

KANOE THE KAZOO 2005

Lake Michigan

New Richmond

Lake Allegan

Allegan

Plainwell

Kalamazoo

Augusta

Springfield

Battle Creek

Marshall

Albion

Press and
International Day

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Kalamazoo River Watershed Council
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Kalamazoo River Watershed trips and tours

Pre-registration is necessary. Trips are on the Kalamazoo River unless otherwise noted. All trips include some instruction on stream and riparian ecology and watershed management.

- June 4 Middle and Lower Crooked Lake—269-664-4426, Ken Kornheiser, mail@ftwrc.org
- June 17 North Branch Kalamazoo River—517-629-0266, Doug White, dwhite@albion.edu
- June 18 Albion to Marshall—269-979-1351, Tom Funke, tfunke@binderparkzoo.org
- June 19 Marshall to Historic Bridge Park—269-979-1351, Tom Funke, tfunke@binderparkzoo.org

Rabbit River

Gun River

Crooked Lakes

Battle Creek River

Rice Creek

Portage Creek

North Branch

South Branch

Additional information about
all activities is available at
www.kbs.msu.edu/kzoonps

- June 25 Allegan Dam to New Richmond—269-673-0378, Kevin Ricco kricco@allegancounty.org
- July 8 Kalamazoo Water Reclamation Plant to "D" Avenue—269-337-8661, Dave Heinicke heinicked@kalamazoocity.org
- July 9 Battle Creek River to Fort Custer Recreation Area—269-979-1351, Tom Funke tfunke@binderparkzoo.org
- July 10 Fort Custer Recreation Area to River Oaks Park—269-979-1351, Tom Funke tfunke@binderparkzoo.org
- July 16 Comstock to D Avenue—269-327-4008, Patricia Fenn, patfenn@charter.net
- Aug. 2 Goguac Lake—269-964-4752, Sue Anderson, nasusnna@aol.com
- Aug. 4 Verburg Park to D Avenue (evening)—269-381-1574, Sarah Reding sreding@sbcglobal.net
- Aug. 13 Trowbridge to Allegan—616-218-4444, Dayle Harrison, krpa@accn.org
- Oct. 21 Rice Creek—269-781-4867 ext. 40, Gregg Strand, gregg.strand@macd.org
- Oct. 22 Battle Creek River—269-781-4867 ext. 2, Kristine Boley-Morse kristine.boleymorse@macd.org

During 2003 and 2004, **KANOE THE KAZOO** introduced 1,000 area citizens and decision makers to the beauty and recreational opportunities provided by the Kalamazoo River and its tributary streams and lakes.

This year, we're offering citizens an opportunity to join us as we discover our watershed's heritage. Fifteen events are planned; 10 on the Kalamazoo River and five on its tributary streams and lakes. These outings are organized and hosted by local organizations, communities and citizens.



Participants need to

- furnish their own canoe or kayak, paddles, paddle partner and life vests.
- bring a sack lunch.

Other possible items to bring

- camera/binoculars in waterproof container
- cell phone
- extra water
- sunscreen and hat
- rain gear
- bug repellent
- please, no alcohol

Educational and informational displays, speakers and demonstrations will be available to help you better understand and appreciate the land, water and human resources of your watershed.

Please let us know if you plan to go!

All of the trips are designed for fun and discovery, but also include some instruction on the ecology of the river, streams, lakes and wetlands, riparian values and watershed management.

KANOE THE KAZOO intends to

- celebrate the watershed.
- rediscover this valuable regional resource.
- educate decision makers.
- educate the general public.
- promote public use and stewardship of the watershed.
- discuss publicly the future of the river and watershed.

Other important watershed events are planned for fall 2005.

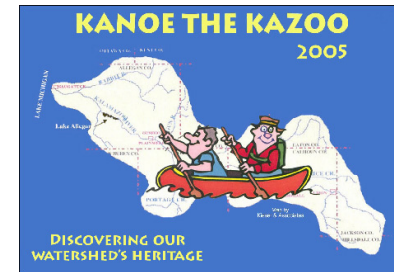
- October 1 is the watershed-wide **River Conservation Day**. Communities along the Kalamazoo River from Homer to Saugatuck, will participate in this river clean-up and community beautification effort.
- A day-long **Kalamazoo River Watershed Public Forum** will be held in mid-October. This forum is being conducted by a large coalition of community groups, businesses, municipalities and educational institutions. The Forum will seek to bring area citizens together to help them better connect with the human and natural resources of the watershed and create a shared vision for its future.

For more information, contact

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River, lake and stream events
June through October



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