



CAN YOU CANOE?

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Meet my friends, The Okee Dokee Brothers!

Their real names are Joe and Justin. They're not really brothers, but they've known each other since they were three years old! They grew up together in Denver, Colorado, and were always exploring the outdoors. Whether it was rafting down the neighborhood creek, taking long bike rides into the country, or discovering hiking trails through the Rocky Mountains, they loved taking adventures. Now, as The Okee Dokee Brothers, they share their love of the outdoors through the music they make.



Their adventures on the Mississippi River

Their first adventure album, *Can You Canoe?*, was written on a 30-day canoe trip down the Mississippi River, during which time they camped along the river and wrote songs. Even though it's made of water, the Mississippi often functions like a highway! Large boats, known as barges, transport goods from destination to destination. And since so many other rivers flow into the Mississippi (these are called tributaries), the barges can travel a very long distance. The Mississippi River is the 4th longest river in the world. It's 2552 miles long! The River runs through, or borders, ten states: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Canoeing the Upper Mississippi meant they traveled through Minnesota, along Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri.

Watch their movie: *Can You Canoe?* [here](#)



"Canoeing is quite a workout! Not only are you using paddles to propel the canoe forward in the water, but the paddles also steer the craft left and right. That can be trickier than it sounds when the river's current is strong. We kept all of our gear in the canoes, too, so everything was packed in waterproof bags just in case we tipped." - The Okee Dokee Brothers

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