

PADDLING NEWS

The newsletter for

TRUMBULL CANOE TRAILS INC.

March 2008



Presidents Message,

Ready to go again as the 2008 schedule begins with Tionesta Creek, We have another outstanding schedule for you. Fresh air, sunshine, adventure, exercise, nature and fellowship await you. Life is short, so live it while you can.

Already new members are added, so there are new faces to meet. Check the schedule. Set aside your time to enjoy the club and get out here and have some fun.

*See you on the water,
Alan*



Our Previous run;

By trip leader: Peppy

Peppy would like to thank all those that attended the scheduling meeting at her home on Feb. 24th. Everyone brought such generous treats, pitched in with the cleaning up; moving chairs, and helped with the parking situation.

"It is a group of people I am proud to be a part of, and I got a lot of hugs too".

Also, she has cookie platters that will be returned in due time. Please excuse all the errors, new computer and I still don't know how to work it.

Love Peppy

The 2008 trip schedule and paddling criteria are included in this newsletter.

T.C.T.

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Our next run; Tionesta Creek

By trip leader: Ed Rigby

11 a m, Sat. March 22

Meet at the Lynch Bridge.

It's less than 2 week until our first run of the year on Tionesta Creek but the weather is still so crazy! 60 on Monday, 20's and a foot of snow and ice by the weekend. Shoveling is almost like paddling, isn't it ?

Here's the plan though. **We will meet at the Lynch Bridge about 11a m on the 22nd.** Roadside parking only. We will head up to Sheffield and launch there for the 8 mile trip back to the bridge.

Lord only knows what kind of weather we'll get so be prepared. Wetsuit if you got one. Wool, polypro, and a good rain suit will do too. Neoprene gloves are good to have. A dry bag with a change of cloths is a must no matter what the weather is that day, the water will still be cold. If you don't have one, I'll have extras.

About Tionesta Creek. It's wide and flat. Generally high water will be swift and up to class 1. A fun, moving creek. A few of us will be going up on Friday to do some scouting up to Sheffield and will be staying at a friend's cabin (hunting camp) that night. Won't have running water but will have electric and heat. I'll bring a crock pot of something for Friday night.

Directions: go to our interactive map. This is one of the great features of our website. If you zoom in to Lynch, go to the right and find Watson Farm Rd. The camp is on that road.

Keep an eye on the weather and let me know **by March 20th.** Will cancel only if heavy rain or heavy snow. Let the paddling begin! Ed

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on or before March 20**

**From the T.C.T message board
posted by: Dustin Beach**

Big plans brewing for Trumbull parks

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A second canoe and kayak trail is planned for the eastern part of the county.

By ED RUNYAN

VINDICATOR TRUMBULL STAFF

WARREN — Wintertime and natural attractions will develop at two large northwestern Trumbull County parks, a 23-mile canoe and kayak trail will blossom along the Mahoning River, and new recreational opportunities will spring up in the eastern part of county — if the suggestions from about 20 volunteer parks committee members are adopted.

The volunteers met about four times each in October and November to suggest the best ways to use 932 acres

in 15 locations now owned by the county Metro Parks board or being acquired, most of it purchased in recent years with grants approved in the past four years by the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund.

The meetings were organized by Jonathan Millea, whom the county hired in June to write the county's first parks master plan. Millea, who works for the county planning commission, says he plans to complete the master plan, incorporating the suggestions of the committee members, by March.

The largest park property the county has acquired in recent years is the 270-acre parcel at Girdle and Larson West Roads just north of the village of West Farmington. Committee members think the area could be a popular winter attraction for cross country skiing or hiking or mountain biking in warmer weather.

Millea noted that the land is only about 40 minutes from Cleveland and could draw people from that area. It is on Swine Creek, which also runs through a Geauga County Metro Park just a few miles east of there.

The nearby 100-acre Mesopotamia Township parcel acquired in 2006 would probably be best used as an animal preserve, where visitors could look at wildlife, Millea said.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the parks plan revolves around the many park properties on the Mahoning River

and the opportunity to establish a canoe and kayak trail through the county's southwestern and central quadrant.

Upon completion, the trail would run 23 miles from Foster Park in Newton Township north through Newton Falls, east to a newly acquired property in Braceville Township park near the Ohio Turnpike; to Thomas A. Swift Park in Braceville Township; to Canoe City in Warren Township; to small parks at Woodview Circle and Lynwood Drive Northwest (near Burbank Park), all in Warren Township; then to Packard Park in Warren.

Millea said he already has plans for holding an outing in the spring to identify the locations of all the trees that are blocking the river.

After tree falls are removed, Millea hopes the canoe trail can be opened in stages. For instance, one of the first trails would be the four miles from Swift park to Canoe City, Millea said.

In the interest of finding recreational opportunities for the eastern side of the county, committee members are hopeful a second canoe and kayak trail can be established at the state line just east of Orangeville along Pymatuning Creek. It would run from the state line north toward Kinsman.

Though there are no Metro Parks in the southeastern part of the county, committee members hope the county will continue to explore opportunities

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there, Millea said.
Camping is being suggested for two new parks in Braceville Township — the Thomas A. Swift and Braceville Nature Preserve near the Ohio Turnpike.

Millea said lots of grants are available to improve the parks, but it requires staff time to apply for them. Until funding sources are available, alternative plans are being developed for improving the parks.

For instance, in places where walking trails are being proposed, it may be necessary to build them with limestone or earth at first and pave them later.

Little is planned yet for a 61.5-acre parcel behind the Super Wal-Mart on state Route 5 in Bazetta Township that officials expect to acquire this year. The property is mostly wetlands.

Likewise, little is planned yet for a 4-acre parcel on Four-Mile Run, a creek in Weathersfield Township near the Mahoning County line that the county acquired recently.

Members !
It is time to renew your membership and pay your dues if there is a membership application in this newsletter then you are not yet on the paid list.

Fill out and send in your form so that Judy can send you a receipt.

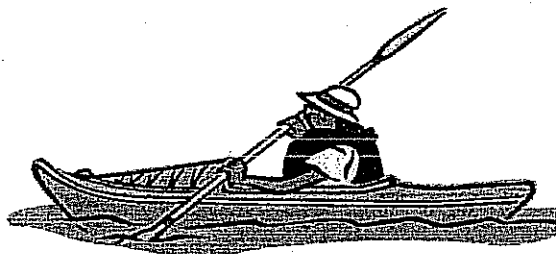
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2008 T. C. T. Trip Schedule

- March 22 -- Tionesta Creek (Pa.) 11 a.m.
- April 6 -- Cuyahoga River (Russell Park- Geauga Co., Ohio) noon
- April 19 -- Grand River (Harpersfield, Ohio)
- May 4 -- Shenango R. (Greenville, Pa) 11 a.m.
- May 24 -- Clarion R. (Pa.) 10 a.m.
- May 25 -- Clarion R. (Pa.) noon
- June 8 -- Mahoning R. (Lake Milton, Oh.- Carson's landing) 11 a.m.
- June 21 -- Mogadore Lake (Brimfield, Oh.) 11 a.m.
- July 13 -- Pymatuning Lake (Andover, Oh -- Club Picnic) 11 a.m.
- July 26 -- Lake Newport (Youngstown ,Oh.) 10 a.m.
- Aug. 15 -- Lake Milton (Point view Park---Moonlight Run) 9 p.m.
- Aug. 16 -- Rain date for Moonlight Run
- Aug. 24 -- Allegheny R. (Emlenton, Pa.) 10. a.m.
- Sept. 7 -- Presque Isle (Erie, Pa.) 11 a.m.
- Sept. 20 -- Allegheny R. (Warren, Pa.) 11 a.m.
- Oct. 4 -- Lake Arthur (Pa.) 11 a.m.
- Oct. 19 -- Pymatuning C. (Orangeville, Oh.) noon (Color Run)
- Nov. 1 -- Mogadore Lake (Brimfield, Oh) 11 a.m. (Frostbite Run)
- Dec. 6 -- Mahoning R. (Canoe City, Leavittsburg, Oh) 11 a.m. (Chili Run)
- Jan. 17 -- Procrastinators X-Mas Party (Frankie's , Hubbard, Oh.) 6 p.m