



Detailed Daily Agenda

**JUNE 20-27, 2009
CEDAR RIVER**

Saturday, June 20

Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets available in campground and at AWARE campsite
- Showers available in campground but not at AWARE campsite
- Electricity available in campground but not at AWARE campsite
- Shelter **not** available at AWARE campsite
- Running water available at AWARE campsite
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Park Lodge

11:30 am – Shuttle departs from Des Moines Area Community College

Noon – Shuttle departs from Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area

12:30 pm – Shuttle departs from University of Iowa – Oakdale Campus

1:30 pm – Arrive at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

2:30 – 5:30 pm – Concurrent Sessions

- *Canoe Skills and Safety Clinic* – Nate Hoogeveen (Iowa DNR, River Programs Coordinator)
- *Project WET Festival* – Rebecca Kauten and Kathy Scholl (Iowa Project WET/UNI Outdoor Recreation Studies Program)
- *Iowa Herps* – Gail Barels (Linn County Conservation Department, Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center)

3:00 – 5:30 pm – Registration

6:00 pm – **Dinner** at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

- Welcome & Introductions
- Relax

Sunday, June 21 (10.7 miles)

Wildcat Bluff to Private Access Near Duane Arnold Energy Center

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

7:45 am – Morning safety program

8:15 am – **Shuttle** volunteers to Wildcat Bluff

8:45 am – **Depart** from Wildcat Bluff (concrete ramp, river left – north side of river)

5 miles – **Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location** – North Cedar Natural Area (concrete ramp, river left – northeast of river)

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

Duane Arnold Energy Center “OFF LIMITS” area – Cleanup volunteers must **NOT** approach the DAEC intake/discharge areas for any reason.

5.7 miles – Arrive at Private Access south of Duane Arnold Energy Center (carry down ramp, river right – west side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

7:10 pm - **Shuttle** for Hanging Bog State Preserve Field Trip departs

7:20 pm - **Shuttles** for Kayak Demonstration begin

7:30 pm – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent Sessions)

- *Hanging Bog State Preserve Field Trip* (see shuttle departure time above) – John Pearson (DNR Preserves Program) & Matt Fisher (The Nature Conservancy)
- *Kayak Demonstration – Discover Paddling* (Windsurf Area – see shuttle departure time above) – Seatasea Watersports Center Staff
- *Native Storytelling* – Wha’la – Michael Dixon (Tribal Affiliation: Cree, Canada)

Monday, June 22 (13 miles)

Private Access Near Duane Arnold Energy Center to Mohawk Park Access

7:00 am – **Breakfast** and **lunch distribution** at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

7:45 am – Morning safety program

8:15 am – **Shuttle** volunteers to Private Access south of Duane Arnold Energy Center

8:45 am – **Depart** from Private Access near DAEC (gravel ramp, river right – west side of river)

3.9 miles – **Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location** – Chain Lakes Natural Area (concrete ramp, river right – south side of river)

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

9.1 miles – Arrive at Mohawk Park Access (concrete ramp, river left – northeast side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Seminole Valley Park

Afternoon Campground Program – *Fly Casting Demonstration* – Hawkeye Fly Fishing Association

5:00 pm – **Daily Shuttle Service** (\$20 per person) departs for Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Seminole Valley Park

7:30 pm – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent Sessions)

- *The World Water Crisis: What You May Not Know But Should* – Tammy Becker (Living Lands and Waters)
- *River Restoration and Dams* – Nate Hooegeveen (Iowa DNR, Rivers Programs Coordinator)

Seminole Valley Park Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets available at AWARE campsite
- Cold showers available at AWARE campsite
- Electricity available in shelter at AWARE campsite
- Running water available at AWARE campsite
- Emergency Storm Shelters – Onsite maintenance shed or Xavier High School

Tuesday, June 23 (13.1 miles)

Cedar Rapids to Palisades-Kepler State Park

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

7:45 am – Morning safety program

8:15 am – **Shuttle** volunteers to Cedar Rapids Fire Department Ramp (7th Ave by USGS Gaging Station)

9:00 am – **Depart** from CRFD Access (concrete ramp, river right – southwest side of river)

3.2 miles – Portage Takeout & Trash Pickup Location – Old River Road upstream of "C" Street Roller Dam (PRIVATE) (riprap “access”, river right – south side of river)

Portage Put In – Shuttle volunteers around low-head dam to Old River Road (Lou’s Area) Access (concrete ramp, river right – south side of river)

5 miles – Trash Pickup Location – Hess Sandpit (PRIVATE) (carry down, river left – northeast side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 3:00 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

3.4 miles – Trash Pickup Location – Palisades Access (concrete ramp, river right – south side of river)

1.5 miles – Arrive at Palisades-Kepler State Park – upstream of **DAM BREACH** (carry down portage, river left – north side of river)

4:00 - 5:45 pm – **Showers** at Mount Vernon High School – last shuttle leaves at 5:30pm

5:00 pm – **Daily Shuttle Service** (\$20 per person) departs for Xavier High School

6:00 pm – **Dinner** at Palisades-Kepler State Park

7:30 pm – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent Sessions)

- *Prehistory Along the Cedar River: The Archaeology of Palisades-Kepler State Park* – Mark Anderson (The University of Iowa Office of the State Archaeologist)
- *A Voyage on the Cedar* – Orlan Love (Cedar Rapids Gazette)

Palisades-Kepler State Park Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets available in campground; pit and portable toilets available at AWARE campsite
- Showers available at Mount Vernon High School during designated times
- Electricity **not** available at AWARE campsite
- Shelter **not** available at AWARE campsite
- Running Water available at AWARE campsite
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Palisades-Kepler Lodge or Mount Vernon High School

Wednesday, June 24 (8.6 miles)

Palisades-Kepler State Park to Sutliff

6:45 am – **Morning Campground Program** – *Wildflowers, Lichens, and Old Trees in Palisades-Kepler State Park* – John Pearson (Iowa DNR Preserves Program)

7:45 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Palisades Kepler State Park

8:45 am – Morning safety program

9:00 am – **Depart** from Palisades-Kepler State Park (concrete ramp, river left – north side of river)

3.7 miles – **Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location** – South Cedar Access (concrete ramp, river right – south side of river)

- **Cut-off time: 2:30 pm** – anyone not here by this time will have to exit the river

4.9 miles – Arrive at Dan Clark Access (PRIVATE) (carry down access, river left – east side of river)

Afternoon Campground Program

- *Canoe Skills and Safety Clinic* – Iowa DNR Water Trails Program
- *Iowa Soil and Water Conservation Society Conservation Tent*

5:00 pm – **Daily Shuttle Service** (\$20 per person) departs for Palisades-Kepler State Park

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Clarky’s Campground (PRIVATE)

7:00 pm – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent Sessions)

- *Iowa Birds of Prey* – Nathaniel Hart (Macbride Raptor Project)
- *History of Sutliff and Cedar Bluff* – Sutliff Bridge Authority and Dean Moel

8:00 pm – *Streamusic* – David Williamson (Collaborative Artist, Project AWARE)

Clarky’s Campground Amenities

- Portable Toilets Only

- Showers **not** available
- Electricity **not** available
- Shelter **not** available
- Running water (well) available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Onsite pole building and Baxa’s Sutliff Store & Tavern

Thursday, June 25 (15.4 miles)

Sutliff to Cedar Valley Park

Alternative Land-Based Improvement Project Option – Rochester Cemetery Prairie Invasive Species Removal and Cedar Valley Park Project

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Clarky’s Campground (PRIVATE)

8:00 am – Morning safety program

8:30 am – **River Cleanup volunteers** depart from Clarky’s Campground (carry down access, river left – east side of river)

9:00 am – **Alternative Land-Based Improvement Project Option** depart from Clarky’s Campground

- 9:30 am – noon – Rochester Prairie
 - Prairie/Cemetery Program
 - Prairie Plot Improvement Project
- noon – Transport volunteers to Cedar Valley Park
- 1:00 – 4:00pm – Cedar Valley Park Project(s)

3.2 miles – Trash Pickup Location – Ciha Access (PRIVATE) (carry down access, river left – north side of river)

5.9 miles – Halfway & Trash Pickup Location – Cedar Bluff (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

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

6.3 miles – Arrive at Cedar Valley Park (concrete ramp, river right – southwest side of river)

5:00 pm – **Daily Shuttle Service** (\$20 per person) departs for Clarky’s Campground

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Cedar Valley Park

7:30 pm – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent Sessions)

- *History of Cedar Valley and Geology of the Cedar River/Cedar Valley* – Reba Reddick (Cedar CCB) and Thomas R. Marshall (Iowa DNR Geological and Water Survey)
- *People/Property and the Floods of 2008* – Rod Scott

Cedar Valley Park Amenities

- Pit and Portable Toilets available only
- Showers **not** available
- Electricity available at shelter
- Running water available
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Shelter 1

Friday, June 26 (15.9 miles)

Cedar Valley Park to Jack Shuger Memorial Park

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

8:00 am – Morning safety program

8:30 am – **Depart** from Cedar Valley Park (concrete ramp, river right – southwest side of river)

On River Program – *Rock Creek Island State Preserve* – John Pearson (Iowa DNR Preserves Program)

6.8 miles – Halfway & Trash Pickup Location – Rochester Park (concrete ramp, river right – west side of river)

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

9.1 miles – Arrive at Jack Shuger Memorial Park (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

- **Shuttle** volunteers from access to Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area

Afternoon Campground Program – *Canoe Skills and Safety Clinic* – Iowa DNR Water Trails Program

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

6:00 pm – **Dinner** served at Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area

7:00 pm – **Evening Community Programs** (Concurrent Sessions)

- *The Past, Present, and Future of Nature in Iowa* – Connie Mutel (The University of Iowa)
- *What We Have Learned From The Floods of '08* – Rob Middlemis-Brown (Iowa Water Science Center – U.S. Geological Survey)

8:00 pm – *Bats in our Environment* – Vera Blevins (Bat World Heartland)

Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area Amenities

- Restrooms with flush toilets available in campground; pit and portable toilets available at AWARE campsite
- Showers available in campground but not at AWARE campsite
- Electricity available in campground but not at AWARE campsite
- Open-air shelter available near AWARE campsite
- Running water available in campground but not at AWARE campsite
- Emergency Storm Shelter – Onsite maintenance building

Saturday, June 27 (9.2 miles)

Jack Shuger Memorial Park to Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area

7:00 am – **Breakfast** at Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area

8:00 am – Morning safety program

8:30 am – **Shuttle** volunteers to Jack Shuger Memorial Park

9.2 miles – Arrive at Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area (concrete ramp, river left – east side of river)

3:00 – 5:30 pm – **Lunch** and **Celebratory finale** at Saulsbury Bridge Recreation Area

6:00 pm – Post-event shuttles depart for Iowa City and Des Moines