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Quote:

If you have no intention of using it on moving water I would highly recommend a float tube. Doesn't pack any smaller for transport or get any lighter to carry into (should you need to) a lake or pond. You can get them big. I have Bucks Bag "giant". Also have a regular sized one but I like the extra room. The kayak is nice but its a pain to transport without a roof rack. It covers water a lot faster but I am actually more comfortable, more secure and feel safer in the tube. You'll need a PFD anyway for either one. Just my 2 cents.

Can't do a float tube. First, and most shallow, is that I think its just too weird for me. Second, and unsubstantiable, is that I find them weird; I don't like the idea of just sort of hanging in the water like that.

I honestly do not think I'd feel safer in it, regardless of the reality of that situation. Its just something weird to me, yeah, I know, I have issues.

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Kayak here. Use it on rivers, it is not the best. Anchoring a Kayak in moving water is not the safest. I wear a PFD. It is comfy, fun, but for moving waters, a pontoon craft is the correct vehicle. Lakes, ponds, canoes and kayaks are great. Tell us more about what you want to do. I have a native ultimate, 14. Good for 2 people, so a large framed person should not be a problem.

The Native Ultimate was on the list, but I've since moved it off in favour of the Cobra Dive 'n Fish or the Malibu X-Factor.

I want to be able to hit smaller lakes and ponds. Once took a kayak trip down the Lehigh with a friend, and I can even imagine working the banks while the current moves me.

I'd originally been planning on a pontoon, not unlike your Fishcat, but someone had mentioned that you were

pretty much at the mercy of the wind. I'd never really given serious thought to a kayak til I looked at a Tarpon 120, and the idea really set in.

Transportation isn't an issue, I've already got rack systems for both cars. The thing that appeals most about a 'yak is that the bigger SOTs can carry upto 600#, have a 38" beam, and can move into the thinnest water. Further, you can add outriggers for extra support (I'll probably make my own), a trolling motor, and the ability to go from the surf (haha) to the bays, rivers, creeks and ponds.

Everyone tells me canoes are unstable, and best for several people and lots of gear. My plans are only hours at a time, not camping out of it.

Oh, ninja edit: Even when I reach my goal weight, I'll still be 250+#. Most of the 'toons seem to top out at around 350-400, and while I don't know how heavy a trolling motor and batteries are, I imagine that's another 50#. So there's 300#. Add in some gear, a lunch, and things like wet clothes, figure that's another 25-30#. That's getting awfully close to that 400# max capacity.