



# PSC Paddler

The Newsletter of the Prairie State Canoeists

## From the Chairman

As I'm writing this little blurb (March 7th) there is still quite a lot of snow cover on the ground from the early March storm we had this year.

I think that I'm in the minority when I say that I'm glad that we finally had a little snow this winter despite it's late arrival but we needed the precipitation and it gave me an opportunity to try out a new pair of snowshoes. I'm sure that by week's end the snow will have melted and my new snowshoes will be stored away, waiting for next winter.

Anyhow the mild winter that we had did make for some excellent winter paddling and I personally have been on 5 river trips this year including 3 club trips.

Soon spring will arrive and with it migrating birds, blooming red bud and dogwood trees and the many wild flowers that bloom this time of year.

In fact I've already heard from some friends that they've already seen snow drops and trout lilies! All good stuff indeed.

We, as paddlers, know that there is nothing finer than getting out in our boats

and breathing that fragrant spring air. Getting out and exploring local waterways and occasionally exploring the banks for those things that represent the change of the season and thus the renewal of life.

For those of you who are new to our club I'd like to welcome you and let you know that if you have any questions you may personally contact me and I will answer them the best that I can.

See you on the river!

*Vic*

*"Every man has to go down the river sometime"*

Paul Rivere Abbey- Ed's dad

Check out more than 4 pages of

## Trip Announcements

Please Call The Trip Leader If You Plan To Attend

### Kishwaukee River

March 24, Sunday

Vic Hurtowy 773 777 1489 days 847 803 4575 eves

The water should be up and running so let's Kish it! Call trip leader in advance for put-in information.

### St Francis River, MO

March 29/31 Friday/Sunday

Intermediate whitewater

Bill Barclay 708-386-1371

Larry Rice 309-246-8351

Challenging river with difficulty depending upon water level. We will begin with the upper section as a warm up on Fri and then do the lower section on both Sat and Sun – this one is worth doing twice. Wet/dry suits required. Call leaders for details.

### Mazon River

April 6, Saturday Advanced Beginner

Dave and Sherri Johnson 815-634-2811

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## Web Site/Telephone Hot Line

### PSC Web Site

Check out the PSC web site: <http://www.psc.ctsserver.com>. Members receive a password to access detailed trip info, online newsletter, trip pics and more.

**Hotline** for late trip postings: call Bob Kane at 815-744-8129 if you are planning a last minute river trip and would like us to put an entry on the web for you. Include the details of when and where, with your name and a phone number to contact you.

## PSC Items For Sale

PSC T-shirts (\$12) and sweatshirts (\$20) are available from Christina Taylor at 708-445-0871; E-mail: [peace4368@aol.com](mailto:peace4368@aol.com). Christina can bring your shirts to a trip or send via UPS.

## Notices

**Sauk Lake Clean-up:** This small forest preserve lake is located near Park Forest/Chicago Heights. It has an accumulation of glass & plastic bottles & cans around its border. Anyone who may be interested in assisting in a clean-up should call me. I am flexible & the cleanup could be during a weekday as well as on a weekend. I am hoping to do this sometime in April on a warm, sunny day. I will have all collected materials recycled. Anyone interested can contact me via my home # 708/748-2102, or e-mail me at [thecloses@yahoo.com](mailto:thecloses@yahoo.com). Thank-you, Allen Close

We are organizing a **trip on the Clarke and Thelon** rivers in Canada's NWT and Nunavut and are looking for 2 more paddlers with suitable canoe. We are currently a group of 4 but, would like to be a group of 6. The trip allows plenty of time for fishing, hiking and, photography. Expect to encounter musk ox, caribou, moose, wolves, grizzly, birds and a gazillion bugs. Art Skoda 204-888-1716 Home 204-788-8290 Work [askoda@miseri.winnipeg.mb.ca](mailto:askoda@miseri.winnipeg.mb.ca)

## Instructor Development Workshop

Intro to Kayak & Canoe; Basic River Kayak Canoe 3/23-24  
Intro to Canoe Instructor Certification Exam 4/20  
Basic River Canoe Instructor Certification Exam 4/21  
Intro to Kayak Instructor Certification Exam 4/27  
Basic River Kayak Instructor Certification Exam 4/28  
Location: Cary IL; Shorewood IL  
Instructor Trainers: Marge Cline, Mandy Buckner  
Fees: \$75 per day plus ACA/SEIC registration (\$50)  
ACA Instruction Manual required (\$15)  
FW canoe book required for canoe courses (\$5)  
Contact Marge Cline @ 847-639-7336 or [rivermom@mindspring.com](mailto:rivermom@mindspring.com) for more info or to register

## Swap Meet

**If you have equipment to trade or sell, send the information to the newsletter editor. Please let us know if your item has sold and confirm that you want the ad to appear in the next issue.**

**Aquatera** Chinook 16' sea kayak, yellow never been in the water. \$750. S.Vilardo [svilardo@netzero.net](mailto:svilardo@netzero.net)

**Bell Wildfire** solo canoe. 14ft weight is 35 lbs. "Black Gold" Graphite/Kevlar. Excellent condition, \$995, price includes paddle. (price for new is \$1,800) It's a fast, responsive hull~great all around solo boat! Mike Budrys 847-735-0810

**Blackhawk Nighthawk** 12' solo, Kevlar, wood gunwales. \$600 Beth Sandles 773-271-3415

**Canadienne** 1988-89, white GRP with aluminum trim, 3 paddles, 3rd passenger seat. Pulley halyard system for stowing canoe in overhead of garage. 1/2 of a car carrier (used station wagon rack for back end). 2001 registration. Practically new condition. \$700 complete. Gary Nelson, [gnelson@zynrgy.com](mailto:gnelson@zynrgy.com)

**Folbot**, Super (17 1/2' folding Kayak) with rudder, sprayskirt and paddles. \$400. Folds into 2 bags. Call Tom or Anne at 708 361 4970 or e-mail at [afuel40010@cs.com](mailto:afuel40010@cs.com)

Older **Folbot Super** collapsible kayak - fully functional. \$200. Add another \$100 for downwind sail and rudder. Call 815-941-2462.

**Frese built 18' 1/2" Canadian.** This boat has gorgeous mahogany and spruce trim with mahogany decks. The yellow fiberglass hull is in excellent condition. A fine looking & paddling canoe. \$1200.00 Call Neil Hedlund at 773 419 6437 and leave message.

**17' Grumman canoe** in good shape (no whitewater-no dents); also can include center seat/portage yoke, & foam gunwale blocks/straps for vehicle top carrying; \$600; Allen Close, 708/748-2102 or [thecloses@yahoo.com](mailto:thecloses@yahoo.com)

**Mad River** 16' solo large volume tripping fiberglass \$300, alum john boat 10' \$250, **raft** white water rubber 8' & 6' \$150 & \$75. Portable rowboat \$200 Bob Warren 630-739-6040.

**Mad River Quest** fiberglass canoe. Has 3 cane seats. Good condition. \$400. Add another \$100 for lateen sailing rig for the canoe. Call 815-941-2462.

**Old Town Canadienne**, 1984, 17', Green, will consider trade for Solo canoe, Dennis Breski, (847) 651-5959.

**Old Town** 17' newly restored wood and canvas canoe. Excellent condition. Eight coats of interior varnish. A beautiful boat to paddle. \$1900. Paddles included. Contact Leo Krusack.

**We-no-nah** 16' Solo Plus, (solo or tandem) 50lbs, teal, paddled 1 season. \$1000 (\$1600 new) Noreen Long 847-486-0752.

**Yakima** racks 58" bar and towers Y9, Y2, Y4, Y13, ski accessory, canoe braces, \$100. Mike 773-594-9247.

**Yakima Racks:** for Round bars - 2 Double Cross Towers (attaches to car factory roof-rack), \$20, 2 Q-Towers (attaches to car w/o gutters), \$20, and Q-Clips Q35, \$5. Call Terri.



### Remaining Tentative 2002 Schedule

There will be trips added and deleted as the season progresses. Please check future newsletters, the PSC website and the hotline for the latest details. Check with the leader before finalizing trip plans. **Bold Entries** require advance contact.

- Sat 6/1 Du Page River Sweep – The Ziemers
- Sat 6/1 Sun 6/2 Whitewater, Training – Sandon Bate.
- Sun 6/2 Rock River - Joan Taylor/Bob and Linda Alwitt
- Fri-Wed 6/6-12 Pine River - Joan Taylor
- Sun 6/9 Isle la Cache on the Des Plaines - Bob Kane/the Igyartos
- Sat-Sun 6/15-16 Pere Marquette River MI - Bill Barclay/Peg Strobel
- Sun 6/16 Lower Fox River – Larry Forgala
- Sat-Sun 6/22-23 Beginning whitewater - Bill Barclay/Kim Parsons
- Sat. 6/22 Cedar Creek – the Heckenbachs
- Sat 6/29 Du Page – Chip Flagg 630 231 9085
- Thu 7/4 Wisconsin River – Dave & Sherri Johnson
- Sat 7/6 Du Page River - Joan Taylor/Chip Flagg
- Sun 7/7 Du Page River - Joan Taylor/Jon Gaut
- Sat-Sun 7/13-14 Mekan River WI – the Zieglers/Christina Taylor
- Sat-Sun 7/20-21 Little Manistee River MI Barclay/Strobel, the Cliffords
- Tue-Thu 7/23-25 Blue River – Joan Taylor/Jim and Alice Deck
- Sat-Sun 7/27-28 Paddling in the Park – Donna Goldman
- Sat-Sun 7/27-28 Wildcat Creek - Joan Taylor
- Thu 8/8 Kankakee River – Joan Taylor/Tony Spanley
- Sat 8/10 Kankakee River - Larry Forgala
- Sun 8/11 Kishwaukee Cleanup - Joan Taylor/Vic Hurtowy
- Sat-Sun 8/17-18 Kickapoo River Wisc. Joan & Christina Taylor
- Sat-Sun 8/18-19 Kankakee River – Dave & Sherri Johnson
- Sat-Mon 8/31-9/02 Namekagon River – Dave & Sherri Johnson
- Sat-Mon 8/31-9/2 Wisconsin River – Ed Nelson
- Sat-Fri 9/8-13 BWCAW – Ed Nelson
- Sat-Sun 9/28–29 Kickapoo River, WI – Dave & Sherri Johnson
- Sat-Mon 9/7-9 Section IV Wolf River WI. & Peshtigo River– Bill Barclay/Larry Rice
- Sat-Sun 9/14-15 Pine River MI – Barclay Strobel/The Cliffords
- Sun 9/22 Chicago River Flatwater Classic – Ray Ziemer
- Sat 9/28 Lower Fox River – Larry Forgala
- Sat-Sun 9/28-29 Fawn & Pigeon Rivers – Jerry Emerson / The Cliffords
- Sat 10/12 Wolf & Peshtigo Rivers – Bill Barclay/Larry Rice
- Sat-Thu 10/12-17 Pine River - Joan Taylor/Mark Rothman
- Sun 10/10 I&M Canal -Larry Forgala
- Sat-Sun 10/26-27 Wisconsin Dells -Igyartos
- Sun 11/3 Pecatonica River – Joan & Christina Taylor
- Sun 11/10 PSC Fall Dinner, time and place TBA.
- Wed-Tue 11/27–12/3 Florida Rivers, Basecamping – Ed Nelson**
- Mon-Fri 12/2-6 Panhandle Rivers, FL – Carole Snowden 414-962-0879 Karen Wedde**
- Weds 01/03 17th annual New Years Day N. Branch of the Chicago River – Vic Hurtowy

### New Members Welcomed to PSC

The following individuals and families have recently joined the Prairie State Canoeists. We welcome them to the PSC family and hope this is the beginning of a long and enjoyable association for all of us.

- Bosshart, Robert - 322 W. Lincoln Ave. Libertyville, IL 60048 847-362-9010
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- Laporte, Stephen & Marie Calusinski - 140 Arrowhead Dr. Carol Stream, IL 60188-1502 630-665-5707
- Morse, Lori - 115 Stapleton St. Normal, IL 61761 309-454-8298
- Randolph, Ian & Catherine - 6964 N. Seeley Ave. Rear House Chicago, IL 60645

### Newsletter Deadlines

Issue	Deadline	For Trips
4	May 7	June – July
5	July 7	August – September
6	September 7	October – November

Published newsletter contains all content received prior to close of business on deadline date. Sorry, no exceptions.

Send address changes to Bob Kane, sign-in sheets to Larry Forgala, and trip reports to Mark Rothman, [paddle@adhoc-solutions.com](mailto:paddle@adhoc-solutions.com) (e-mail preferred). Trip leaders do not have to use the pre-stamped envelopes for trip reports – e-mail if you can.



## Trip Announcements

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canoese@uti.com or djohnson@uti.com

See April 6th trip for identical writeup.

### **Nippersink Creek**

April 7, Sunday Advanced Beginner

Joan Taylor 630 495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com

Christina Taylor 708 445-0871 peace4368@aol.com

Carshift at 9:30. We will paddle from Glacial Park to Spring Grove on this pretty creek. Take Rt. 12 north from Fox Lake to the intersection of 31, continue West (across Rt. 31) on Tyron Grove Road to Keystone Rd. Turn left (south) to the Park. Bring dump clothes, rain gear, lunch and a registered boat.

### **Little Vermillion**

April 7, Sunday Advanced Beginner

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

Pray for rain. This river drains fast, so call me by Saturday. To get there take the Rt34 exit off of I-39. Go west to Troy Grove. Take the first left to the river. We will carshift at 9:30. Bring a lunch and dump bag.

### **Rock River**

April 7, Sunday

Jim Ryan 708 771 0268

Vic Hurtowy 773 777 1489 days 847 803 4575 eves

This trip will be a joint effort with our local sea kayaking club CASKA. Remember the time changes Sunday.

Interstate 88 west (17 mi. past Dekalb) to Interstate 39 north (Rockford). North on Interstate 39 for 6 or 7 mi. to Rt. 64. Go west on Rt. 64 about 17 mi. to River Road, which is one or two blocks past the stop lite at Daysville Rd. and right before the Rock River bridge. Turn right (north) on River Road and go a couple of blocks and you will see the River Park on your left. Pull into the parking area, and you will see the launch area towards the river.

This is about a ninety minute trip from Downtown Chicago with no traffic on Sunday morning. Watch for speed traps on Rte 64..

We are planning about an 18 mi. trip if the weather cooperates. At the half way point we will stop at the Ryan's log cabin for lunch around the wood burning stove. If people want to stop at that point, they can arrange to shuttle to that point. We will be ending at Lowell Park north of Dixon.

This area of the Rock River is probably the most scenic on its entire course having many sections of 80 ft. high sandstone bluffs and travels past Castle Rock State Park.

Bald eagles and turkey vultures are regularly seen. We will meet at the park at 9:30a with a 10:00a shuttle. Don't forget a dump bag and lunch.

### **DuPage River, Plainfield to Shorewood**

April 13, Saturday

Beginner

Ray & Dawn Ziemer 630-836-0086

rgziemer@worldnet.att.net

Should be a nice easy paddle behind the 'burbs. 9:30 car shift in Plainfield, off Route 59 near U.S. Route 30, but call leader for exact location. Bring lunch and PFD's.

### **Kyte Creek**

April 14, Sunday

Advanced Beginner

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

Lots of fun, lots of deadfall. But worth the cary-overs. Take I-39 to Rte.38 Go west to to the end (Rte.251) Turn right to Flagg Rd.(2 lights) Go West to the river. Just past the river on the right is Skagg Park. This is where we will put in. We will carshift at 9:30. Bring a lunch and dump bag.

### **Turtle Creek**

April 20, Saturday

Advanced Beginner

Gerry Mueller 847-680-1848

I believe this will be a scouting trip-from what I gather, this section has not been done by the club. We should encounter many riffles with some secluded stretches and this portion is supposed to be the prettiest. This is a nice, close river just into Wisconsin.

### **Moving Water Training**

April 20, Saturday

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

The more you know the more you enjoy the sport. This is the second in a series of ACA classes offered by PSC to help improve paddling skills. You need to have taken the Introduction to Paddling course or at least be comfortable in a canoe and know basic paddle strokes. You MUST call.

The class size will depend on the number of instructors available. The cost for ACA members is \$5.00(\$10 for non-members) We will meet at Hammel Woods. Take I-55 to Rte.52(Jefferson St.)exit. Go west to stoplight (Rte.59) Go north approx.1/4 mile to Hammel Woods on right. Be there by 9:30A.M.

Bring a lunch and at least one set of dry, warm clothing in a waterproof container.

### **DuPage River, Shorewood to Channahon**

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**Saturday, April 20** Beginner  
Paul Clifford 815-886-2554 Ray Ziemer 630-836-0086

This is a nice section of river that you can use to practice your skills. Directions: Take I-55 to Route 52 in Shorewood, IL. Go west to Route 59 (Stop Light). Turn right (North) on Route 59 and go about 1 mile to Hammel Woods Park entrance on right. Follow the road through the park bearing right to the parking lot by the dam. Bring dump clothes, lunch, drink, and PFD. Carshift at 9:30 a.m.

**Kankakee River**

April 21, Sunday  
Vic Hurtowy 773 777 1489 days 847 803 4575 eve

The Kankakee is another local jewel and also one of our state's cleanest rivers. If you like to fish bring a rod and reel. Last year at this time the red bud trees were in full blossom.

We'll meet at Bird Park in the town of Kankakee at 9:30 with a shuttle at 10:00. This trip will be limited to the first 15 boats so please call trip leader in advance.

**Mazon River**

April 27, Saturday Advanced Beginner  
Dave and Sherri Johnson\_815-634-2811 canoe-  
sew@uti.com or djohnson@uti.com

*Note: This date is changed from Master Schedule*  
The Mazon River is truly one of the *gems* of undeveloped areas within a short drive of the Chicago suburban area. This is one our regular 'play' trips on the Mazon and we tend to be in no hurry to get down the river. The idea is to enjoy the river and take turns playing in the current, eddies, etc....

This is rated ' Advanced Beginner' because there is a potential of the one Class I rapid and many riffles to require maneuvering skills above a ' Beginner' status. It is all dependant of the water level.

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 is tight and we always keep a small group.

**Big Rock Creek, IL**

April 28, Sunday Advanced Beginner  
Tom Lindblade 630 406-9012 lindbladt@aol.com  
Joan Taylor 630 495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com

Car shift at 9:30 a.m. (The Creek runs from Big Rock on Route 30 to the Fox River at Silver Springs State Park near Yorkville.) Call or email for information and directions after April 10 when trip will have been scouted.

**Northern WI whitewater**

May 3/5, Friday-Sunday Intermediate/Advanced  
Bill Barclay 708-386-1371 Larry Rice 309-246-8351

We will paddle whitewater rivers in northern WI including the Wolf and the Peshtigo. The choice of rivers will depend upon water levels and temperature. The rivers will include Wolf (Section IV if accessible) and Peshtigo (Section III). Join us for this trip while water levels are still good (we hope). Wet/dry suits, helmets required.

**DesPlaines River**

May 4, Saturday Advanced Beginner  
Jim Hart 262-857-2685 Jerry Kolar 847-336-1187

We will meet at 9:15 a.m. in Wisconsin, a few miles north of the Illinois border. The put-in site depends on the water. Expect the usual birds and flora in a mostly natural setting. Call for information.

**Fox River Cleanup**

May 4, Saturday Beginner  
John & Marilyn Ziegler 847-742-7316

Come out and help clean up the Fox River at Voyageur Landing Forest Preserve. Perfect cleanup opportunity for those members who always wanted to help, but didn't want to drive to Chicago. Directions: I-90 to Elgin. Exit Rt. 31 north to light. Turn right on Tollgate Rd. Go to the first light (Airport Rd.) and turn right. Follow this road to the river and the entrance to Voyageur Landing Forest Preserve. Turn left into park. Meet by the dock at 9:00. Please call leaders.

**Middle Fork Vermillion**

May 4/5, Saturday/Sunday  
The Tennysons 630-487-2516  
Call leaders for details.

**Mazon**

May 5, Sunday Advanced Beginner  
Bob Kane 815-744-8129 paddler@cbcast.com

A favorite trip lead by Dave & Sherri Johnson. Unfortunately I can make it neither of their two dates. Please call me for directions and carshift time.

**Beginning Whitewater**

May 11 - 12, Saturday-Sunday  
Bill Barclay 708-386-1371 Kim Parsons 414-764-2827

This trip is designed for paddlers learning the art of whitewater canoeing. We will paddle rivers in northern WI, with the choice of rivers dependent upon water levels and the groups' interest/experience. Likely candidatesri-

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clude the Pike (Yellow Bridge Falls only at paddler's option), Oconto, Wolf, Sections I and/or II, Peshtigo Section II, etc. There will be no rapids rated above Class II on this trip. This is a chance to build skills and confidence with support of other paddlers. Call the leaders for details regarding camping, meeting places, etc.

**Wine & Cheese, Sugar Creek, IN**

May 11/12, Saturday-Sunday      Advanced Beginner  
Bob Kane 815-744-8129    paddler@cbcast.com  
Paul & Alice Clifford 815-886-2554  
aliceclifford@msn.com

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 10:00A.M. on Saturday and 9:00A.M. on Sunday. To get to Shades from Chicago take I-80-90 into Indiana. Exit U.S. Rt 41 south. Proceed to Indiana Rte234 (about 120mi) and turn east to Shades (8 mi). Ask for a campsite on the far curve in the Raccoon Run area. Call leaders.

**Big Pine Creek, IN**

May 14, Tuesday      Advanced Beginner  
Joan Taylor 630 495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com Tony Spanley 219 867-2461

Carshift will be at 10:30 at Rainsville Bridge. Take Rt. 41 south through Kentland. About 25 miles south after crossing Rt. 26 turn left when you see a sign to Rainsville. You will cross Big Rock Creek before getting to Rainsville and turn left into Rainsville. Turn left in Rainsville and proceed to the bridge that is south east of town on the way to Chatterton. Bring lunch, rain gear, and dump clothes.

**Sugar Creek, IN**

May 15/16, Wednesday/Thursday    Advanced Beginner  
Joan Taylor 630 495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com  
Jim and Alice Deck 217 442-2032

Carshift at 9:30. Meet at the entrance gate of Shades State Park. We will paddle to Shades Park on Wednesday and from Shades Park to Turkey Run on Thursday. We will camp at Shades Park Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Take Route 41 south of Rt. 74 to Rt. 234 and turn left. Follow signs to Shades Park. Please call or Email if you are coming.

**Moving Water Training #2**

May 18, Saturday

Steve Shapiro 847-253-5875

Call for details.

**Bark River, WI**

May 18, Saturday      Beginner  
John & Marilyn Ziegler 847-742-7316  
Joann Benedetto 847-697-3770

Nice quiet river to paddle. Wildlife sightings possible. Downfalls to make things interesting. Directions: Take Rt. 31 north from McHenry to Rt. 12 north. Follow Rt 12 in Wisconsin toward Elkhorn where Rt. 67 joins Rt. 12. Follow Rt. 67 north through Dousman to Rt. 18. Turn left on Rt. 18 (west). Go a little more than a mile to the park on the left for the put in. Car shift at 9:30 a.m. Please call trip leader.

**Chain of Lakes, Albion, In**

May 18/19 , Saturday/Sunday  
Emersons 291-662-1296 Igyartos 847-587-7462

We will be paddling the South Branch Elkart/Chain of Lakes. We plan to do the river on Saturday and Chain of Lakes on Sunday. Carshift at 8:30am *sharp* both days from the campground. Bring a lunch for both days. Everyone is invited to join us for dinner Saturday evening in Topeka. Take Indiana Tollway 80/94 to Indiana 13. Go South on 13 to US 6. East on 6 to IN 9. South on IN 9 through Albion until you see the sign for Chain of Lakes Park. Go left to the park and camping. Please call leaders prior to the trip.

**45th Annual Des Plaines River Marathon**

May 19, Sunday  
Vic Hurtowy 773 777 1489 days 847 803 4575 eves  
Call for details

**Bark River, WI**

May 19, Sunday      Advanced Beginner  
Joan Taylor 630 495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com

Car shift will be at 10. Take Rt. 31 north from McHenry to Rt. 12 north. Follow Rt. 12 in Wisc. Through Elkhorn where Rt. 67 joins Rt. 12. Follow Rt. 67 north through Dousman to Rt. 18. Turn left on Rt. 18 (west). Go a little more than a mile to the park on the left. Bring lunch, dump clothes and a bathing suit.

**I&M Canal**

May 19, Sunday  
Larry Forgala 708-425-0733  
Call for details

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**Des Plaines River**

May 25, Saturday Beginner  
Joan Taylor 630 495-1565 [taylorjrs@aol.com](mailto:taylorjrs@aol.com)  
Chip Flagg 630 231-9085

Especially for children and their families! Car shift at 9:30 at Route 60. We will so a leisurely paddle to Dundee Road about 6.5 miles. Take Route 94 to Kennedy/Town Line Road and go west to the river that is about 2 miles. Lunch stop will include a playtime. Bring snacks, lunch, water, dump clothes and rain gear.

**Wisconsin River**

May 25-27 Saturday/Monday River Camping  
Ed Nelson, Leader, [enelson@mc.net](mailto:enelson@mc.net)  
E-mail leader for details.

**Kishwaukee River Cleanup**

May 26, Sunday Advanced Beginner  
Tom Lindblade 630 406-9012 [lindbladt@aol.com](mailto:lindbladt@aol.com)  
Joan Taylor 630 495-1565 [taylorjrs@aol.com](mailto:taylorjrs@aol.com)

Car shift at 9:30. We will clean up this pleasant area of the Kishwaukee from Belvidere to Mulford Road just downstream from Cherry Valley, about ten miles. Take 90 west to Genoa exit and Genoa right to U.S. 20. Turn left unto 20 and go west to the 3rd exit that is South Appleton Road. Turn right onto So. Appleton going north. Cross the Kishwaukee and immediately turn left into the parking lot. Bring PFDs, gloves, dump clothes and lunch. (A rake or stick with nail or hook is helpful also.)

**Kishwaukee River Cleanup**

May 27, Monday, Memorial Day Advanced Beginner  
Joan Taylor 630-495-1565 [taylorjrs@aol.com](mailto:taylorjrs@aol.com)  
Mark & Merri Morrall 815-765-3402  
[merri.morrall@gte.net](mailto:merri.morrall@gte.net)

Carshift at 9:30. Cleanup and paddle this favorite section of the Kishwaukee. Take I-90 toward Rockford. Be alert for milepost 61. Exit at U.S. 20. Go a short distance to the Belvidere exit. Proceed east on 20 to the Cherry Valley exit. At the first stop light turn right and proceed to the first intersection (stop sign.) Turn left. Cross the bridge to the first street on the right. Turn right into Baumann Park. The boat launch is located on the first road on the right beyond the playground.

Bring PFDs, gloves, dump clothes and lunch. (A rake or stick with nail or hook is helpful also.)

**Niobrara River, NE**

May 27 - 31, Monday-Friday Advanced Beginner  
Carole Snowdon (414) 962-0879 Karen Wedde

Join us for five days on Nebraska's wild and scenic Niobrara River. We will basecamp near Valentine, canoe through the National Wildlife Refuge for several days before moving our basecamp downriver toward Butte and the Hull Lake State Wildlife Area. Day trips with daily shuttles will allow participants to paddle or to visit the nearby sandhills, Fort Niobrara Visitor's Center, or Ashfall State Historic Park. Ashfall State Park, Near Royal, is known for its dinosaur remains in situ.

**Tippecanoe River, IN**

May 29/30 Wednesday/Thursday Advanced Beginner  
Joan Taylor 630 495-1565 [taylorjrs@aol.com](mailto:taylorjrs@aol.com)  
Tony Spanley 219 867-2461

Carshift at 10 at the entrance to the Tippecanoe State Park. We will paddle from Leiters Ford to the Park on Wednesday and from the Park to Winamac on Thursday. Camping will be at the canoe group campsite. Take Rt. 80-94 to Rt. 49 and go south to Rt. 30. Go east on 30 to Rt. 35 and go south to the Park. Bring PFD, rain gear, bug spray, dump clothes and lunch. Please call or Email if you are coming. (We are avoiding Rt. 65 because of road construction and delays).

**DuPage River Sweep, Winfield- West Chicago**

June 1, Saturday Clean-Up  
Ray & Dawn Ziemer 630-836-0086 [rgziemer@worldnet.att.net](mailto:rgziemer@worldnet.att.net)

Join hundreds of volunteers all over DuPage County for the Conservation Foundation's annual clean-up. Our group plans to concentrate on the section of the river through Winfield and West Chicago. Bring lunch, work gloves, and your favorite pick-up tools. Car-shift at 9:30 a. m. Call leader for details.

**Root River, MN, Canoe & Bicycle**

Sun/Sat June 23/29 Advanced Beginner  
Carol & Tom Gorman 630-469-0070  
Marge & Harve Keil 847-526-8890

This is a beautiful area, a great paved bike trail and a very nice river to paddle. We plan two days on the North branch and one day on South Branch if the water level permits. Then we will do 2-3 days on the bike trail.

DIRECTIONS: See next *PSC Paddler* or call leaders.

The campground has electric, flush toilets and hot showers. Travel time is about 7 hours (330 miles from Chicago area). We will base camp there. Campsites cannot be reserved, but please call either leader if coming. We will be in camp Sunday afternoon (June 23).

**Membership Application/Renewal Form, Year 2002**



Dues: \$15. Make checks payable to Prairie State Canoeists. Complete, sign and mail to Bob Kane, 305 Westshore Drive, Shorewood IL 60431.  Check if this is a new address

**Read and Sign Below**

I agree that I will take part in Prairie State Canoeists activities at my own risk. I will not hold Prairie State Canoeists; its officers, trip leaders and/or members responsible for any injuries or property loss I may incur while taking part in club activities. I UNDERSTAND PADDLING IS AN ASSUMED RISK SPORT AND I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY SELF/FAMILY. I AM 21 YEARS OR OLDER. ALL ADULTS MUST SIGN.

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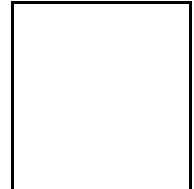
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