skis, Canoes, Paddleboards and Kayaks but also Yakima Rooftop Racks with free installation. Also available is the rental of camping equipment, tents, and sleeping bags plus the sale of Disc Golf equipment.

All types of groups enjoy Team Building events. Competing in the fresh outdoor air has been shown to have a positive effect on morale, reduce workplace stress and develop memorable experiences for everyone.

Summer store hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 AM to 8 PM, Saturday, 10 AM to 6 PM and Sunday, 11 AM to 5 PM. During Winter months, the store is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, open Wednesday through Friday, 10 AM to 8 PM (closing subject to change) and the same as summer on Saturdays & Sundays.