



**JULY 6 -13, 2013
DES MOINES RIVER**

Detailed Daily Agenda

Saturday, July 6 Veterans Park (Algona)

Veterans Park Amenities

- Modern restrooms available
- Portable toilets
- Running water available
- No showers
- Electricity available in park
- Enclosed shelter w/ electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Otto B. Laing Middle School, Algona

9:30 am – Shuttle departs from University of Iowa – Oakdale Campus (Iowa City)

11:00 am – Shuttle departs from Des Moines Area Community College (Ankeny)

12:00 pm – Shuttle departs from Dolliver State Park (Lehigh)

1:30 pm – Arrive at Veterans Park in Algona

Ongoing – Registration

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

- *Canoe Skills and Safety Clinic* – Glenn Harman and Todd Robertson (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)
- *Hidden treasures from the Des Moines River* - Fossils and Assorted Artifacts – Bob Gridley (Proud native Iowan and dedicated river rat)
- *Introduction to Fly Fishing* – Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association – Central Iowa Fly Fishers
- *Stinson Prairie and Bernau Prairie (SHUTTLE)* – *Wildflower-watching, lichen-looking, and insect-inspecting in parks, preserves, and peaceful places* – John Pearson (Iowa DNR), Billie Willie (Naturalist, Kossuth County Conservation)

6:00 pm – **Dinner** at Veterans Park

7:00 pm – Welcome & Introductions

Sunday, July 7 (12.4 miles) Veterans Park to Irvington Gravel Pit

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Veterans Park; Sign Up for Daily Shuttle

8:00 am – Morning Safety Program (Iowa DNR Rivers Program)

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

4.8 miles – Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location – Rick and Jean Weishaar private property (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

7.6 miles – Arrive at Irvington Gravel Pit Access (carry down access, river right – north side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Lotts Creek Park (Livermore)

Ongoing – **Shuttle** volunteers from Lotts Creek Park to Livermore City Pool for showers

5:00 pm – Campground Program (Lotts Creek Park) – *Wildflower-watching, lichen-looking, and insect-inspecting in parks, preserves, and peaceful places* – John Pearson (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)

Daily Shuttle Service (\$20 per person) departs for Veterans Park in Algona from Irvington Gravel Pit

6:00 pm – Dinner served at Lotts Creek Park

7:30 pm – Evening Community Programs (Concurrent Sessions) – Lotts Creek Park

- *A Review of the Geology of the Central Des Moines Lobe, Algona to Lehigh* – Ray Anderson (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)
- *River Clean Up and History of the East Fork Walleye Club* – Ron Reefer (Lifelong River Rat and Chairman of the East Fork Walleye Club)

Lotts Creek Park Amenities

- Flush and portable toilets available
- Showers available at Livermore City Pool (shuttle required)
- Electricity available at Lotts Creek Park
- Running water available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Livermore American Legion Post 415

Monday, July 8 (17.7 miles)

Irvington Gravel Pit to Livermore (C20 Access)

7:00 am – Breakfast and lunch distribution at Lotts Creek Park

7:45 am – Morning Safety Program (Iowa DNR Rivers Program)

8:00 am – Shuttle (Algona Community School District) volunteers to Irvington Gravel Pit access

9:00 am – Depart from Irvington Gravel Pit access (carry down access, river right – north side of river)

6.8 miles – Halfway point, Trash Pickup Location – Devine Wildlife Area (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

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

10.9 miles – Arrive at C20 access east of Livermore (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Lotts Creek Park

Ongoing – **Shuttle** volunteers from Lotts Creek Park to Livermore City Pool for showers

6:00 pm – Dinner served at Lotts Creek Park

7:30 pm – Evening Community Programs

- *Theodore Roosevelt – Rough Rider President* – Darrel Draper (Humanities Iowa Speakers Bureau)

Tuesday, July 9 (17.2 miles)

Livermore (C20 Access) to Dakota City River Park

7:00 am – Breakfast and lunch distribution at Lotts Creek Park; Sign Up for Daily Shuttle

- 8:00 am – Morning Safety Program (Iowa DNR Rivers Program)
- 8:30 am – **Shuttle** (Humboldt Community School District) volunteers to C20 Access east of Livermore
- 9:00 am – **Depart** from C20 Access east of Livermore (concrete ramp, river left - east side of river)
- 7.8 miles – Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location** – C26 Access (Foster Bridge; carry down access, river right – west side of river)
- **Cut-off time: 12:00 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river
- 9.4 miles** – Arrive at Dakota City River Park (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)
- **Shuttle** volunteers from Humboldt County Museum property to Joe Sheldon County Park
 - **Afternoon Program** – *Tour of the Humboldt County Museum Buildings* – Humboldt County Historical Association
- Ongoing* – **Shuttle** to Joe Sheldon County Park shower facilities
- Daily Shuttle Service** (\$20 per person) to Lotts Creek Park from Dakota City River Park
- 6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Joe Sheldon County Park
- 7:30 pm – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent sessions)
- *Life and Legacy of Frank Gotch, an Iowa Icon* - Mike Chapman
 - *The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) – Then & Now* – Chris Severson

Joe Sheldon County Park Amenities

- Modern restrooms available at shower house in upper campground area
- Pit and portable toilets available in lower camp area
- Showers available
- Running water available
- Electricity available
- Shelter w/ electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Humboldt High School

Wednesday, July 10 (8.2 or 8.7 miles)

Group 1 – Dakota City River Park to Gotch Park (**3.7 miles**)

Group 2 – Sumner Bridge to Gotch Park (**4.2 miles**)

Entire Group – Rutland Access to Joe Sheldon County Park (**4.5 miles**)

- 7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Joe Sheldon County Park
- 8:00 am – Morning Safety Program (Iowa DNR Rivers Program)
- 8:30 am – **Shuttle Group 1 volunteers** (Humboldt Community School District) to Dakota City River Park
- 9:00 am – **Depart** from Dakota City River Park (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)
- 9:00 am – **Shuttle Group 2 volunteers** (Humboldt Community School District) to Sumner Bridge in Humboldt (carry down access, river right – west side of river)

3.7 miles (Group 1) and 4.2 miles (Group 2) – Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location – Gotch Park West Fork Canoe Access (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

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

Shuttle volunteers and canoes from Gotch Park to Rutland Access (carry down access, river right – south side of river)

4.6 miles (Groups 1 and 2 combined) – Arrive at Joe Sheldon Park (concrete ramp, river right – south side of river)

Ongoing – **Shuttles** to Joe Sheldon County Park shower facilities

4:30 pm – Campground Program (Joe Sheldon Park) – *Tacitus Hussey* – John Wenck (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)

6:00 pm – Dinner served at Joe Sheldon County Park

7:30 pm – Evening Community Programs (Joe Sheldon County Park)

- *Cedar Strip Canoe Building* – Jim Dodd
- *Iowa DNR Water Trails Program* – Iowa DNR Water Trails Program Staff

Thursday, July 11 (14.1 miles)

Humboldt Access below REC Dam to Fort Dodge access above Hydro Dam

7:00 am – Breakfast and lunch distribution at Joe Sheldon County Park; Sign Up for Daily Shuttle

8:00 am – Morning Safety Program (Iowa DNR Rivers Program)

8:30 am – Shuttle (Humboldt Community School District) volunteers from Joe Sheldon County Park to Access below REC Dam

8:45 am – Depart from REC Dam Access (carry down access, river left – east side of river)

5.8 miles – Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location – Deer Creek Access (carry down access, river right – west side of river)

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

8.3 miles – Arrive at Fort Dodge Access above Hydro Dam (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Dolliver State Park Group Camp Area

Daily Shuttle Service (\$20 per person) departs Fort Dodge Hydro Dam for Joe Sheldon County Park

6:00 pm – Dinner served at Dolliver State Park Group Camp Area

7:30 pm – Evening Community Programs (Concurrent Sessions) – Dolliver State Park Group Camp Area

- *Woodland Scavenger Hunt and Interpretive Hike* – Karen Hansen (Webster County Conservation)
- *The Des Moines River & Establishment of Fort Dodge – Iowa’s Last Frontier Military Fort* – Al Nelson (Researcher/Writer)

Dolliver State Park Amenities

- Portable toilets and modern toilets available in camp area
- Showers available
- Running water available
- Electricity available
- Shelter w/ electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – South Lodge and buildings adjacent to Group Camp Area

Friday, July 12 (15.0 miles)

Fort Dodge Access below Lower Roller Dam to Dolliver State Park Access

7:00 am – Breakfast and lunch distribution at Dolliver State Park

8:00 am – Morning Safety Program (Iowa DNR Rivers Program)

8:30 am – Shuttle (Fort Dodge Community School District) from Dolliver State Park to Access below Lower Dam in Fort Dodge

5.9 miles – Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location – Russ Clark private property (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

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

9.1 miles – Arrive at Dolliver State Park (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Dolliver State Park Group Camp

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Dolliver State Park Group Camp

7:30 pm – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent Sessions, Different Locations) – Dolliver State Park

- *Critters and Characters: Putting on a History Play* - Michael Loots (Language Art Instructor Northwest Junior High School; Touch the Earth Recreational Services, University of Iowa)
- *Wildflower-watching, lichen-looking, and insect-inspecting in parks, preserves, and peaceful places* – Woodman Hollow - John Pearson (Iowa DNR)

9:00 pm – Rock the Boat movie showing - TENTATIVE

Saturday, July 13 (6.3 miles)

Dolliver State Park Access to Deception Hollow

7:00 am – **Breakfast** at Dolliver State Park Group Camp Area

7:45 am – Morning Safety Program (Iowa DNR Rivers Program)

8:30 am – **Shuttle** (Project AWARE vans) from Dolliver State Park Group Camp Area to Dolliver State Park Access

2.9 miles - **Lehigh Access** – **support stop**

3.4 miles – **Trash Pickup Location** – Deception Hollow Access (concrete ramp, river left – northeast side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from Deception Hollow to Dolliver State Park Group Camp Area

12:30 pm – **Lunch** and **Celebratory Finale** at Dolliver State Park Group Camp Area

2:30 pm – Post-event shuttles depart for Iowa City and Des Moines