

The Paddling News



Trumbull Canoe Trails

June 2009

Our President's Message

Hi Everybody!

The year has started out good with lots of new faces and good, fun paddlers. Now is the time of year for all long time members to get out on a run too. Warm air and warming water, catching up with old friends and making new ones, seems a good way to spend a June day.

Now maybe I haven't been paying attention the last few years, but, there are more canoe and kayak "events" than I remember in years past. In April and May there were recreational canoe and yak races, and a demo day. In June there are a couple of fun "events" also. The Solo Canoe Rendezvous will be held June 12, 13, 14, at Cooper's Lake Campground near Butler Pa. Over three days they will have workshops on canoe design, canoe construction, efficient paddling, and paddle making. The Wooden Canoe Heritage Association will have a display. Boat demos, day trips, dead fish polo games, dinners, night time entertainment and more. All paddlers are welcome. Sounds like fun!!

The other is the Rivers Of Oil Tour. Put on by the Friends of Drake Well. It is a series of 3 overnight camps on the Allegheny, June 10-11, June 18-19, and July 26-28, and will cover the river from Buckaloons to Parker over that period. Your entry fee will include Transportation, Limited Edition Rivers of Oil guide book, and (the best part) catered dinner and breakfast on each trip! Before highways and railroads there was only one way to ship the oil, the Allegheny!

For more info on these...

Solo Rendezvous at www.wpascr.org

Drake Well Museum at drakewell@verizon.net or www.oarsontheallegheny.com

And remember, if you go to an event or are just out on the water and see other paddlers,

tell them you're with the Trumbull Canoe Trails Club. Canoeing and Kayaking, For The People!!

See you at the June runs.

Ed



French Creek, June 7th, 11am

By Ed Rigby

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Beautiful French Creek is a jewel in Western Pa. One of the 6 most biologically diverse streams in the U.S. is home to 80 species of fish and 26 species of freshwater mussels. We will try to do the section from Utica to Franklin. I say "try" because the water level may be too low. We need a minimum of 2 feet of water at the gauge on French Creek according to Ryan at the local kayak shop. And what if the water level is too low? Do not fear, your trip leader is EAR! We can always do a trip on the Allegheny from Franklin to Fisherman's Cove. Both trips are about the same distance. Both trips will meet at the same place, the boat launch on Elk St. We will have a trip on June 7th. I'll keep an eye on the water gauge and so can you at wiegelonthewater.com and make the choice of the run closer to the date.

Call or e-mail me by Friday June 5th. 330-568-1619 or ear16@aol.com

Directions:

Interstate 80 to exit 29
route 8 north to Franklin
in Franklin, follow route 322 east to Elk St.
turn right on Elk St (well marked, traffic light) follow Elk to the boat launch

Carsons Landing
By Betka Axe

Carsons Landing = Sunday, June 21, 2009:

We will meet at Carson's Landing at 4:00 p.m. for my annual trip there. We will travel up the Mahoning River to the rapids, then turn around and paddle back to the Landing. Hot dogs and potato chips will be there for everyone who comes on the trip. You might also bring a lawn chair to sit and enjoy the sunset after the paddling. This is the longest day of the year and the first day of summer.

Directions:

From the east, take I-680 west to S.R. 534. Go south on S.R. 534 to Ellsworth Road, and turn west or right onto Ellsworth Road. Go about a mile, and the road down to the lake is on the south side of the road. If you get to the bridge, you have gone too far. Another way to get there is via S.R. 224 through Canfield to Ellsworth, then take Ellsworth Road to Carson's Landing, about eight miles from the light in Ellsworth. Go through the light in Ellsworth, and then a right. Call me if you need any more directions. Betka at (330) 788-6257.

Little Beaver Creek Trip Report
By Dustin Beach

It was a beautiful day on Little Beaver Creek with mostly sunny skies. We had twenty paddlers in seventeen kayaks and two canoes. The section we did from Sprucevale to RT 68 Bridge has nice sections of rapids that were fun at the water level the creek was at that day. The gauge at Grimm's bridge reported a height of 5.7ft and a flow of 1600cfs. The trip took around 5 hours with a few stops along the way. We had a few people in the water at times and a tree-assisted roll by one paddler where we had to rescue his pinned kayak. This is a scenic trip and is one of my favorite local trips. I recommend this to anyone who hasn't done this section yet.



Clarion River Trip Report
By Rich & Patty Allen

The wind blew and the rain threatened and it did not deter the three canoes and three kayaks on their trip down the wild and scenic Clarion River.

Thanks to the Micks, Carmen, Jim, and the Griffiths for making the trip. We were able to get off the river and up to camp before a short period of rain and then enjoyed the evening around the fire. Just as a side note we want to say that we missed Ed on the trip but we understand.....

Congratulations to the new Grandma and Grandpa.



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