



19th Annual Project AWARE General Agenda

July 10-15, 2022

[West Fork of the Des Moines River](#), 61.4 Miles

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Sunday, July 10

Meet & Greet at Wolden County Park (2269 450th Avenue, Wallingford, IA 51365)

- Statewide Event Shuttles (Iowa City, Des Moines, and Emmetsburg)
- Iowa Project AWARE Event Kickoff
- **Camp** – Wolden County Park (2269 450th Avenue, Wallingford, IA 51365)

Monday, July 11 – 14.2 Miles

Petersburg Access (MN) to 4th Street Access

- **Start** – Petersburg Access (71864 Petersburg Road, Jackson, MN – Minnesota DNR)
- **Support Stop** (8.3 miles) – North Trail Head Access (3651 130th St., Estherville – Emmet CCB)
- **Takeout/End** (5.9 Miles) – 4th Street Access (200 10th Ave N, Estherville – City of Estherville)
- **Camp** – Wolden County Park (2269 450th Avenue, Wallingford, IA 51365)

Tuesday, July 12 – 17.0 Miles

School Creek Access to Lammers Landing Access

- **Start** – School Creek Access (502 W 1st St., Estherville – City of Estherville)
- **Support Stop** (8.7 miles) – Peterson Access (4092 St. James Ave, Wallingford – Emmet CCB)
- **Takeout/End** (8.3 miles) – Lammers Landing Access (4284 280th St., Graettinger – Palo Alto CCB)
- **Camp** – Wolden County Park (2269 450th Avenue, Wallingford, IA 51365)

Wednesday, July 13 – 9.5 Miles

Lammers Access to Basswood Access

- **Start** – Lammers Landing Access (4284 280th St., Graettinger – Palo Alto CCB)
- **Takeout/End** (9.5 miles) – Basswood Access (4479 US 18, Emmetsburg – Palo Alto CCB)
- **Camp** – Harrison Park (1003 Call Street, Emmetsburg, IA 50536)

Thursday, July 14 – 13.0 Miles

Basswood Access to Mulroneu Recreation Access

- **Start** – Basswood Access (4479 US 18, Emmetsburg – Palo Alto CCB)
- **Takeout/End** (13.0 miles) – Mulroneu Recreation Access (4375 512th Ave, Mallard – Palo Alto CCB)
- **Camp** – Harrison Park (1003 Call Street, Emmetsburg, IA 50536)

Friday, July 15 – 7.7 Miles

Mulroneu Recreation Access to River Runner Access

- **Start** – Mulroneu Recreation Access (4375 512th Ave, Mallard – Palo Alto CCB)
- **Takeout/End** (7.3 miles) – River Runner Access (5405 490th St, West Bend – Palo Alto CCB)

Detailed Daily Agenda

Sunday, July 10 (Meet & Greet)
Wolden County Park, Wallingford

Wolden County Park Amenities

- Portable toilets and flush toilets
- Showers available on site
- Running water available
- Electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter: Wolden County Park Storm Shelter

8:30 am – Shuttle departs from University of Iowa – Oakdale Campus (Iowa City) (4 hours 14 minutes)

10:00 am – Shuttle departs from DMACC Campus – (Ankeny) (2 hours 51 minutes)

12:30 pm – Shuttle departs from West Elementary School – (Emmetsburg) (18 minutes)

1:00 pm – Arrive at Wolden County Park (Wallingford)

Ongoing – Registration

2:00 pm – Afternoon Campground Programs

- *Poison Ivy: Plant Identification, Prevention & Treatment* – Dan Boelman (Zanfel Laboratories, Inc.)

3:00 pm – Concurrent Afternoon Campground Programs

- *Canoe Skills and Safety Clinic* – Nate Hoogeveen and John Wenck (Iowa Department of Natural Resources) and Rick Dietz (Iowa Project AWARE Volunteer)
- *Natural history of Anderson Prairie State Preserve* – John Pearson and Rob Patterson (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)
- *Identifying the Bones We Find Along the River* – Elizabeth Reetz and Cherie Haury-Artz (Office of the State Archaeologist, University of Iowa)

4:00 pm – Concurrent Afternoon Campground Programs

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- *Identifying the Bones We Find Along the River* – Elizabeth Reetz and Cherie Haury-Artz (Office of the State Archaeologist, University of Iowa)
- *Iowa Ambassador Animals* – Ashley Reed (Emmet County Naturalist)

6:00 pm – **Dinner** at Wolden County Park, Wallingford

7:15 pm – Welcome & Introductions

Monday, July 11 (14.2 miles)

Petersburg Access, MN to 4th Street Access (West Fork of the Des Moines River)

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Wolden County Park (2269 450th Avenue, Wallingford, IA 51365)

8:00 am – Morning Safety Program (Iowa Department of Natural Resources Rivers Program)

8:15 am – **Bus Shuttle** volunteers to Petersburg Access (71864 Petersburg Road, Jackson, MN 56143) (35-minute shuttle)

9:00 am – **Depart** from Petersburg Access (concrete slat, river right–south side of river)

8.3 miles – **Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location** –North Trailhead (A17) (paved, river right–west side of river) (3651 130th St., Estherville, IA 51334)

5.9 miles – **Trash Pickup Location** – 4th Street Access (paved, river left–south east of river) (200 10th Ave N, Estherville, IA 51334)

Bus shuttle volunteers from 4th Street Access to Wolden County Park (19-minute shuttle)

4:30 pm – Concurrent Afternoon Campground Activities

- *How to Organize a River Cleanup*
- *Earth Echo Water Challenge* – Laura Semken (Louisa County Naturalist, Iowa Project AWARE Staff)
- *Knots for Paddlers and Campers* – Jeff White (Iowa Project AWARE Volunteer)

6:00 pm – **Dinner** at Wolden County Park, Wallingford

7:30 pm – **Concurrent Evening Campground Programs**

- *Frontier Forts of Northwest Iowa* – Bill Whitaker (Office of the State Archaeologist, University of Iowa)
- *A Rockin' Good Time: Surficial Geology of the Des Moines River Watershed and the Critical Mineral Potential of Northwest Iowa* – Kata McCarville (Upper Iowa University) and Ryan Clark (Iowa Geological Survey)

Wolden County Park Amenities

- Portable toilets and flush toilets
- Showers available on site
- Running water available
- Electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter: Wolden County Park Storm Shelter

Tuesday, July 12 (17.0 miles)

School Creek Access to Lammer's Landing (West Fork of the Des Moines River)

6:00 am – **Morning Campground Activity**

- *Morning Birding* – Jamie Tigges (Green Iowa AmeriCorps and Iowa Lakeside Laboratory)

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Wolden County Park (2269 450th Avenue, Wallingford, IA 51365)

8:00 am – Morning Safety Program (Iowa Department of Natural Resources Rivers Program)

8:15 am – **Bus Shuttle** volunteers to School Creek Access (502 W 1st St., Estherville, IA 51334) (17-minute shuttle)

9:00 am – **Depart** from School Creek Access (paved, river right–west side of river)

8.7 miles – **Halfway point & Trash Pickup Location** – Peterson Access (4092 St. James Ave., Wallingford, IA 51365) (paved, river right–west side of river)

8.3 miles – **Trash Pickup Location** – Lammer's Landing (paved ramp, river right–west side of river) (4284 280th St., Graettinger, IA 51342)

Bus Shuttle from Lammer's Landing to Wolden County Park (7-minute shuttle)

6:00 pm – **Dinner** at Wolden County Park (2269 450th Avenue, Wallingford, IA 51365)

7:30 pm – **Concurrent Evening Campground Programs**

- *History of the "Estherville Meteorite"* – Bob Jensen (Estherville Meteorite Center)
- *Long Distance Solo Travel (with dog) in Northern Canada* – [Alan Gage](#)

Wolden County Park Amenities

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- Emergency Storm Shelter: Wolden County Park Storm Shelter

Wednesday, July 13 (9.5 miles)

Lammer's Landing to Basswood (West Fork of the Des Moines River)

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Wolden County Park (Wallingford)

8:00 am – Morning Safety Program (Iowa Department of Natural Resources Rivers Program)

8:15 am – **Bus Shuttle** volunteers to Lammer's Landing Access (4284 280th St., Graettinger, IA 51342) (8-minute shuttle)

9:00 am – **Depart** from Lammer's Landing Access (paved ramp, river right–west side of river)

9.5 miles – **Trash Pickup Location** – Basswood Access (paved, river left – east side of river) (44479 360th Street, Emmetsburg, IA 50536)

- **Bus Shuttle** volunteers from Basswood Access (44479 360th Street, Emmetsburg, IA 50536) to Harrison Park (1003 Call Street, Emmetsburg, IA 50536)
- **Van Shuttle** volunteers from Harrison Park to Emmetsburg High School for showers.

15 minutes after last bus arrives with volunteers from river – **Daily Shuttle Service** to Wolden County Park for volunteers to shuttle personal cars to Emmetsburg

4:30 pm –Concurrent Afternoon Campground Programs

- *Tour the Little House on the Prairie Replica* – Howard Argabright (owner and builder of the Little House on the Prairie Replica) and Jeremy Thilges (Palo Alto County District Conservationist)
- *Iowa Project AWARE Outdoor Skills Challenge* – Melisa Jacobsen and Laura Semken (Iowa Project AWARE Volunteers)

6:00 pm – Dinner at Harrison Park (1003 Call St., Emmetsburg, IA 50536)

7:30 pm – Concurrent Evening Campground Programs

- *Follow The Water: Local To Global, We Are All Connected* – David Thoreson (Okoboji Protective Association)
- *Northwest Iowa Archaeology* – John Doershuk (State Archaeologist, Office of the State Archaeologist, University of Iowa)

Harrison Park Amenities

- Portable toilets and flush toilets
- Van shuttle for off site showers
- Running water available
- Electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter: West Elementary School, Emmetsburg (602 Call St.)

Thursday, July 14 (13.0 miles)

Basswood to Mulrone Rec Area (West Fork of the Des Moines River)

7:00 am – Breakfast and lunch distribution at Harrison Park

8:00 am – Morning Safety Program (Iowa Department of Natural Resources Rivers Program)

8:15 am – Bus Shuttle volunteers from Harrison Park to Basswood Access (44479 360th St., Emmetsburg, IA 50536) (3 minutes one way)

8:30 am – Depart from Basswood Access (paved, river left – east side of river)

12:00 pm – On River Activity

- *1883 Pratt Truss Bridge and Streambank Stabilization Projects* – Jeremy Thilges (Palo Alto County District Conservationist)

13.0 miles – Take Out at Mulrone Recreation Area (paved, river right– south side of river) (4375 512th Ave, Mallard, IA 50562)

- **Bus Shuttle** from Mulrone Recreation Area (4375 512th Ave., Mallard, IA 50562) to Harrison Park (1003 Call Street, Emmetsburg, IA 50536) (16-minute shuttle)
- **Van Shuttle** volunteers from Harrison Park to Emmetsburg High School for showers.

4:30 pm –Concurrent Afternoon Campground Programs

- *Live Animals with Palo Alto County Naturalist* – Kaitlin Anderson (Palo Alto County Naturalist)

6:00 pm – Dinner at Harrison Park (1003 Call St., Emmetsburg, IA 50536)

7:30 pm – Concurrent Evening Campground Programs

- *A Quick Tour of Iowa Wetlands* – Paul Weihe (Central College, Biology Professor)
- *History of Channelization of the West Fork of the Des Moines and Iowa’s River Restoration Toolbox* – Jeremy Thilges (Palo Alto County District Conservationist) and Nate Hoogveen (Iowa Department of Natural Resources)

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- Van shuttle for off site showers
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- Electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter: West Elementary School, Emmetsburg (602 Call St.)

Friday, July 15 (7.7 miles)

Mulrone Rec Area to River Runner (West Fork of the Des Moines River)

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Harrison Park

8:00 am – Morning Safety Program (Iowa Department of Natural Resources Rivers Program)

8:15 am – **Bus Shuttle** volunteers to Mulrone Recreation Area (4375 512th Ave, Mallard, IA 50562) (16-minute shuttle)

8:30 am – **Depart** from Mulrone Recreation Area (paved, river right–south side of river) (4375 512th Ave, Mallard, IA 50562)

7.7 miles – **Take Out** River Runner (5405 490th St., West Bend, IA 50597) (paved, river left–east side of river)

- **Bus Shuttle** from River Runner Access to Harrison Park (24-minute shuttle)

- **Wash canoes**

Organize volunteers and equipment for shuttle home (depart – TBD)

~late afternoon – Post-event shuttle arrives in Iowa City and Ankeny