



Detailed Daily Agenda

JULY 9-16, 2011

LITTLE TURKEY, TURKEY & VOLGA RIVERS

Saturday, July 9 Gouldsburg Park

Gouldsburg Park Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets available in modern campground (across river)
- Pit and portable toilets available in AWARE campground
- Showers available in modern campground (across river)
- Electricity available in modern campground (across river)
- Shelter w/ electricity available in modern campground (across river)
- Running water available in modern campground (across river)
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Hawkeye Elementary School

10:00 am – Shuttle departs from Des Moines Area Community College

11:00 am – Shuttle departs from University of Iowa – Oakdale Campus

12:30 pm – Shuttle departs from Osborne Nature Center

1:30 pm – Arrive at Gouldsburg Park

2:30 – 5:30 pm – **Campground Programs** (Concurrent Sessions) - Gouldsburg Park

- *Canoe Skills and Safety Clinic* – Nate Hoogeveen (Iowa DNR)
- *Project WET Festival* – Rebecca Kauten (Senior Research Associate, University of Northern Iowa)
- *Wildflower-watching, lichen-looking, and insect-inspecting in parks, preserves, and peaceful places* – John Pearson (Iowa DNR)
- *Hands-On Fly Casting Demonstration* – Dubuque Fly Fishers/Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association

3:00 – 5:30 pm – Registration

6:00 pm – **Dinner**

- Welcome & Introductions
- Relax

Sunday, July 10 (12.6 miles) Gouldsburg Park to Eldorado

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

8:00 am – Morning Safety & *Rock On!* (Kata McCarville - Upper Iowa University) Programs

8:30 am – **Depart** from Gouldsburg Park (carry down access, river right – south side of river)

7.6 miles – Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location – Auburn Canoe Access (carry down access, river right – east side of river)

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

5.0 miles – Arrive at Eldorado Bridge Access (carry down access, river right – south side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Gouldsburg Park

5:00 pm – Campground Program (Gouldsburg Park) – *The River Barometer* – Gary Siegwarth (Iowa DNR)

6:00 pm – Dinner served at Gouldsburg Park

7:30 pm – Campground Programs (Concurrent Sessions) - Gouldsburg Park

- *Floating Through History* – Larry Stone (brought to you by Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities)
- *Totally Turtles of Iowa* – Denny Weiss (Iowa DNR)

Monday, July 11 (14.6 miles)

Eldorado to Turkey River Canoe Access (County Rd B40)

7:00 am – Breakfast and lunch distribution at Gouldsburg Park

8:00 am – Morning Safety & *Rock On!* (Kata McCarville - Upper Iowa University) Programs

8:30 am – **Shuttle** volunteers to Eldorado Bridge Access

9:00 am – **Depart** from Eldorado Bridge Access

6.5 miles – Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location – Huntzinger Bridge Access (County Rd W42) (carry down access, river right – south side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 1:00 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

On-River Program – *Farming and Wildlife Management – From the Depression to 2011* – A Jay Winter

8.1 miles – Turkey River Canoe Access/County Rd B40 (carry down access, river right – south side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Gilbertson Park

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

5:00 - 6:00 pm – Gilbertson Nature Center & Museums Open - Horse-drawn wagon shuttles provided

6:00 pm – Dinner served at Gilbertson Park

7:30 pm – Campground Programs (Concurrent Sessions) - Gilbertson Park

- *Fish of the Turkey River Watershed* – Bill Kalishek (Iowa DNR)
- *Trails to Fun – The Turkey River Recreational Corridor – An Iowa Great Place* – Robin Bostrom (Project Coordinator, Turkey River Recreational Corridor)

8:30 pm – Night Hike / Owl Prowl – Dawn Amundson (Fayette CCB)

Gilbertson Park Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets available
- Showers available
- Shelter w/ electricity available
- Running water available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Gilbertson Nature Center and Bathhouse

Tuesday, July 12 (12.4 miles)

Turkey River Canoe Access to Gilbertson Conservation Education Area

- 7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Gilbertson Park
- 8:00 am – Morning Safety & *Rock On!* (Kata McCarville - Upper Iowa University) Programs
- 8:30 am – **Shuttle** volunteers to Turkey River Canoe Access/County Rd B40
- 9:00 am – **Depart** from Turkey River Canoe Access/County Rd B40
- 7.2 miles – Lowhead Dam – Halfway point & Portage Takeout** – Clermont-Roger and Donna Miller property (carry down access, river left –east side of river)
- **Cut-off time: 2:00 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river
 - **Portage Program** – *Clermont Historical Walking Tour* – Arline Davisson (Clermont Historical Society)
 - **Shuttle** volunteers to Clermont Canoe Access on State St. (concrete ramp, river left – northeast side of river)
- 5.2 miles** – Arrive at Gilbertson Park (gravel ramp, river left – east side of river)
- 5:00 pm – **Campground Programs** (Gilbertson Park)
- *Wildflower-watching, lichen-looking, and insect-inspecting in parks, preserves, and peaceful places* – John Pearson (Iowa DNR)
 - Patsy Wells, vocalist/musician
- 6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Gilbertson Park
- 7:00 pm – **Shuttle** to Big Spring Fish Hatchery Departs
- 7:30 pm – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent sessions, different locations)
- Gilbertson Park – *Take a Kid Outdoors, Iowa River Rascals, and River Weaving* – Dick Jensen and Judy Krieg (TAKO), Robin Fortney (Iowa Rivers Revival), John Siblik (TAKO)
 - *Big Spring Fish Hatchery/Sinkhole Tour* – Gary Siegwarth (Iowa DNR)

Wednesday, July 13 (12.6 miles)

Gilbertson Conservation Education Area to Frieden Park

- 7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Gilbertson Park
- 8:00 am – Morning Safety & *Rock On!* (Kata McCarville - Upper Iowa University) Programs
- 8:30 am – **Campground Program** (Gilbertson Park) – *Turkey River Water Trails Designation Ceremony*
- 9:00 am – **Depart** from Gilbertson Park
- 7.8 miles – Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location** – County Rd W70/Cable Ave (right-of-way access, river right – southeast side of river)
- **Cut-off time: 2:00 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river
- 4.8 miles** – Arrive at Frieden Park (carry down access, river right – south side of river)
- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Elkader City Park
- 5:00 pm – **Daily Shuttle Service** (\$20 per person) departs for Gilbertson Park
- 6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Elkader City Park
- 7:30 pm – **Evening Program** – *Elkader Opera House – Big Blue Sky* (Freewill Donations Accepted)

Elkader City Park Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets available
- Showers available
- Shelter w/ electricity available
- Running water available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Park Bath House

Thursday, July 14 (13.9 miles)

Frieden Park to Motor Mill

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Elkader City Park

8:00 am – Morning Safety & *Rock On!* (Kata McCarville - Upper Iowa University) Programs

8:30 am – **Shuttle** volunteers to Frieden Park

9:00 am – **Depart** from Frieden Park

6.9 miles – **Lowhead Dam** – **Halfway point & Portage Takeout** – Elkader/Sandpit Rd (gravel 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 to Riverview City Park/S. Main St (concrete steps, river right – southwest side of river)

7.0 miles – Arrive at Motor Mill Access (gravel ramp, river left – north side of river)

5:00 pm – **Campground Programs** (Concurrent Sessions) - Motor Mill

- *The River Barometer* – Gary Siegwarth (Iowa DNR)
- *Wildflower-watching, lichen-looking, and insect-inspecting in parks, preserves, and peaceful places (Retz Woods State Preserve)* – John Pearson (Iowa DNR) and Matt Fisher (The Nature Conservancy)

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

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Motor Mill

7:00 pm – **Campground Programs** (Concurrent Sessions) - Motor Mill

- *Tour of Motor Mill Historic Site* – Motor Mill Foundation
- *Sacred Places: Native American Rock Art of Northeast Iowa* – Russ Baldner

8:00 pm – *Stories 'Round the Campfire* – Jon Stravers

Motor Mill Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets **not** available
- Pit and Portable toilets available
- Showers **not** available
- Electricity **not** available
- Shelter **not** available
- Running water available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Motor Mill and Cooperage

Friday, July 15 (12.2 miles)

Motor Mill to Garber

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Motor Mill

8:00 am – Morning Safety & *Rock On!* (Kata McCarville - Upper Iowa University) Programs

8:30 am – **Depart** from Motor Mill

12.2 miles – Arrive at Garber (concrete ramp, river left – north side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Osborne Park

5:00 pm – **Campground Program** (Osborne Park) – *Wildflower-watching, lichen-looking, and insect-inspecting in parks, preserves, and peaceful places* – John Pearson (Iowa DNR)

5:00 pm – **Daily Shuttle Service** (\$20 per person) departs for Motor Mill

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Osborne Park

7:00 pm – **Campground Programs** (Concurrent Sessions) - Osborne Park

- *Freshwater Mussel Restoration Efforts in Iowa* – Scott Gritters (Iowa DNR)
- *Turkey River Watershed Project* – Brad Crawford (Northeast Iowa RC&D)

8:00 pm – Panel Discussion: *Sustainable Agriculture in the Turkey River Basin*

Osborne Park Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets available in former nature center building
- Portable toilets available
- Showers **not** available
- Shelter w/ electricity available
- Running water available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Osborne Park Nature Center

Saturday, July 16 (9.7 miles)

Osborne Park to Littleport

7:00 am – **Breakfast** at Osborne Park

8:00 am – Morning Safety & *Rock On!* (Kata McCarville - Upper Iowa University) Programs

8:30 am – **Depart** from Osborne Park

9.7 miles – Arrive at Littleport (gravel ramp, river left – north side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Osborne Park

1:30 pm – **Lunch** and **Celebratory finale** at Osborne Park

Campground Program (Osborne Park) – *Maka Achante - Sense of Place* – Laura Zaugg (Dallas County Conservation Board) and Gary Siegwarth (Iowa DNR)

4:00 pm – Post-event shuttles depart for Iowa City and Des Moines