

2006 Paddling Survey

This survey of NE Illinois paddlers will help local planning organizations better understand the needs of paddlers. We want to know how/where you currently use our local water resources, how and where you want to use these resources and how your use translates into economic benefits for the region. Please take a few minutes to fill this out and return it by March 15 to Friends of the Chicago River at 407 S Dearborn, Suite 1580, Chicago IL 60605.

1. In the past year, how many times have you paddled each river or lake in Northeast Illinois?

RIVER	# OF TRIPS	RIVER	# OF TRIPS
Calumet		DuPage Mainstem	
Calumet Sag Channel		Fox	
Chicago North Branch		Kankakee	
Chicago South Branch		Kishwaukee	
Chicago Other		Lake Michigan	
Des Plaines Upper		Little Calumet	
Des Plaines Lower		Nippersink	
Dupage East Branch		Salt Creek	
Dupage West Branch		Other _____	

2. If you have paddled outside of Northeast Illinois in the past year, please give the location of each trip and number of visits.

LOCATION	RIVER OR LAKE	# OF TRIPS

3. On the Northeast Illinois river or lake that you did the majority of your paddling, how many (hours) was your typical trip?

1-2 _____ 2-4 _____ 4-6 _____ Overnight _____

4. For your paddle trips in Northeast Illinois at which Park or Street do you primarily put in, and take out?

RIVER	PUT IN LOCATION	TAKE OUT LOCATION
Calumet		
Calumet Sag Channel		
Chicago North Branch		
Chicago South Branch		
Chicago Other		
Des Plaines Upper		
Des Plaines Lower		
Dupage East Branch		
Dupage West Branch		
DuPage Mainstem		
Fox		
Kankakee		
Kishwaukee		
Lake Michigan		
Little Calumet		
Nippersink		
Salt Creek		
Other _____		

5. Please rank your preference in type of paddle launch site:

Natural River bank _____ Floating pier _____
 Concrete Pad _____ Other _____

6. Please rank from one as the lowest to five as the highest your preference for the following qualities when choosing a location for a paddling trip.

Length of time spent on water _____ Proximity _____
 Scenery _____ Water Quality _____
 Wildlife _____ Other _____

7. Which rivers or creeks in northeastern Illinois would you paddle if access were developed and navigation information were available?

8. Approximately how much did you spend last year on an average paddling trip in northeastern Illinois? (place a check in the box that best represents your expenditures)

EXPENSE	\$1-5	\$5-10	\$10-15	\$15-20	\$25-30	\$30-40
Local transportation						
Groceries						
Restaurants						
Equipment Rental						
Registration, permits, fees						
Other						

9. Approx. how much did you spend last year in Northeast Illinois on all Paddling activities?

\$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$ _____

10. Approximately how much did you spend last year on an average paddling trip out of state?

EXPENSE	\$1-5	\$5-10	\$10-15	\$15-20	\$25-30	\$30-40
Local transportation						
Motel, Hotel, Cabin						
Groceries						
Restaurants						
Equipment Rental						
Registration, permits, fees						
Gear						
Other						

11. Approx. How much did you spend last year out of state on all Paddling activities?

\$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$ _____

12. List the number of canoes and kayaks you own.

Canoe _____ Kayak _____

13. What is your age? _____

14. What is your gender? M _____ F _____

15. Please indicate the highest level of education you have completed.

Elementary _____ High School _____ College 2 yr _____ College 4 year _____ Graduate _____

16. What is your approximate household income? (Your answer to this question will be very helpful to our understanding of paddlers in the region, but it is **optional**)

___ Less than \$10,000 ___ \$10,000 to \$19,000 ___ \$20,000 to \$29,000 ___ \$30,000 to \$39,000
 ___ \$40,000 to \$49,000 ___ \$50,000 to \$59,000 ___ \$60,000 to \$69,000 ___ \$70,000 or more

17. What is your home zip/postal code _____

THANK YOU!