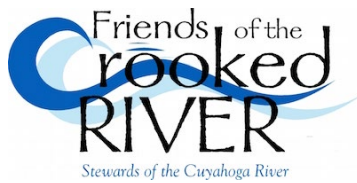


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- May 7 PADDLE: East Branch: SR 87 to Russell Park via Sperry Pond 6.2 miles/4 hrs**  
9:30 am An enchanting trip on a small, flatwater stream, 15-20 feet wide. We'll paddle upstream from our put-in to visit Sperry Pond, then downstream on a largely channelized river through wetlands and swamp forest. Travel light for lift-overs of trees and beaver dams, and be prepared for mud, (although at higher water levels this becomes an easy trip). Suitable for novice paddlers and families.
- May 21 PADDLE: Russell Park to Camp Hi 9.6 miles, about 5 hrs**  
9:30 am Another beautiful paddle in the State Scenic River section of the river. We'll see extensive wetlands and swamp forest; late spring wildflowers will be out on shore, and there is always a lot of bird activity on this trip. There is one mild stretch of fast water before we get to Camp Hi. Suitable for novice paddlers and families.
- Jun 11 PADDLE: Camp Hi to SR 303 10.7 miles, about 6 hrs**  
9:30 am Wetlands and swamp forests grace much of this trip, with occasional agricultural, sand and gravel, and residential development. A lively current and strainers in some sections require boat-handling skills. We'll use the Red Fox take-out below State Route 303. Only for paddlers who can control a boat in moving water.
- July 9 PADDLE: Cuyahoga St. to Bolanz Rd. 10.1 miles, about 6.5 hrs**  
9:30 am This section of the Cuyahoga shows mixed use: wooded parkland with intrusions from agriculture, recreation, and commercial and residential development. Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Cuyahoga AOC (Area of Concern) both start here in this section. Akron's wastewater treatment plant discharges into the river just upstream of a large, active heron rookery. A lively current adds interest, and in-stream downed trees (strainers) demand caution. Tributaries include the Little Cuyahoga, Sand Run, and Yellow Creek. This is an immensely interesting, contrasting section of the river. Only for paddlers who can control a boat in moving water.
- July 30 PADDLE: Bolanz Rd. to Boston Rd. 6.8 miles, about 4.5 hrs**  
9:30 am The river is channelized between steep, muddy banks at the put-in, but soon twists through numerous oxbows, requiring paddlers to negotiate tight turns and downed trees. After a portage in Peninsula we'll enjoy two miles of mild whitewater, much of it through beautiful hardwood forest. Furnace Run is the major tributary in this section. Only for paddlers who can control a boat in moving water.
- Aug 6 PADDLE: Boston Rd. to Station Rd. 5.7 miles, about 4.5 hrs**  
9:30 am After a rocky start in Boston Mills, the river meanders into a maze of braided channels and tree jams on its way to the historic Station Road Bridge. Tributaries include Spring Creek, Columbia Run, Brandywine Creek, and Chippewa Creek. Only for paddlers who can control a boat in moving water.

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**Aug 19 PICNIC: Camp Hi Canoe Livery followed by a picnic**

Noon - 4 pm Join us for our annual paddle-and-picnic on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Or just for the paddle, or just for the picnic. We'll paddle a leisurely, beautiful two-mile stretch from Camp Hi to White Oak, then repair to our colleague and friend Bill's place around the corner for food, drink, and good cheer. (Directions to Bill's will be shared with everyone who wants to join.)

**Sept 17 PADDLE: Station Rd. to Rockside Rd. 7.9 miles, about 5 hrs**

9:30 am We will put in just above the site of the old Canal Diversion Dam--recently removed due to efforts spearheaded by Friends of the Crooked River--so for the first time in decades a current will greet us at our put-in. We'll paddle through the site of the old dam and then the Pinery Narrows, site of a heron rookery and an active (?) eagle nest, and past the confluences of Sagamore and Tinkers Creeks. A rocky rapid below Stone Road adds excitement before our take-out at Rockside Road. Only for paddlers who can control a boat in moving water.

**Date WALK: Whiskey Island**

TBD Join us on a spring morning as we tour Wendy Park on Whiskey Island at the mouth of the Cuyahoga. We will learn about the history of this unique place including the fight led by Ed Hauser to stop this urban greenspace from becoming a gravel dock. 9 am - 10:30 am Spring migration season should be in full swing so bring your binoculars and birding guides. Meet at the Wendy Park sign just past the marina.

**Date BIKE RIDE: Industrial Valley bike tour**

TBD We will use the almost completed Towpath Trail to explore the Industrial Valley of Cleveland. 90% of the riding will be on the bike trail with a few short stretches on the street. Our pace will be leisurely as we make several stops to learn about the history of the valley, to read the wayside signage, and to enjoy the spectacular views. The trail is mostly flat with a few short but steep hills. Meet at Steelyard Commons, 3447 Steelyard Dr., Cleveland, OH 44109, in the parking lot by the small Steel Heritage Center building: <https://goo.gl/maps/xEik24jvqTWixnmy6>. 9 am - 11:30 am