



# Detailed Daily Agenda

**JUNE 20-27, 2009  
CEDAR RIVER**

## **Saturday, June 20**

Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

### **Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area Amenities**

- Restrooms with flush toilets available in campground and at AWARE campsite
- Showers available in campground but not at AWARE campsite
- Electricity available in campground but not at AWARE campsite
- Shelter **not** available at AWARE campsite
- Running water available at AWARE campsite
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Park Lodge

*11:30 am* – Shuttle departs from Des Moines Area Community College

*Noon* – Shuttle departs from Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area

*12:30 pm* – Shuttle departs from University of Iowa – Oakdale Campus

*1:30 pm* – Arrive at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

### *2:30 – 5:30 pm* – **Concurrent Sessions**

- *Canoe Skills and Safety Clinic* – Nate Hoogeveen (Iowa DNR, River Programs Coordinator)
- *Project WET Festival* – Rebecca Kauten and Kathy Scholl (Iowa Project WET/UNI Outdoor Recreation Studies Program)
- *Iowa Herps* – Gail Barels (Linn County Conservation Department, Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center)

*3:00 – 5:30 pm* – Registration

*6:00 pm* – **Dinner** at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

- Welcome & Introductions
- Relax

## **Sunday, June 21 (10.7 miles)**

Wildcat Bluff to Private Access Near Duane Arnold Energy Center

*7:00 am* – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

*7:45 am* – Morning safety program

*8:15 am* – **Shuttle** volunteers to Wildcat Bluff

*8:45 am* – **Depart** from Wildcat Bluff (concrete ramp, river left – north side of river)

**5 miles** – **Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location** – North Cedar Natural Area (concrete ramp, river left – northeast of river)

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

**Duane Arnold Energy Center “OFF LIMITS” area** – Cleanup volunteers must **NOT** approach the DAEC intake/discharge areas for any reason.

**5.7 miles** – Arrive at Private Access south of Duane Arnold Energy Center (carry down ramp, river right – west side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

**6:00 pm** – **Dinner** served at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

**7:10 pm** - **Shuttle** for Hanging Bog State Preserve Field Trip departs

**7:20 pm** - **Shuttles** for Kayak Demonstration begin

**7:30 pm** – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent Sessions)

- *Hanging Bog State Preserve Field Trip* (see shuttle departure time above) – John Pearson (DNR Preserves Program) & Matt Fisher (The Nature Conservancy)
- *Kayak Demonstration – Discover Paddling* (Windsurf Area – see shuttle departure time above) – Seatasea Watersports Center Staff
- *Native Storytelling* – Wha’la – Michael Dixon (Tribal Affiliation: Cree, Canada)

## **Monday, June 22 (13 miles)**

Private Access Near Duane Arnold Energy Center to Mohawk Park Access

**7:00 am** – **Breakfast** and **lunch distribution** at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

**7:45 am** – Morning safety program

**8:15 am** – **Shuttle** volunteers to Private Access south of Duane Arnold Energy Center

**8:45 am** – **Depart** from Private Access near DAEC (gravel ramp, river right – west side of river)

**3.9 miles** – **Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location** – Chain Lakes Natural Area (concrete ramp, river right – south side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 12:30 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

**9.1 miles** – Arrive at Mohawk Park Access (concrete ramp, river left – northeast side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Seminole Valley Park

**Afternoon Campground Program** – *Fly Casting Demonstration* – Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association

**5:00 pm** – **Daily Shuttle Service** (\$20 per person) departs for Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

**6:00 pm** – **Dinner** served at Seminole Valley Park

**7:30 pm** – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent Sessions)

- *The World Water Crisis: What You May Not Know But Should* – Tammy Becker (Living Lands and Waters)
- *River Restoration and Dams* – Nate Hooegeveen (Iowa DNR, Rivers Programs Coordinator)

### **Seminole Valley Park Amenities**

- Restrooms with flush toilets available at AWARE campsite
- Cold showers available at AWARE campsite
- Electricity available in shelter at AWARE campsite
- Running water available at AWARE campsite
- Emergency Storm Shelters – Onsite maintenance shed or Xavier High School

## **Tuesday, June 23 (13.1 miles)**

Cedar Rapids to Palisades-Kepler State Park

**7:00 am** – **Breakfast** and **lunch distribution** at Seminole Valley Park

**7:45 am** – Morning safety program

**8:15 am** – **Shuttle** volunteers to Cedar Rapids Fire Department Ramp (7<sup>th</sup> Ave by USGS Gaging Station)

**9:00 am** – **Depart** from CRFD Access (concrete ramp, river right – southwest side of river)

**3.2 miles – Portage Takeout & Trash Pickup Location** – Old River Road upstream of "C" Street Roller Dam (PRIVATE) (riprap “access”, river right – south side of river)

**Portage Put In – Shuttle** volunteers around low-head dam to Old River Road (Lou’s Area) Access (concrete ramp, river right – south side of river)

**5 miles – Trash Pickup Location** – Hess Sandpit (PRIVATE) (carry down, river left – northeast side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 3:00 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

**3.4 miles – Trash Pickup Location** – Palisades Access (concrete ramp, river right – south side of river)

**1.5 miles** – Arrive at Palisades-Kepler State Park – upstream of **DAM BREACH** (carry down portage, river left – north side of river)

**4:00 - 5:45 pm** – **Showers** at Mount Vernon High School – last shuttle leaves at 5:30pm

**5:00 pm** – **Daily Shuttle Service** (\$20 per person) departs for Xavier High School

**6:00 pm** – **Dinner** at Palisades-Kepler State Park

**7:30 pm** – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent Sessions)

- *Prehistory Along the Cedar River: The Archaeology of Palisades-Kepler State Park* – Mark Anderson (The University of Iowa Office of the State Archaeologist)
- *A Voyage on the Cedar* – Orlan Love (Cedar Rapids Gazette)

### **Palisades-Kepler State Park Amenities**

- Restrooms with flush toilets available in campground; pit and portable toilets available at AWARE campsite
- Showers available at Mount Vernon High School during designated times
- Electricity **not** available at AWARE campsite
- Shelter **not** available at AWARE campsite
- Running Water available at AWARE campsite
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Palisades-Kepler Lodge or Mount Vernon High School

## **Wednesday, June 24 (8.6 miles)**

### **Palisades-Kepler State Park to Sutliff**

**6:45 am** – **Morning Campground Program** – *Wildflowers, Lichens, and Old Trees in Palisades-Kepler State Park* – John Pearson (Iowa DNR Preserves Program)

**7:45 am** – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Palisades Kepler State Park

**8:45 am** – Morning safety program

**9:00 am** – **Depart** from Palisades-Kepler State Park (concrete ramp, river left – north side of river)

**3.7 miles** – **Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location** – South Cedar Access (concrete ramp, river right – south side of river)

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

**4.9 miles** – Arrive at Dan Clark Access (PRIVATE) (carry down access, river left – east side of river)

### **Afternoon Campground Program**

- *Canoe Skills and Safety Clinic* – Iowa DNR Water Trails Program
- *Iowa Soil and Water Conservation Society Conservation Tent*

**5:00 pm** – **Daily Shuttle Service** (\$20 per person) departs for Palisades-Kepler State Park

**6:00 pm** – **Dinner** served at Clarky’s Campground (PRIVATE)

**7:00 pm** – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent Sessions)

- *Iowa Birds of Prey* – Nathaniel Hart (Macbride Raptor Project)
- *History of Sutliff and Cedar Bluff* – Sutliff Bridge Authority and Dean Moel

**8:00 pm** – *Streamusic* – David Williamson (Collaborative Artist, Project AWARE)

### **Clarky’s Campground Amenities**

- Portable Toilets Only

- Showers **not** available
- Electricity **not** available
- Shelter **not** available
- Running water (well) available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Onsite pole building and Baxa’s Sutliff Store & Tavern

## Thursday, June 25 (15.4 miles)

Sutliff to Cedar Valley Park

**Alternative Land-Based Improvement Project Option – Rochester Cemetery Prairie Invasive Species Removal and Cedar Valley Park Project**

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Clarky’s Campground (PRIVATE)

8:00 am – Morning safety program

8:30 am – **River Cleanup volunteers** depart from Clarky’s Campground (carry down access, river left – east side of river)

9:00 am – **Alternative Land-Based Improvement Project Option** depart from Clarky’s Campground

- 9:30 am – noon – Rochester Prairie
  - Prairie/Cemetery Program
  - Prairie Plot Improvement Project
- noon – Transport volunteers to Cedar Valley Park
- 1:00 – 4:00pm – Cedar Valley Park Project(s)

**3.2 miles – Trash Pickup Location** – Ciha Access (PRIVATE) (carry down access, river left – north side of river)

**5.9 miles – Halfway & Trash Pickup Location** – Cedar Bluff (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

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

**6.3 miles** – Arrive at Cedar Valley Park (concrete ramp, river right – southwest side of river)

5:00 pm – **Daily Shuttle Service** (\$20 per person) departs for Clarky’s Campground

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Cedar Valley Park

7:30 pm – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent Sessions)

- *History of Cedar Valley and Geology of the Cedar River/Cedar Valley* – Reba Reddick (Cedar CCB) and Thomas R. Marshall (Iowa DNR Geological and Water Survey)
- *People/Property and the Floods of 2008* – Rod Scott

### Cedar Valley Park Amenities

- Pit and Portable Toilets available only
- Showers **not** available
- Electricity available at shelter
- Running water available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Shelter 1

## Friday, June 26 (15.9 miles)

Cedar Valley Park to Jack Shuger Memorial Park

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Cedar Valley Park

8:00 am – Morning safety program

8:30 am – **Depart** from Cedar Valley Park (concrete ramp, river right – southwest side of river)

**On River Program** – *Rock Creek Island State Preserve* – John Pearson (Iowa DNR Preserves Program)

**6.8 miles – Halfway & Trash Pickup Location** – Rochester Park (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 12:30 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

**9.1 miles** – Arrive at Jack Shuger Memorial Park (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area

**Afternoon Campground Program** – *Canoe Skills and Safety Clinic* – Iowa DNR Water Trails Program

**5:00 pm** – **Daily Shuttle Service** (\$20 per person) departs for Cedar Valley Park

**6:00 pm** – **Dinner** served at Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area

**7:00 pm** – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent Sessions)

- *The Past, Present, and Future of Nature in Iowa* – Connie Mutel (The University of Iowa)
- *What We Have Learned From The Floods of '08* – Rob Middlemis-Brown (Iowa Water Science Center – U.S. Geological Survey)

**8:00 pm** – *Bats in our Environment* – Vera Blevins (Bat World Heartland)

### **Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area Amenities**

- Restrooms with flush toilets available in campground; pit and portable toilets available at AWARE campsite
- Showers available in campground but not at AWARE campsite
- Electricity available in campground but not at AWARE campsite
- Open-air shelter available near AWARE campsite
- Running water available in campground but not at AWARE campsite
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Onsite maintenance building

## **Saturday, June 27 (9.2 miles)**

Jack Shuger Memorial Park to Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area

**7:00 am** – **Breakfast** at Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area

**8:00 am** – Morning safety program

**8:30 am** – **Shuttle** volunteers to Jack Shuger Memorial Park

**9.2 miles** – Arrive at Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

**3:00 – 5:30 pm** – **Lunch** and **Celebratory finale** at Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area

**6:00 pm** – Post-event shuttles depart for Iowa City and Des Moines