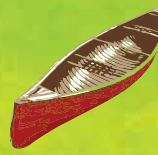


Boat Notes: Canoes



There are many sizes, shapes and styles of canoes.

Where do you start? The type of paddling you enjoy will determine the shape and size of the canoe. Canoes also have many parts. Let's straighten it out.

- * **FLAT BOTTOM:** Stable if weight is centered, good for flat water.
- * **ROUND BOTTOM:** Won't tip easily, easy to turn, good for whitewater.
- * **VEE BOTTOM:** Less stable, turns harder, good for flat water.



Flat bottom

Round bottom

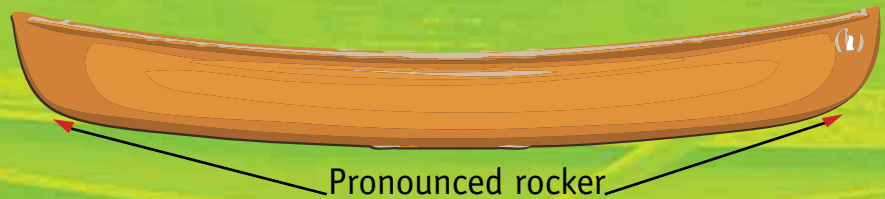
Vee bottom

Rocker is the curve of the boat bottom.

- * **MILD ROCKER:** Travels straight in flatwater.
- * **PRONOUNCED ROCKER:** Turns quick in whitewater.

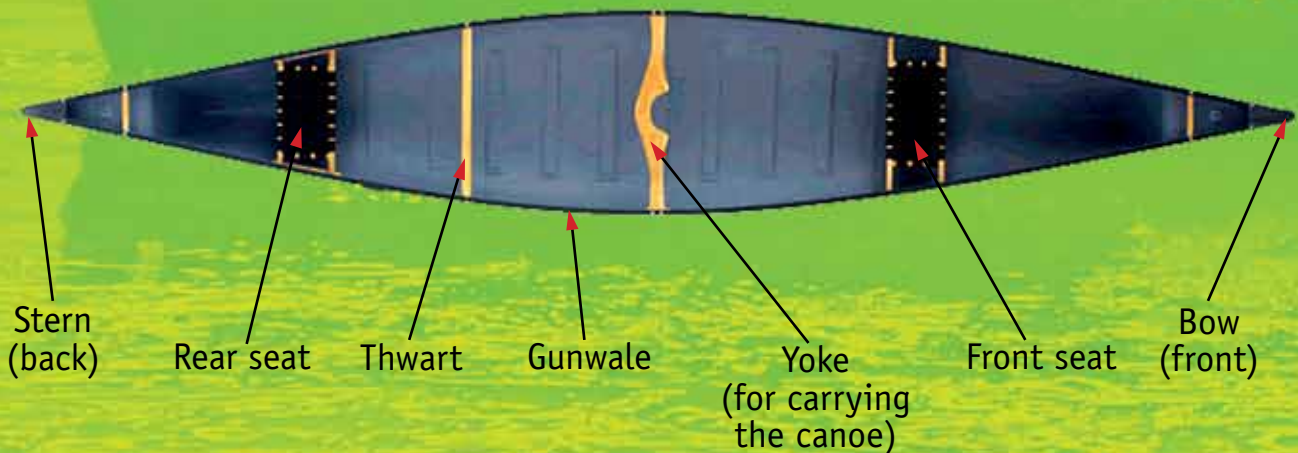


Mild rocker



Pronounced rocker

Parts of the canoe.



Stern (back)

Rear seat

Thwart

Gunwale

Yoke (for carrying the canoe)

Front seat

Bow (front)