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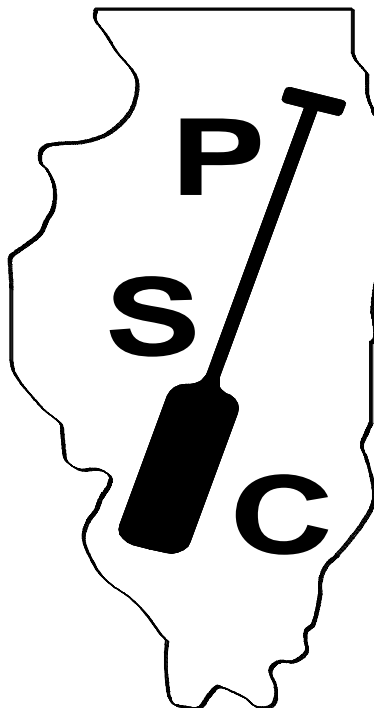
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From The Chair:

It's Spring! Paddling season has arrived. Let's go paddling! We have many great trips on the schedule. Some of my favorites are the gurgling Mazon in the spring, the winding Nippersink, and the Vermillion in May with the red buds in bloom and the bluebells beneath them. In Indiana, the Chain-O-Lakes and Tippecanoe are both delightful. There are a few rivers on the schedule that I have not enjoyed paddling yet: Carroll Creek and the White River are two. I've heard good things about these and they are sure to be fun trips. I wish that I could make every one of these trips, but with planning a wedding and looking for a house, I am resigned missing a few. Finally, I noticed we have a few international trips coming up: Quetico, Canada, and the Whanganui River, New Zealand. If you do not see a trip that appeals to you, I hope you'll lead one!

Christina

Paddlers Marketplace

Due to limited space, items will only be listed here for one issue unless you contact the editor and request that your ad continue. A new list is compiled for each issue.

For Sale: We-No-Nah Spirit II - 17' Tandem Canoe - Tufweave -Tractor Seats Alaskan Ivory - Excellent Condition - \$675. Delivery can be arranged; Larry Petersen 219-923-7619

For Sale: Mad River Explorer, fiberglass w/ wood trim, red, immaculate condition, stored inside and well maintained. Great family/recreational boat. Photos available. \$925 or best offer. Paul 847/446-4126 or paulschloff@comcast.net.

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3	March 1	April-May
4	May 1	June-July
5	July 1	August-September
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Announcements

A note from a South Michigan PSCer: It was just announced that the *Olympic canoe and kayak slalom tryouts will be held in South Bend, IN, at the East Race on April 2-4.* I thought this might be of interest to other PSCers.

Anyone interested in a map of the North Branch(Skokie) River for the purpose of taking an inventory of the log jams that have become the bane of paddling this river, please contact Dennis Paterka at orangestar@access4less.net or 773-763-6110 and I will send you one via postal mail.

PSC T-shirts (\$12) and sweatshirts (\$20)

are available for purchase. You may make arrangements for UPS delivery or in person at some trips by contacting: **Christina Taylor: 312-203-8950 or peace4368@aol.com**

Announcements

Looking for a Few Good Paddlers— Canoe Guides Needed

Want to see the Chicago area in a whole new way, exercise your paddling skills and introduce people to a neglected natural asset? Friends of the Chicago River (FOCR) needs more volunteers who know how to paddle as canoe guides for the upcoming season. Trips range from the downtown canyons and industrial areas to natural settings, all on the 156 miles of the Chicago River, and both on weekdays and weekends.

Training is provided for guides in Red Cross First Aid and CPR, Chicago River history and ecology, rescue skills, and paddling (if necessary). Guides are asked to work at least five trips out of the twenty or so trips that FOCR will offer this year.

There is also a need for canoe haulers, volunteers with cars equipped with a 7/8" hitch rated to at least 1000 pounds and a 4-prong electrical hook-up. There is a critical need for weekday guides and haulers, but FOCR can use help on weekends as well.

For more information or to apply for either position, contact Marta Nelson at Friends, 312-939-0490, Ext. 14, mnelson@chicagoriver.org

Personal note: I've been a guide for several years and can attest that it is a lot of fun and that the current guides are a great group. I hope that you'll consider joining us. Thanks for your consideration. If you know of friends who might be interested, feel free to forward this message to them. Chris Parson; Park Ridge, IL; 847-825-4979.

A message from a member points us to <http://www.wolfriverprotectionfund.org/>

Wolf River Protection Fund

The Mole Lake Chippewa and Forest County Potawatomi Tribes stopped the Crandon mine by paying \$16.5 million to purchase Nicolet Minerals Company (NMC) from the Connor family. Although the Potawatomi paid with cash for their half of the purchase, the Mole Lake Tribe paid for their half with a loan. The tribe will owe a \$8 million note in 2006 to BHP Billiton, the mining company that sold NMC to the Connor Family.

The Wolf River Protection Fund has been established to help the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Community pay the note.

The Tribe has also incurred other costs related to closing the mine project. There are \$500,000 worth of core holes drilled in the 70's that need to be filled and there are mining company maintenance costs that need to be paid. Managing the land and waters will be an added burden that the Tribe is seeking resources to address.

You can protect the Wolf River and help the Mole Lake Tribe by making a tax-deductible contribution. Thank you!

Announcements (con't)

RIVER WATCHER ALERTS - Please help Friends!

A note from our Executive Director, Laurene von Klan

Hello Chicago River friends -

I have been told that certain agencies responsible for preventing pollution of our river deny that there are problems with floatable debris in the river, especially after big rains. We have received reports from people about spotting floatable such as condoms, tampons, dead fish, big amounts of garbage, oil sheens, other yucky matter in the river. In order to stop this problem we need people to testify that they see them. Yes, this is true.

PLEASE, whenever you see floatable debris in the Chicago River e-mail BOTH Rob Sulski at rob.sulski@epa.state.il.us AND me at lvonklan@chicagoriver.org.

Thank you so much,
Laurene

Laurene von Klan, Executive Director 312-939-0490 x 19

Trip Announcements

Apr 3-4, Sat-Sun
Instructor Developer Workshop
@ Sunrise Outdoor Center

Tom Lindblade **630-207-9500**
lindbladet@sbcglobal.net
Contact Tom for details on this ACA Event.

Apr 10, Sat **Moving Water 1**
DuPage River, IL, Training

Tom Lindblade **630-207-9500**
lindbladet@sbcglobal.net
This is a wonderful opportunity to tune up your moving water skills on a fun and forgiving stretch of the DuPage River. Review strokes and moving water maneuvers like ferrys, eddy

turns and peel outs. You must have taken the IP Training or have previously had some formal paddling instruction. Class size will depend on the number of instructors available. Cost will be \$5.00, \$10 if you are not an ACA member. Please email and let us know you are coming. Please be sure to include your address and phone number. (If email is not possible call 630-207-9500). Bring your boat, (canoe or Kayak) PFD paddle, dump clothes in a dry bag, and a lunch. (a limited number of extra boats and equipment can be made available on request) We will meet at Hammel Woods Park. Take I-55 to Rt.52 Jefferson St.) exit. Go west to stoplight (Rt.59). Go north approx. 1/4 mile to Hammel Woods on the right be there by 9:30 am.

Trip Announcements (con't)

Apr 11, Sun **Mazon River, IL**
Advanced Beginner
Sherri Johnson **815-634-2811**
canoesew@sbcglobal.net
Rosetta Kessler **815-729-0713**

The Mazon River is truly one of the 'GEMS' found in rare undeveloped areas within a short drive of the Chicago suburban area. This is rated 'Advanced Beginner' because there is a potential of the one Class I rapid and there many riffles that require maneuvering skills above a 'Beginner' status. The trip and the skill level required are dependant on the water level. In the past we have had everything between barely enough water to scrape through, to flood stage — this is to be expected for this unspoiled, undeveloped Illinois stream. We have to contend with the change in access since the bridge replacement in 2000, so we still need everyone to call us since the put-in parking is tight and a walk to the river. We always keep a small group.

April 17, Sat **DuPage River**
Beginner
Ray Ziemer **630-836-0086**
rgziemer@worldnet.att.net

Call leader for details

Apr 17, Sat **Carroll Creek, IL**
Intermediate
Bill Kessler **708-547-5314**
Kslr@AOL.COM
Tom Lindblade **815-963-5945**
lindbladet@sbcglobal.net

Come paddle what we believe to be the most beautiful stretch of creek in the state. Carroll Creek runs through a wonderful dells area with caves that can be explored so bring

a flashlight. The paddle is only six miles long, so depending on the desires of the group we could also paddle another section of Elkhorn creek which is not too far away. There are a couple of spots with fast water and tight turns that require strong boat handling skills. The creek is also dependent on a goodly supply of water. If there is not enough we will paddle Elkhorn which almost always has water. Put-in will be at Point Rock Park on the West side of the town of Mount Carroll. Car shift at 10:00am. Bring lunch and a dump bag. **Please email and let us know you are coming. Call Bill if you can't email.**

Apr 17-18, Sat-Sun **Tipppecanoe River, IN**
Beginner

Jerry Emerson **219-662-1296**

Bob Kane **815-744-8129**
paddler@cbcast.com

Contact leaders for details.

Apr 18, Sun **Mazon River, IL**
Advanced Beginner

Sherri Johnson **815-634-2811**
canoesew@sbcglobal.net
Rosetta Kessler **815-729-0713**

See the announcement for Mazon River on April 11.

Apr 24, Sat **Bureau Creek, IL**

Joan Taylor **630-495-1565**
taylorjr@aol.com

This will be a camping and canoeing trip; Contact Joan for details.

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Apr 25, Sun Nippersink Creek, IL Advanced Beginner

Louis & Ruth Igyarto 847-587-7462
imtngri51@cs.com
Bob Fenger 847-356-2171
Rafcanoe@aol.com

Car shift will be from the canoe base on RT 12 at 9:00 am. We will paddle the Nippersink Creek into the Chain of Lakes and end the trip at the chain Of Lakes State Park. Call leaders for details.

Apr 26-30, Mon-Fri

Quiet Water Rivers of Florida Panhandle
Carole Snowdon 414-962-0879
csnowdon@juno.com

Grade Q; Car Camp. Eglin AFB (in the Pensacola area) hosts unique flora and fauna along sparkling, transparent, spring-fed rivers. We will paddle Turkey, Boiling, and Titi Creeks, plus two others to be selected. Among the first Europeans to explore this area, Cabeza de Vaca rafted the Gulf of Mexico 500 years ago, and we will learn of his adventures at campfire from his first-person account of the environment and native peoples of the Florida Panhandle. **Early registration encouraged. Number of paddlers limited by narrow, winding rivers. \$5 annual pass needed for Eglin (info provided on obtaining).**

Apr 29-May 2, Thu-Sun Wisconsin Whitewater (Biking & Paddling)

Rick Fleming 847-253-9383
rick24fleming@attbi.com

Join us for a great cardiovascular workout and beautiful campground on a lake Thursday and Friday for biking and paddling a short section

of the Wolf late Friday afternoon or join us for paddling the Wolf, Pike or Peshtigo (Sat) and the Red (Sun). Call for camping.

May 1, Sat Instructor Certification Exam @ Sunrise Outdoor Center

Tom Lindblade 630-207-9500
lindbladet@sbcglobal.net

Contact Tom for details on this ACA Event.

May 1-2, Sat-Sun Middle Fork, Vermillion River, IL Advanced Beginner

Larry & Evelyn Tennyson 630-497-2516
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Illinois 1st National Wild & Scenic River! We hope you will join us for one day or two. We will meet each day at the river bridge in Kickapoo State Park at 9:30 AM. From there we will proceed, all together to the put-in. Take I57 to I74 at Champaign-Urbana. Go East on I74 to exit marked Kickapoo State Park and follow signs to the park. Get there early and reserve a campsite for the night. Tell the ranger you are with PSC. We will try to camp all in one area. Allow 3hrs driving time from Chicago. Join us for dinner at a steakhouse in Danville Sat. night, if you wish.

May 7-10, Fri-Mon UP Whitewater Advanced Whitewater

Bill Barclay 708-386-1371
chocolate.house@verizon.net

The UP has some great whitewater rivers and beautiful scenery. We haven't done this trip in a few years (and missed the water last year) but it is time to go back. Possible rivers include the Montreal, Black, E. Branch

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Ontonagon, Presque Isle and others. We will paddle all four days but plan to get off the river on the last day early enough for people to drive home. Call the leader for details regarding camping and meeting places. Wet/dry suits, helmets required.

May 8-9, Sat-Sun Sugar Creek, IN Wine & Cheese Fest-Beginner

Bob Kane 815-744-8129
paddler@cbcast.com
Paul & Alice Clifford 815-886-2554
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Come join us for our annual wine & cheese festival as we paddle Sugar Creek through the scenic Turkey Run State Park area. Bring a dish to pass around for Saturday night. Paul, Alice and I will provide adult beverages and soda. We will carshift from Shades State Park at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday and 8:00A.M. on Sunday. To get to Shades from Chicago take I-80-90 into Indiana. Exit U.S.Rt 41 south. Proceed to Indiana RT 234 (about120mi) and turn east to Shades (8 mi). Ask for a campsite on the far curve in the Raccoon Run area . Please call leaders if you are going.

May 8, Sat Bark River, Wi Beginner

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Sherri Johnson 815-634-2811
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This trip is shorter than some, so we will plan to paddle around the two lakes. 2004 Bark River Directions: Car shift at 9:30 **From the East**; Exit I-94 at Hwy P (Sawyer Rd), which is just west of Delafield. Go south on P (Saw-

yer) for about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Turn left on Sugar Island Rd (old rusty white street sign) and proceed to the non resident parking lot on the left which you must use. **From the West**; Exit I-94 at Hwy 67 (Oconomowoc exit) and turn right (south) on 67 for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Turn left (east) on Cnty DR (Delafield Rd) and go about 1.5 miles to Cnty P (Sawyer Rd). Turn right (south) on P and go about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to Sugar Island Rd (old rusty white street sign). Turn left and proceed to the non resident parking lot on the left which you must use. Please call trip leaders

May 8, Sat Moving Water 2 Vermillion River, IL, Training

Tom Lindblade 630-207-9500
lindbladet@sbcglobal.net

A follow-up to Moving Water I. Continue to build your moving water skills on one of the most beautiful rivers in Illinois. Major whitewater will be portaged. Please email for further information: lindbladet@sbcglobal.net. Please be sure to include your address and phone number. (If e-mail is not possible call 630-207-9500).

May 9, Sun White River, WI Experienced Beginner

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Kslr@AOL.COM
Tom Lindblade 815-963-5945
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Rising from the eastern tip of Lake Geneva in Wisconsin, the White is a small, remote, wandering stream. The put-in is Route 50 where it crosses the stream. From the east, use Route 12 to Route 50 and turn west. From the west, travel north on I-90, then east on I-

Trip Announcements (con't)

43 and pick up Route 50 at Delavan. Be prepared for cool weather with dry clothes and gear in a dump bag, and lunch. Carshift at 10:00 am; please call for more details and to let us know you are paddling.

May 10th to?, Mon-?

Quetico Provincial Park (Fall chain area)

Allen Close 708-748-2102
thecloses@yahoo.com

This will be a solo oriented trip w/others; an oxymoron? Give me a call/e-mail for details re: RBCP (remote border crossing permit), how to get a Canadian fishing license this side of the border, solo tripping, etc .

May 13-16, Thu-Sun Wisconsin Whitewater
(Biking & Paddling)

Rick Fleming 847-253-9383
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Join us for a great cardiovascular workout and beautiful campground on a lake Thursday and Friday for biking and paddling a short section of the Wolf late Friday afternoon or join us for paddling the Wolf, Pike or Peshtigo Sat and the Red (Sun). Call for camping.

May 15, Sat Fox River, IL
Advanced Beginner

Jerry Kolar 847-336-1187

Our purpose is to view a rookery. We'll start in the Eastern McHenry County. Expect to see a large nesting site with herons, egrets and cormorants that tolerate power boats. We too may have to tolerate a few power boats. We'll also paddle in back waters, lunch in a Preserve and end at our put-in. This trip has a minimum and maximum boat count-call.

May 15-16, Sat-Sun Chain of Lakes, IN

Jerry Emerson 219-662-1296

Bob Kane 815-744-8129
paddler@cbcast.com

Contact leaders for details.

May 16, Sun Sugar River, WI
Advanced Beginner

Mark & Merri Morrall 815-765-3402
morrall@t6b.com

We will be starting at Yale Bridge Road and paddle seven miles to the mouth on the Pecatonica. This will be a slow, leisurely trip. Because of numerous downed trees to maneuver around, this trip is rated advanced beginner. Bring extra clothes packed in a dry bag, rain gear, drinking water, and a lunch. Car shift is at 10:00 sharp.

May 20-21, Thu-Fri Whanganui River, NZ

Christina Taylor 312-203-8950
Peace4368@aol.com

Have you ever been to New Zealand? Neither have we. We're taking two days out of a two week trip to paddle one of New Zealand's most scenic rivers. We'll be renting canoes from a local outfitter. Transportation to and from New Zealand is the responsibility of each participant. We'll help coordinate transportation on the north island. **Please contact us by April 15th if you are interested.**

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May 22, Sat Fox River, IL
Advanced Beginner

Jerry Kolar 847-336-1187

A scenic drive through Chain-O-Lakes State Park leads to the launch. This is a leisurely old-fashioned paddle upstream and downstream. We'll paddle in a no-wake zone. The scenery is mostly natural and typical of a mid-west river. **There is a minimum and a maximum boat count on this trip so call.**

May 22-23, Sat-Sun Pere Marquette, MI
Beginner

Bill Barclay/Peg Strobel 708-386-1371
chocolate.house@verizon.net
Mike & Anita Budrys 847-735-0810
t747826@earthlink.net

The Pere Marquette is one of the most beautiful rivers in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. It is a fairly gentle river that winds between sandy and wooded banks with one short Class I rapids. Wildlife includes deer, turkey, blue heron, beaver, etc. **Directions:** from Chicago take I-94/I-196 to Grand Rapids. Take MI 37 north 65 - 70 miles to North Avenue (1 mile north of Baldwin MI.) Turn right for 1 mile and then left at Putnam's. Sites will be reserved for PSC. (**Alternate route:** from Chicago take I-94/I-196 north to Holland; then take MI 31 north to MI 10, near Ludington. Go right (east) on MI 10 to MI 37 and then right (south) to North Avenue and left to Putnam's.) On Saturday the car shift from the campground will be at 9:30 AM (Chicago time). The Pere Marquette is part of the wild and scenic river program and paddlers are required to obtain permits. **You must contact the leaders at least two weeks in advance to assure permit availability; there is a new \$2/day permit charge.**

May 23, Sun Des Plaines River Marathon
(Libertyville-Des Plaines, IL)

Beginner

Ray Ziemer 630-836-0086
rgziemer@worldnet.att.net

Join hundreds of other paddlers in all classes for the 47th Annual Des Plaines River Canoe Marathon. Advance registration is recommended for a start time and boat number. For information and fees call 847-604-2445 or check the web at www.canoemarathon.com Contact Ray for PSC paddle points.

May 28-31, Fri-Mon Wolf River
Whitewater (Biking & Paddling)

Rick Fleming 847-253-9383
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Join us for a great cardiovascular workout and beautiful campground on a lake Thursday and Friday for biking and paddling a short section of the Wolf late Friday afternoon or join us for paddling the Wolf, Pike or Peshtigo Sat and the Red (Sun). Camp at Bear Paw. Call to make sure we reserve enough sites.

May 29-31, Sat-Mon Wisconsin River, WI
Advanced Beginner

Bob Fenger 847-356-2171
Rafcanoe@aol.com
Louis & Ruth Igyarto 847-587-7462
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Three days on the Wisconsin River, and two nights of camping on sandbars. Meet at Muscoda at 9:00 am Saturday for the carshift. **Call leaders in advance.**

Trip Announcements (con't)

May 30, Sun **Des Plaines River, IL**
Family & Others/Beginner

Joan Taylor **630-495-1565**
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Andy Cocalis **847-680-5219**
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Please contact leaders for information about this family Holiday local trip.

May 31, Mon **Lower Fox River, IL**
(Rt. 52 to Wedron) Beginner

Larry Forgala
708-425-0733

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An early in the season paddle through the "Dells of the Fox". Last year Mother Nature gave us a great day for the trip that many enjoyed. Hopefully she will do the same this year. Directions: Take I - 55 South to Rt. 52 (Shorewood Exit West). Continue West on Rt. 52 approx. 26 miles to the river. Put-in is at the NE corner of the bridge. Carshift at 9:30 am.

For Future Planning

Jun 4- 6, Fri-Sun **Intro to Whitewater**
Wolf, Red, Pike Rivers, Training

Tom Lindblade **630-207-9500**
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Where we paddle will depend on group experience and water levels. Learn the art of Whitewater Canoeing (Class I and II) on the best teaching rivers in the Midwest. Requires intermediate level paddling skills and whitewater equipment (can be rented). Please email for further information lindbladet@sbcglobal.net. Please be sure to include your address and phone number. (If email is not possible, call 630-207-9500).

July 3rd or 5th through July 16th (Sat or Mon
 through Friday) **Montana Whitewater**

Skill Level: Intermediate Whitewater or bring a raft

Rick Fleming **847-253-9383**
 rick24fleming@comcast.net

Join us for either week or both weeks. Trip begins Monday, July 3rd but you can come out early as this is the long July 4th weekend. The rivers we paddle will depend on the skill level of those interested. Cold water paddling gear is a must, as even when the air temperature was 95 degrees, drysuited kayakers have barely been warm enough in past trips. We will include hiking days. Call or write to express interest. Suggested reading: Floating and Recreation on Montana Rivers, Thompson, Montana Handbook, Moon Publications.

Trip Reports

May 28, 2003 Memorial Day Lower Fox, IL (Sheriden To Wedron)

A Memorial Day without rain—unbelievable! A bright, sunny, & warm day brought out a good number of boats. Approximately half of these took off and ran a marathon and were never seen again. A Shame!! The rest of us had an extended, enjoyable paddle down the river exploring inlets, caves and a unique shore erosion resulting in a Limestone pillar to paddle around. Thanks to Larry & Evelyn Tennyson for leading the cave exploration expedition. Also, thanks to Glen Jensen and Milt Levenberg for car shift. **Larry Forgala**

July 12, 2003 Lower Fox Moonlite (Sheriden to Wedron)

Sometimes Mother Nature can be most accomidating. A hot, muggy evening evolved into a cool, clear night. A rare early moonrise made for a enjoyable paddle for all. Thanks to Mary Krzystofiak for the car shift. **Larry Forgala**

Aug 9, 2003 Kankakee River, IL (Momence to Aroma Park)

A pleasant break in the summer weather made for a enjoyable paddle. Although the river was low, we reached the take - out with enough time left to go to the Gald Fest in Momence. Thanks to Glen Jensen for the car - shift. **Larry Forgala**

Sept 21, 2003 Fox River, IL

Paddled out of Sheridan at low water, but high expectations for a great day on the river. Within first mile or two the goats had scraped bottom several times. We followed the current as it went back and forth across the river, always challenging to get a good read on where the deepest water would be. We

lunched just beyond the RT 52 bridge. Then there was time to leisurely enjoy the rock walls and abundant sunshine. Everyone made it to the take-out without a mishap. Thanks to the carshifters and to the co-leader for helping to make it happen. **Rich Rothrock**

Oct 19, 2003 I & M Canal (Channahon)

Another beautiful fall day!!! We moved the Put - In to McKinley Park and all took off on a enjoyable paddle accompanied by numerous cyclists And hikers. **Larry Forgala**

Dec 1-5, 2003 FLORIDA PANHANDLE

Two dozen paddlers journeyed to the Tallahassee area in search of wild rivers and found five, each with a distinct personality. Econfina Creek on its upper stretches is a narrow canyon, with swift water and occasional downfall. The lower section is more open, with numerous glistening, transparent springs to explore; swamplands alternate with high limestone banks.

Higher water levels transform Holmes Creek into a maze of open channels with the main flow sometimes hard to distinguish, inviting paddlers to roam freely in the bayous of this tannin-colored swamp.

Spring-fed Wakulla is a beautiful green, so clear that it's easy to see turtles and fish against its white-sand bottom. The river is broad, jungle-like with its spanish moss and palm trees, with an abundance of wildlife.

Though the Wacissa and Aucilla are only a few miles distant, the streams could not be more different. The Aucilla's water is a tannin-colored amber, heavily shaded,

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winding past massive cypresses with gnarled roots. The Wacissa hosts more wildlife, its clear, emerald waters beginning with broad and plentiful springs, narrowing somewhat throughout the middle of the run, to open out again into a broad, sweeping and grassy stream prior to take out at Goose Pasture.

Exotic wildlife sightings include alligators, anhinga, little blue and tricolored herons, yellow-crowned night-herons, common moorhens, yellowlegs, limpkin, and snowy egret. More familiar sightings were: beaver, kingfishers, wigeons and wood ducks, great

egrets, great blue herons, pileated woodpeckers, cormorants, bald eagle, and osprey.

Our first day of paddling ended with our spaghetti dinner and campfire at Falling Waters State Recreation Area. By the third evening, we were camping near St. Mark's National Wildlife Refuge, an area explored 500 years earlier by Cabeza de Vaca. His narrative provides us a panorama of rivers and native Floridians, as seen through the eyes of the 16th century.

Carole Snowdon and Karen Wedde

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