

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

THE CURRENT

February 2023

The first day of Spring is March 20. Will you be ready? Canoecopia will start on March 10, from 3 pm to 8 pm, and on March 11, from 9 am to 6 pm. And March 12, 10 am to 5 pm. While this event is a resource for paddling, it is essential to support area dealers. This event is an opportunity to see all the new equipment. I'm planning to go on Saturday.

FPRF is developing plans for the paddling season. Our big goal is to evolve a plan to keep the Pecatonica River passible. This plan will take time and money. Our first step is understanding what actions are allowed and the proper method to do them. Habitat is always a concern. Good stream health makes for better fishing. It may be challenging, and we will need your help. Please let me or Lee Butler know if you have expertise on these issues.



Developing a kayak launch at Atten's Landing is another high-priority objective. We want a concept that won't break the bank but will provide easy kayak and canoe launching. We're still thinking about this one. The very long-term plan is to have a motorboat launch. The objective is to send paddlers to Pecatonica and the launch site behind the bleachers at the Pecatonica Fair Grounds. Is anyone interested in FPRF's 100 Mile Challenge? The objective is to paddle all sections of the Pecatonica River from Browntown, WI, to Mack Town.

Joe Ginger, president

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Everyone is invited. Bring your ideas!

Feb. 9	RAFTERS 6:30 P.M.
Mar. 9	Next meeting.
Apr. 13 May 11	FPRF meetings are the second Thursday of the month. See "ALL IN. Stephenson County" for area events.
Jan. 9 Apr 2	FHN Get Fit 2023
Apr. 22	Pretzel Fest
May 20	Pretzel City Wine Fest
June 2	Music on Chicago begins.
	https://www.eventbrite.com/d/il-freeport/events/

Other Events & Activities

Freeport/Stephenson County
Visitors Center
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Freeport, IL 61032
1-815-233-1357
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FPRF Events

Any suggestions for 2023?



Watch Tom Lindblade's "Illinois' Friendliest Paddle"
<http://bit.ly/paddlethepec>

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Freeport, IL 61032
1-815-235-6114

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A WOMAN'S PERSPRETIVE ON KAYAKING

Hello fellow paddlers, boaters, and fishermen. I hope everyone had a good holiday and start to the New Year.

If you are like me, you are probably starting to get the itch to get on the water. A few things come to mind while thinking of paddling. Am I in shape? Lol, probably not! So if you are, good for you, but if not, now is a great time to start. We have two months to prepare because most of us start to paddle around the first of April. At least I do. Working your arms to get strength is a good start. Light weights or even working pool noodles in a pool at a fitness center. My favorite place. But actually, any type weight will do. I used to lift soup cans. But enough of that.

If you are considering getting a new kayak for spring, now is the right time to start looking and deciding what you would like. What is your objective? Are you looking for speed, lightweight, length, or just recreational? What type of paddle? Have you considered a Greenland-style paddle? These are some of the things to think about.

I have seen different sporting stores that are advertising their new inventory is in, and there are lots of choices. One important thing to think about seriously is how to transport it and have you have a place to store it!

Now that I got your attention have fun thinking about getting on the water in spring.

Betty Butler Membership Chair

If you are interested in improving river stewardship, promoting paddling, organizing river events, the history of the Pecatonica River and communities along the river, check our website and contact us.

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