

# PADDLING NEWS

The newsletter for  
TRUMBULL CANOE TRAILS INC.

May. 2007



## *Presidents Message,*

*Despite cool temps and rising waters, we are off to a good start with our first 3 trips. Sixteen more trips ahead of us. Soon it will be warmer and sunny. Take advantage of the weather while you can.*

*Check our website*

*[www.trumbullcanoetrails.org](http://www.trumbullcanoetrails.org) as*

*new photos are up in the trip log of the Christmas Party and the Grand River trip. Should have more photos of our trips as the season progresses.*

*Seems we are adding new members again, so there are more people to meet, get to know and paddle with.*

*But to do that, you need to be involved. Join us and have some fun.*

*See you on the water,*

*Alan*

## **Our Previous run;**

*Conneaut Creek*

By trip leader: Ed Rigby

Hey everyone, Conneaut creek was so nice. The run attracted 8 adventurous paddlers who, to a person, had never done this run before! No one was disappointed. Water level was good enough to support a tandem canoe with no bottoming, and rough enough in spots to get every one wet .Nice scenery, eagles nest, ice on high sheer cliffs, waterfalls beavers, herons, ducks, geese and fishermen. Mary got some pictures and we hope to get them here soon.

We hit one spot where someone got caught in a dreaded strainer! And another person, trying to avoid that wreck, hit a log and rolled. But being the well prepared group that we are, we were able to handle it .Only one glove was lost, and they were able to get dry clothes back on and continue. Thank goodness for dry bags!!

Six of us stopped at the winery on the way out and had bite and raised a toast to good first run,

Thanks Mary, Tom, Rich, Jim, Faith, Gail and bad Brad from Erie.

**Our Previous run;***Grand River*

By trip leader: Mary Kane

The Grand River run was delayed one week because of cold and snow on the 7th, and the weatherman was calling for pretty much the same on the 14th. The water was running high the night before, about 5 1/2 feet, but we forged ahead and hoped for the best the next day.

The morning of the 14th started with the sun ACTUALLY shining! The river level had dropped to just shy of 5 feet. I got to the Harpersfield bridge shortly after 11 and met with Tom and Rich who'd be sharing a canoe; Jim Bozdog showed with his solo canoe; Bad Brad from Erie with his kayak, me with mine, our fearless leader Allen with his, and Allan's son Brad with his son Evan (@ 6 yrs. old) in a tandem kayak. Judy and Don Moler were there with Vonnie, Joe and Mateja Mrva to bid us Bon Voyage. They headed to the Ferrante Winery to warm up and meet us later. The area where we normally would've put-in had some really big rollers so we moved downstream about 150 feet to where it wasn't so bad. The water was movin! Tom from the livery gave us each a map of the stretch we were going to run and said we could blow through it in an hour or so (it runs 2 1/2 hrs. otherwise). He asked that we make note of any big obstacles we come across and contact his website when we got home to let him know. (No one had run the river yet.) Tom gave us a weird little wave good-bye that looked a lot like the sign of the cross, and off we went to paddle the mighty Grand. The rapids had white caps that hit chest high if you hit them square. It was like skiing moguls -

don't hit the tops of the peaks, do the sides. Well. Moguls don't move . . . water do. I was drenched even though I was dressed right, but we were all having a ball. Jim paddled beside me and started pointing up ahead - Alan was in trouble in a strainer. Jim and I had to paddle hard to get to the shore and we were still pretty far downstream. Alan was 20 feet in standing waist high in water trying to keep his kayak (full of water) from running away. Jim waded out and got the kayak tied off and told me to throw Alan a line so he could come in. NOTE: I did NOT wade in (I was not dressed THAT right) and I thought if I played tug of war with Alan, I'D LOSE. So, I played the "Girl" card and acted all helpless 'til Brad paddled back and was able to help get Alan to shore. I did manage to find an old empty quart of milk to use as a bailer. Good girl, Mary! We all got back on the river to catch up with Rich & Tom and Brad & Evan and told them not to fire the flares, all was well. (We could do nothing about the dozen turkey vultures circling overhead.) We did think we caught a glimpse of a bald eagle in flight, although there was no time to look for the nest. There were plenty of great blue herons all along the river. It turned out to be a beautiful day to run the Grand.

After the run we gathered at the Ferrante Winery with the Mrva's, Molers and friends of mine from Meadville, PA. We all enjoyed a nice meal with some fine wines. Thanks to all for making this a memorable run and a special thanks to our unofficial club "outfitter," Tom Griffith, who again had dry clothes for a soggy paddler. Way to go, Tom!

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### Our Previous run;

#### *Mahoning River*

By trip leader: Alan Adair

The Mahoning River at Foster Park was the destination for April 22. We had a nice turn-out of 15 people in 3 canoes and 8 kayaks. It was a bright, beautiful warm sunny day. Unfortunately, it was also low water and we discovered on the trip that we had new wood down, making a nightmare of portages, some impassable. We turned after awhile and paddled back to put in. Many could not make it and so we enlisted the help of a farmer to load the boats up with his tractor and wagon and haul some back from the river to the highway for loading. What a day!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This section is now impassable and we may have to reschedule the fall trip on this section on another body of water.

### Our next run;

#### *May 12, Tionesta Creek*

By trip leader: Jerry Beighley

Tionesta Creek May 12<sup>th</sup>. The starting time has been **changed from 11:00 AM to 10:00 AM** due to the length of the trip. We will be meeting at the Kelletville Bridge. This will be our take out point.

Length of the trip will depend on the water level at the time. From Sheffield to the Lynch Bridge is 10 miles. From the Lynch Bridge to the Kelletville Bridge it is 15 miles. For anyone wanting to spend the night, we can go from the Kelletville Bridge to the Nebraska Bridge on Sunday.

That trip is 10.6 miles. Pack a lunch for the trip. Cougar Bobs should be open for dinner. This is a very popular stream for trout fishing. If you do any fishing this will be a good place to go.

There are two campgrounds along this part of Tionesta Creek. One at Minister Creek and one at the Kelletville Bridge. Sites are on a first come first served basis. There are plenty of other camp sites along the creek as well. For more information about Tionesta Creek check out the following sites. "Floating the Tionesta Creek" and "Kelletville Bridge". You will find many of pictures and interesting facts about this area.

If you are interested in going please **contact Jerry at 330-369- 9786** leave a message or **Email Beigtree@aol.com** by **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you very much and have a nice day.

### Directions:

From Youngstown take I 80 East to Route 8 at the Barkeyville Exit. From Barkeyville take Route 8 north to Franklin. From Franklin take Route 62 east going through Oil City and Tionesta to Route 666 at East Hickory. Turn Right on 666 go up over the top of the mountain and down the other side. At the bottom, Tionesta creek will be on your right. Watch for the Kelletville Bridge on your right. If you come to Cougar Bobs then you have gone too far. The Kelletville Bridge is behind Cougar Bobs. Travel time from Hubbard is about 2 hrs.

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**Our next run;**

May 20, Cuyahoga River

By trip leader: Vonnie and Joe Mrva

May 20, **Note Time Changed to 1:30 PM**

We will start up river and then come back down, length of time dependant on weather. We will bring hotdogs/ buns and if everyone could bring a dish to share/ their own plates, drinks, silverware and whatever else they desire! We will eat afterwards! Let us know **by May 15<sup>th</sup>**. So we know how much to bring because we are going out of town (camping at cook forest) and will not get any messages after that date. Email or call us!

[vonnie1@gmail.com](mailto:vonnie1@gmail.com) or 216-261-3270

Hope to see you all there!!!

**Directions:**

From Youngstown/Warren take SR 422 west thru Parkman and Welshfield. After you cross the river at the jog in the road go up the hill and turn right at cautions light - Rapids Rd. Russell Park will be on the right a mile or so.

**Our next run;**

May 27, Shenango River

By trip leader: Ed Rigby

Ah, Memorial Day weekend. Unofficial start to the summer. Where we honor our all our soldiers past and present and celebrate by getting out and enjoying the freedoms we have!! Canoeraah!!!

The upper Shenango River at Kidd Mill to Big Bend is one the premier canoe trips in this area. An almost wilderness section

with minimal roads and development along this 10 mile stretch. The Shenango Conservancy has said that the upper part of this river is second only to French Creek in terms of biodiversity of streams in western Pa. Most of them you can't see under the water, but we may see a few swimming or flying by. (If Mary isn't laughing too loud about something). Mostly flat water with a few swift sections. Maneuvering required for possible strainers.

This will be about a 4 hour trip. Pack up all necessary supplies (food, drink, sunscreen, raingear, binoculars, paddles, friends, something to share, Ect...) and **be at the covered bridge by 11:45. Shuttle will leave by @ NOON!**

If anyone would only want to do a 5 mile section, it's no problem to drop off you car at the Hamburg bridge during the shuttle. I'm writing this in mid April so check out website for updates closer to the run. [earth16@aol.com](mailto:earth16@aol.com) or 330-568-1619 by May 26

**Directions:**

Reynolds Pa is where we are heading. For most of us this is route 18 north from 180 (Hermitage/Sharon). Approximately 11 miles from the exit or 8 miles past the Mall to Colt rd. exit. Right @ stop sign. Kidd Mill Bridge is about a mile down. Call or look at our online map for more detail if needed.

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**WANTED:**

Looking for a good, used boat for under \$450.

Canoe: 15 to 17 ft long, plastic or aluminum. No Coleman's please.

Kayak: 12 to 15 ft long. No sit-on-top type, will consider tandem

Please post here or contact  
eartt16@aol.com

New member Dave is looking for a boat. If you see anything in your local bargain hunter newspaper or know of something let me know. Dave doesn't have a computer at this time.

**FYI:**

Today, I added four 2007 Trumbull Canoe Trails events that launch at Trumbull County Metro Parks to the T. C. M. P. Web site's "Events Calendar" at  
<http://metroparks.co.trumbull.oh.us/About/Events.htm>.

Information was taken from the March T. C. T. newsletter and a phone discussion with Alan Adair. As events change, I welcome updated information to post to our site. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks for supporting the Trumbull County Metro Parks!

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**FREE FISHING in PA:**

Saturday, May 26th is Pennsylvania's first FREE FISHING day and I'd like to go to Moraine State Park in New Castle to paddle and fish Lake Arthur. Call me at 330-534-3258 or e-mail me at

[SkiFareMare@aol.com](mailto:SkiFareMare@aol.com) if you'd like to come.

(The other free fishing day in PA is Sunday, June 3rd)

See what's free at

<http://www.aol.com.</HTML>>

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