

The Scene

This trip is an excellent outing for heritage and eco-travelers. The course follows the Kiski-Conemaugh rivers between Johnstown and Avonmore, in southwestern PA. The trip features remnants of the PA Main Line Canal, stone arch rail road bridges that now host the West Penn Trail and stops in historic towns. Ideal for churches, employee groups, civic and social clubs, families and friends, this Sojourn has appeal for experienced paddlers while catering to first timers. Once among the most polluted waterways in the Commonwealth, these rivers have made an astounding comeback and provide perfect opportunities to become acquainted with river sojourning. For those who want a little extra adventure, an adrenaline packed white-water trip down the Stonycreek River in northern Somerset/ southern Cambria counties is offered on Sunday. Included are presentations about outdoor recreation in the surrounding area where you will learn more about the "Leave No Trace" philosophy, local trails, and fishing and biking opportunities. You can sign up for all four days or each day individually, but **space is limited so please register early.**

Registrants will receive a confirmation packet including a more detailed itinerary, camping and other lodging options, meal information, directions, preparation checklists and more. And yes, **you can participate even if you do not have a canoe or kayak.** Wilderness Voyageurs will provide canoes, paddles, helmets & jackets for a small additional fee.

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June 4 -7, 2009

Conemaugh Valley Conservancy

Stonycreek & Kiski-Conemaugh Rivers Sojourn

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Non Profit Organization

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PERMIT NO. 5

Johnstown, PA

Registration Deadline: Saturday, May 23, 2009

(Limit: 100 people per day)

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 Emergency Contact & Phone Number _____

Known Physical Conditions/Dietary Needs _____

Name of Paddling Partner _____

If you are interested in finding a paddling partner, we will exchange contact information of those participants who have specified. We will not arrange partners-you must set up a partner on your own from a list we will provide. Please check below to be added to the contact exchange list.

_____ Add my contact information to be exchanged with other paddlers.

Please indicate which *days* you will paddle with us and which *meals* you will share with us. Most meals are included in your registration fee. See below for specific meals provided.

_____ Paddling Thursday, June 4-Conemaugh Gap

- YES NO Lunch at Greenhouse Park
 YES NO Dinner in Blairsville
 YES NO Camping in Blairsville

_____ Paddling Friday, June 5-Packsaddle Gap

- YES NO Breakfast in Blairsville
 YES NO Lunch at Robinson Community Center
 YES NO Dinner at Conemaugh Dam
 YES NO Camping at Conemaugh Dam

_____ Paddling Saturday, June 6-Kiski Section

- YES NO Breakfast at Conemaugh Dam
**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN DURING STOP AT SALTSBURG'S
 CANAL DAYS FESTIVAL**

- YES NO Dinner at Summer's Best Two Week's Campsite
 YES NO Tent Camping (\$5 per site, payable at site)

_____ Paddling Sunday, June 7-Whitewater Day

- YES NO Breakfast at Summer's Best Two Weeks Campsite
 YES NO Participating in Whitewater Trip with Wilderness Voyageurs
 YES NO Lunch at Summer's Best Two Weeks Campsite

Wilderness Voyageurs can provide you with canoes, kayaks, paddles, helmets and PFD's for a rental price of \$35 for all four days of the event. A single day rental fee is \$15.

You can also check out their online store at www.gearfetch.com if you are interested in all they have to offer.

Registration Fees

\$10 per person x # of days \$ _____

\$40 per person for Whitewater (Sun.) \$ _____

Equipment Rental for Thursday, Friday & Saturday

_____ # of two person canoes

_____ # of days renting

Rental Equipment Total \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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 : **Please circle T-shirt size:** S M L XL XXL :

Make all checks payable to:
 Conemaugh Valley Conservancy
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 Somerset, PA 15501
 Attn: Jill Latuch
 For more information, contact Jill Latuch at
 814-442-8858 or latuch@2alc.com



The Schedule

Thursday, June 4th

- 9:30 AM-Greenhouse Park- registration, shuttle, instructions
 11 AM-put-in, paddle through Conemaugh Gap
 *Lunch, presentation by Laura Nulman, "Leave No Trace" during paddle
 5 PM- take-out at Seward, drive to Blairsville
 6 PM- dinner in Blairsville
 7 PM- showers available at Community Center
 *tent camping in Blairsville

Friday, June 5th

- 7:30 AM-breakfast in Blairsville
 8:30 AM-shuttle
 11 AM- lunch and registration at Robinson Community Center
 11:30 AM-presentation by Trail Town Outreach Corps, "Great Allegheny Passage"
 Noon- put-in at Robinson, paddle through packsaddle Gap
 4 PM- take-out at Bairdstown Bridge, shuttle to Conemaugh Dam
 6:30 PM-dinner, presentation by Laura Hawkins, "Kiski Conemaugh Water Trail Mapping Project"
 *tent camping at Conemaugh Dam

Saturday, June 6th

- 7:30 AM-breakfast at Conemaugh Dam
 8:30 AM-registration, shuttle to Avonmore
 10:30 AM-put-in at Tunnelton, paddle to Saltsburg
 Noon- lunch on your own at Canal Days Festival
 1:30 PM-put-in at Saltsburg and paddle Kiski section to Avonmore
 3:30 PM- take out at Avonmore, drive to Summer's Best Two Week's camp
 6:30 PM- dinner at Summer's Best Two Weeks Campsite
 7 PM- presentation by Len Lichvar, "StonycreekARDY"
 *tent camping at Summer's Best Two Weeks

Sunday, June 7th

- 9 AM-breakfast at Summer's Best Two Weeks
 10:30 AM-whitewater paddlers shuttled to the put-in
 11AM- instructions, put-in at Foustwell Bridge
 2:30 PM-take-out, return to campsite
 3 PM- late lunch served at Summer's Best Two Weeks