Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

THE CURRENT

May 2025

Since there is no public launch on the Pecatonica River between Freeport and Pecatonica, and the IDNR did not award a BAAD Grant to build one, FPRF will begin research on constructing a boat launch ramp and canoe launch dock. That's how strongly we feel that a launch is needed in that area. The Winnebago County Fairgrounds in Pecatonica is the closest public launch. There is a boat launch above the dam and another ramp some distance below the dam.

With the closing of the former VFW launch site, FPRF is attempting to determine a possible replacement launch location. There is a possible location along the Pecatonica Prairie Path. An alternative might be near Ridott. The Pecatonica Pairie Path goes past Ridott just north of the Post Office. The river has a sharp bend and a very high bank. The flow changes from an eastward flow to a short northward flow, then back eastward past a fishing area, then under Rock City Rd and eastward to Atten's Landing. FPRF prefers a location that is public land and has room for parking. Adoption of a site by a not-for-profit group would be a possible option. FPRF would build it, and another organization maintain it. Being next to the Pecatonica Paririe Trail is a plus. Time will tell. Suggestions and partners are welcome.

Maybe some of you might have a suggestion for places to create a launch site between the former VFW site and east of Ridott. From Brown's Mill to Atten's Landing is 14.6 miles. From Tutty's Crossing to Atten's is 26.2 miles and from Brewster's Landing to Atten's Landing is 54.8 miles. I think from Browntown to Mactown is over 100 miles. Marathon, anyone? Joe Ginger, president

MEETINGS & EVENTS

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May 8	Freeport Public Library 6:00-7:45 Board Room
June 12	Next meeting.
Jun. 12 Jul. 10	FPRF meetings are the second Thursday of the month. Freeport Public Library 6:00-7:45
	See "All IN Stephenson County" for area events.
	Music on Chicago June 6, July 3, Aug 1. 5:30 PM \$5
	Stephenson County Fair July 22 - 26
	Stephenson County Histrical Society 1440 S Carroll, Freeport IL
	https://www.eventbrite. com/d/il-freeport/ events/

Other Events & Activities
Freeport/Stephenson County
https://greaterfreeport.com



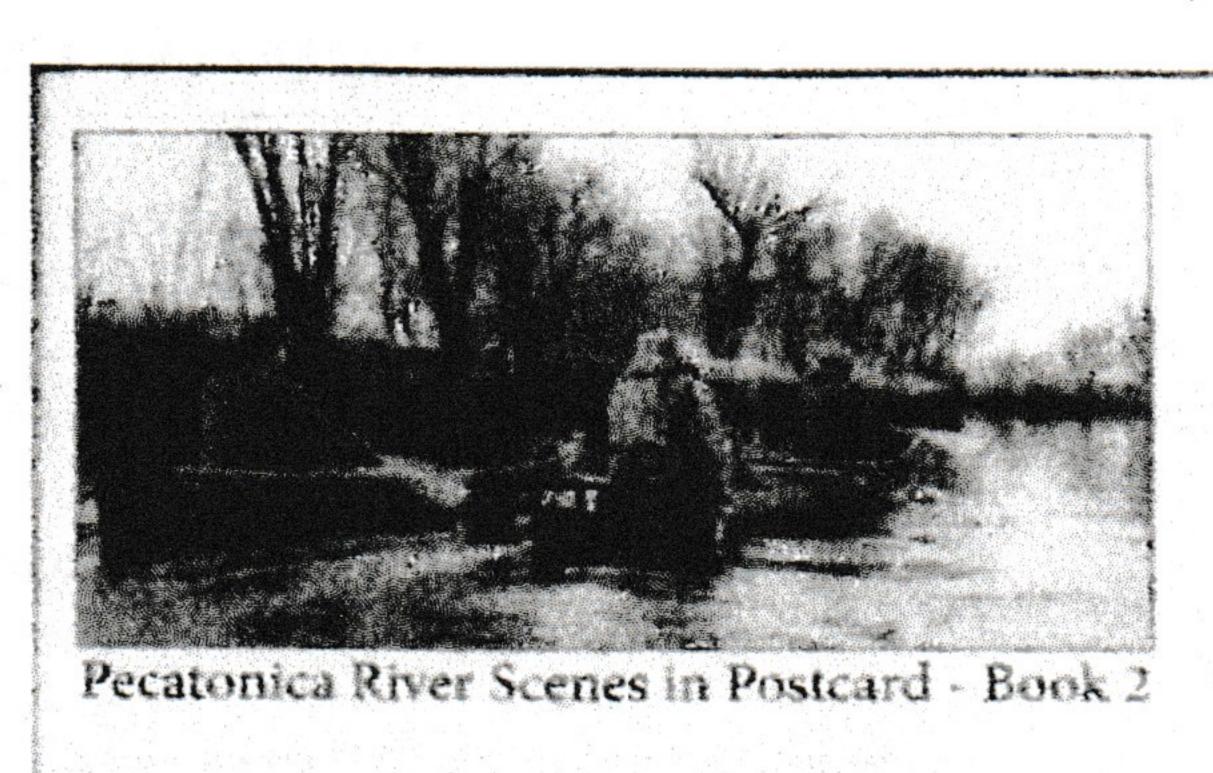
Watch Tom Lindblade's "Illinois' Friendliest Paddle" http://bit.ly/paddlethepec



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