



Detailed Daily Agenda

AUGUST 2-9, 2008

WINNEBAGO - SHELL ROCK - CEDAR

Saturday, August 2 **Rockford Public Golf Course**

Rockford Public Golf Course Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets available
- Cold showers available
- Electricity available

9:30 am – Shuttle departs from Iowa City Area

- Lunch en route to Rockford (bring your own, or bring money to stop and eat)

11:00 am – Shuttle departs from Des Moines Area

- Bring a lunch or eat before you arrive

11:30 am – Shuttle departs from Cedar Falls Area

- Bring a lunch or eat before you arrive

1:30 pm – Arrive at Rockford Public Golf Course

2:30 – 5:30 pm – Concurrent Sessions

- *Canoe Skills and Safety Clinic* – Nate Hoogeveen (Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources, Water Trails Program)
- *Project WET Festival* (University of Northern Iowa and Iowa Project WET)

3:00 – 5:30 pm – Registration

6:00 pm – Dinner at Rockford Public Golf Course

- Welcome & Introductions
- Relax

Sunday, August 3 (17 miles)

Asbury Park (Mason City) to Rockford Public Golf Course

7:00 am – Breakfast and lunch distribution at Rockford Public Golf Course

7:45 am – Morning safety program

8:15 am – Shuttle volunteers to Asbury Park in Mason City

8:45 am – Depart from Asbury Park (carry down, river left – east side of river)

Support location will be set up to remove trash from canoes before the rapids

- **Class I Rapids** – Averydale Rapids

Support location – Averydale Access (carry down, river right – south side of river)

Halfway point & trash pickup location – Ulmus Avenue

- **Class I-II Rapids** – Big Gully Rapids

On River Program – *Shale, Slumps, and Shallow Seas at Claybanks Forest State Preserve* – John Pearson
(Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources, State Preserves Program)

Support location – Claybanks Access (carry down, river right – south side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 1:30 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

On River Program – Project WET Activities – *Sand-bar Sideshows!*

Arrive at **Rockford Public Golf Course** (carry down, river right – south side of river)

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Rockford Public Golf Course

Evening Community Programs – Rockford Fossil & Prairie Center

- **Shuttle** volunteers from Rockford Public Golf Course to Fossil & Prairie Center

7:00 pm – **Concurrent Sessions**

- *The Changing Iowa Landscape; Discovering the Prairies and Kilns of the Rockford Brick & Tile Company* – Doug Schroeder and Laura Elfers (Floyd County Conservation Board)
- *Geologic Tour of Rockford Shale Pit* – Ray Anderson (Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources, Iowa Geological & Water Survey)

8:15 pm – **Dusk Program**

- *What The River Has Taught Me* – Robert James Waller

Rockford Public Golf Course Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets available
- Cold showers available
- Electricity available

Monday, August 4 (12 miles) **Rockford Public Golf Course to Marble Rock**

7:00 am – **Breakfast** and **lunch distribution** at Rockford Public Golf Course

8:00 am – Morning safety program

8:30 am – **Depart** from Rockford Public Golf Course

On River Program – Project WET Activities – *Sand-bar Sideshows!*

Halfway point & trash pickup location – Fisher Bridge on Foothill Avenue (carry down, river right – south side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 1:30 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

Support location and optional takeout – Winnebago Scout Reservation (carry down, river left – northeast side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 3:30 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

Arrive at **Marble Rock** – upstream of **MILL DAM** (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Winnebago Scout Reservation

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Winnebago Scout Reservation

Evening Community Programs

7:30 pm – *The Cedar River: A Video Snapshot* – Brian Emerson and James Martin (Watershedsunite Project)

8:45 pm – **Dusk Program**

- *What's Up in the Sky Tonight* – Ed Engle (Ames Area Amateur Astronomers)

Winnebago Scout Reservation Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets available
- Showers available
- Running water available
- Electricity available

Tuesday, August 5 (12 miles)

Marble Rock to Camp Comfort

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Winnebago Scout Reservation

7:45 am – Morning safety program

8:15 am – **Shuttle** volunteers to Marble Rock.

8:45 am – **Depart** from Marble Rock – downstream of **MILL DAM** (carry down access, river right – west side of river)

Support location – Gates Bridge Access (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

On River Program – Project WET Activities – *Sand-bar Sideshows!*

Halfway point & trash pickup location – **PORTAGE REQUIRED** – Perrin Park (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 2:00 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river
- **Shuttle** volunteers around **LOW-HEAD DAM** to fishing access along South Water Street, just NW of Wunsch Park

Arrive at **Camp Comfort** – upstream of **ROCK DAM** (concrete ramp, river right – south side of river)

6:00 pm – **Dinner** at Camp Comfort

Evening Community Programs

7:30 pm – **Concurrent Sessions**

- *A Glance at Biological Monitoring* – Travis Morarend, Mike Birmingham, Seth Zimmermann, and Matt Watters (University of Iowa Hygienic Lab)
- *What Ordinary Citizens Can Do to Improve Water Quality* – Jon Gisleson, Rick Juchems, Rob Lawson, and Wayne Petersen

Camp Comfort Amenities

- Portable toilets available
- Showers **not** available
- Electricity **not** available

Wednesday, August 6 (11 miles)

Camp Comfort to Heery Woods State Park (Clarksville)

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Camp Comfort

8:00 am – Morning safety program

8:30 am – **Depart** from Camp Comfort – downstream of **ROCK DAM** (concrete ramp, river right – south side of river)

Support location – Lebeck Access (**PRIVATE**) (river left – east side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 2:30 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

On River Program – Project WET Activities – *Sand-bar Sideshows!*

On River Program – *Iowa Soil and Water Conservation Society Conservation Tent*

Arrive at **Heery Woods State Park** – upstream of **LOW-HEAD DAM** (concrete ramp, river left – north side of river)

- **Off River Activity** – Wildflower Walk at Heery Woods – John Pearson (Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources, State Preserves Program)
- **Shuttle** volunteers from Heery Woods State Park to Shell Rock Recreation Area

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Shell Rock Recreation Area

Evening Community Programs

7:30 pm – Concurrent Sessions

- *U.S.G.S River Gaging in Iowa* – Aimee Donnelly (U.S. Geological Survey)
- *Using a Hand-Held GPS Unit / Geocaching* – Heather Gamm (Bremer County Conservation)

Shell Rock Recreation Area Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets available
- Showers are available
- Running water available
- Electricity is available in campground and shelter

Thursday, August 7

Heery Woods to Hoyt Elliot Park (Shell Rock) (10 miles)

Alternative Land-Based Improvement Project Option – Wolter's Prairie Preserve

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Shell Rock Recreation Area

7:45 am – Morning safety program

8:15 am – **Paddling Option volunteers** shuttle to and depart from Heery Woods State Park – downstream of **LOW-HEAD DAM** – (carry down access, river left – north side of river)

9:00 am – **Alternative Land-Based Improvement Project Option Depart** from Shell Rock Recreation Area

- **9:30 am – 1:30 pm** – Wolter's Prairie Preserve
 - Prairie Program – Steve Martin (Butler County Conservation Board)
 - Prairie Plot Improvement Project
- **1:30 pm** – Return to Shell Rock Recreation Area

Halfway & trash pickup location – Renning Landing (gravel ramp, river right – south side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 2:00 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

Arrive at **Hoyt Elliot Memorial Park** – upstream of **MILL DAM** (concrete ramp, river left – northeast side of river)

- **On River Program** – *U.S.G.S River Gage Demonstration* – Aimee Donnelly (U.S. Geological Survey)
- **Shuttle** volunteers from Hoyt Elliot Memorial Park to Shell Rock Recreation Area
- **Camp Arrival Activity** – Fly Casting Demonstration – Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association

5:00 pm – **Dinner** served at **Faith Lutheran Church** (Shell Rock)

Evening Community Program

7:00 pm – *Staying Current – The Art of Becoming AWARE* – David Williamson (Reverse Artist)

Shell Rock Recreation Area Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets available
- Showers are available
- Running water available
- Electricity is available in campground and shelter

Friday, August 8 (13 miles)

Jeffrey Rasmussen Memorial Park (Shell Rock) to Washington Union Access

6:45 am – **Shuttle** volunteers from Shell Rock Recreation Area to Faith Lutheran Church

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at **Faith Lutheran Church** (Shell Rock)

7:45 am – Morning safety program

8:45 am – **Depart** from Jeffrey Rasmussen Memorial Park – downstream of **MILL DAM** (gravel access, river left – northeast side of river)

Halfway & trash pickup location – Shell Rock Access (gravel ramp, river left – east side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 3:30 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

Arrive at **Washington Union Access** (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Black Hawk Park

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Black Hawk Park

Evening Community Programs

7:30 pm – **Concurrent Sessions**

- *Cedar Valley Osprey Project* – Vern Fish (Black Hawk County Conservation Board)

Black Hawk Park Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets available in Cedar Campground
 - o Portable toilets near where AWARE will camp
- Showers are available at Cedar Campground

Saturday, August 9 (7 miles)

Washington Union Access to Island Park

7:00 am – **Breakfast** at Black Hawk Park

7:45 am – Morning safety program

8:15 am – **Shuttle** volunteers to Washington Union Access

8:30 am – **Depart** from Washington Union Access

Halfway support location – Black Hawk Park (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 12:00 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

Arrive at **Island Park** – upstream of **LOW-HEAD DAM** (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

2:00 – 4:30 pm – **Celebratory finale** at Gateway Park

Gateway Park Amenities

- Restrooms facility with flush toilets available within walking distance
- Showers **not** available
- Running water available
- Electricity available in shelter