



20th Annual Iowa Project AWARE General Agenda

July 9-14, 2023

Iowa River, 64.9 Miles

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Sunday, July 9

- *Meet & Greet at Otter Creek Lake and Park (2283 Park Rd., Toledo, IA 52342)*
- Statewide Event Shuttles (Ankeny and Belle Plaine)
- Iowa Project AWARE Event Kickoff
- **Camp** – Otter Creek Lake and Park (2283 Park Rd., Toledo, IA 52342)

Monday, July 10 – 13.0 Miles

- *Furrow Access to McCoy Landing*
- **Start** – Furrow Access (2991 Main Street Rd, Marshalltown, IA 50158) - Marshall CCB
- **Support Stop** (4.3 miles) – Three Bridges Access (2272 3 Bridges Rd, Marshalltown, IA 50158) - Marshall CCB
- **Takeout/End** (8.7 Miles) – McCoy Landing (2993 C Ave, Montour, IA 50173) - Tama CCB
- **Camp** – Otter Creek Lake and Park (2283 Park Rd., Toledo, IA 52342)

Tuesday, July 11 – 14.0 Miles

- *McCoy Landing to Manatt's Landing*
- **Start** – McCoy Landing (2993 C Ave, Montour, IA 50173) - Tama CCB
- **Support Stop** (7.2 miles) – Tama Diversion Dam (Meskwaki Settlement - PRIVATE)
- **Takeout/End** (6.8 miles) – Manatt's Landing (1974 340th St, Tama, IA 52339) - Tama CCB
- **Camp** – Otter Creek Lake and Park (2283 Park Rd., Toledo, IA 52342)

Wednesday, July 12 – 12.0 Miles

- *Manatt's Landing to Duffus Landing*
- **Start** – Manatt's Landing (1974 340th St, Tama, IA 52339) - Tama CCB
- **Support Stop** (7.5 miles) – Longpoint Landing (3469 P Ave, Tama, IA 52339) - Tama CCB
- **Takeout/End** (4.5 miles) – Duffus Landing (2711 360th St, Chelsea, IA 52215) - Tama CCB
- **Camp** – Franklin Park, Belle Plaine (1107 11th St, Belle Plaine, IA 52208)

Thursday, July 13 – 17.3 Miles

- *Duffus Landing to Belle Plaine Access*
- **Start** – Duffus Landing (2711 360th St, Chelsea, IA 52215) - Tama CCB
- **Support Stop** (6.8 miles) – Chelsea Access (north of 3714 Highway V18, Chelsea, IA 52215) - Iowa DNR
- **Takeout/End** (10.5 miles) – Belle Plaine Access (1005 B Avenue, Belle Plaine, 52301) - Iowa DNR
- **Camp** – Franklin Park, Belle Plaine (1107 11th St, Belle Plaine, IA 52208)

Friday, July 14 – 8.6 Miles

- *Belle Plaine to Koszta Access*
- **Start** – Belle Plaine Access (1005 B Avenue, Belle Plaine, 52301) - Iowa DNR
- **Takeout/End** (8.6 miles) – Koszta Access (1168 F Avenue, Marengo 52301) - Iowa DNR

Iowa Project AWARE 2023 Detailed Daily Agenda (6/29/2023)

Sunday, July 9 (Meet & Greet)
Otter Creek Lake & Park, Toledo

Otter Creek Lake & Park Amenities

- Portable toilets and flush toilets
- Showers available on site
- Running water available
- Electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter: Otter Creek Nature Center

11:30 am – Shuttle departs from DMACC Campus – (Ankeny) (1 hours 16 minutes)

12:30 pm – Shuttle departs from Belle Plaine High School – (Belle Plaine) (31 minutes)

1:00 pm – Arrive at Otter Creek Lake & Park (Toledo)

Ongoing – Registration

2:00 pm – Afternoon Campground Programs

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

2:30 pm – Concurrent Afternoon Campground Programs

- *Canoe Skills and Safety Clinic* – John Wenck (Iowa Department of Natural Resources), Rick Dietz, James Weeks, Shelly Weeks, and Keith Garrett (Iowa Project AWARE Volunteers)
- *Dandelion Take-Away* – Melisa Jacobsen (Iowa Project AWARE Volunteer) (2:30-3:30 pm only)

3:00 pm – Concurrent Afternoon Campground Programs

- *Knots for Paddlers* – Jeff White (Skunk River Paddler and AWARE Volunteer)
- *Throw Rope Program* – Chuck Jacobsen (Retired Clinton County Conservation)

4:00 pm – Concurrent Afternoon Campground Programs

- *Canoe Skills and Safety Clinic* – John Wenck (Iowa Department of Natural Resources), Rick Dietz, James Weeks, Shelly Weeks, and Keith Garrett Rick Dietz (Iowa Project AWARE Volunteers)
- *Stop the Bleed* – Kimberly Elder (Marshall County Emergency Management), Ben Veren (Marshall County Sheriff's Office) and Ryan Goodenbauer (Tama County Emergency Management)
- *Bugs, Fish, and Water Quality* – Mike Birmingham and Louise Biderman (State Hygienic Lab at the University of Iowa)

6:00 pm – **Dinner** at Otter Creek Lake & Park, Toledo

7:15 pm – Welcome & Introductions

Monday, July 10 (13 miles)

Furrow Access to McCoy Landing (Iowa River)

6:15 am – Morning Yoga

7:00 am – Breakfast and lunch distribution at Otter Creek Lake & Park (2283 Park Rd, Toledo, IA 52342)

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

8:15 am – Bus Shuttle volunteers to Furrow Access (2991 Main Street Rd, Marshalltown, IA 50158) - Marshall CCB) (31-minute shuttle)

9:00 am – Depart from Furrow Access (paved, river left–east side of river)

4.3 miles – Support Location – Three Bridges Access (2273 3 Bridges Rd, Marshalltown, IA) (paved, river right–south side of river) - Marshall CCB

8.7 miles – Trash Pickup Location – McCoy Landing (2993 C Ave, Montour, IA 50173 - Tama CCB) (paved, river left–east side of river)

Bus shuttle volunteers from McCoy Landing to Otter Creek Park (19-minute shuttle)

3:30 pm – Afternoon Campground Activities

- *Meskwaki Cultural Museum Tour*. Shuttle from Otter Creek Park leaves at 3:30 pm. 20-25 participant capacity.

4:30 pm – Afternoon Campground Activities

- *Second Annual Outdoor Skills Challenge*

6:00 pm – Dinner at Otter Creek Lake & Park, Toledo

7:30 pm – Concurrent Evening Campground Programs

- *History of the Meskwaki Nation* – Johnathan Buffalo (Meskwaki Tribal Historian)
- *The Geologic History of the Middle Iowa River Watershed* – Ryan Clark (Iowa Geological Survey) and Joe Artz (Retired Geoarchaeologist)

Otter Creek Lake & Park Amenities

- Portable toilets and flush toilets
- Showers available on site
- Running water available
- Electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter: Otter Creek Nature Center

Tuesday, July 11 (14 miles)

McCoy Landing to Manatt's Landing (Iowa River)

6:15 am – Morning Yoga

7:00 am – Breakfast and lunch distribution at Otter Creek Lake & Park (2283 Park Rd, Toledo, IA 52342)

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

8:15 am – Bus Shuttle volunteers to McCoy Landing (2993 C Ave, Montour, IA 50173 - Tama CCB) (19-minute shuttle)

9:00 am – Depart from McCoy Landing (paved, river left–east side of river)

7.2 miles – Support Location (No Trash out) Tama Diversion Dam (grass, river left–east side of river)

6.8 miles – Trash Pickup Location – Manatt's Landing (1974 340th St, Tama, IA 52339 - Tama CCB) (paved ramp, river right–south side of river)

Bus Shuttle from Manatt's Landing to Otter Creek Lake & Park (16-minute shuttle)

3:30 pm – Afternoon Campground Activities

- *Meskwaki Cultural Museum Tour*. Shuttle from Otter Creek Park leaves at 3:30 pm. 20-25 participant capacity.

4:30 pm – Concurrent Afternoon Campground Activities

- *Food of the Forest* – Raina Genaw (Tama County Conservation Naturalist)
- *Birding Hike* - Kelly McKay (BioEco Research and Monitoring Center)

6:00 pm – Dinner at Otter Creek Lake & Park (Toledo)

7:30 pm – Concurrent Evening Campground Programs

- *Introduction to the Nocturnal Raptors of Iowa* – Kelly McKay (BioEco Research and Monitoring Center)
- *Adventures Along the Historic Lincoln Highway in Iowa* – Darcy Maulsby (Darcy Maulsby & Co.)

8:30 pm – Evening Campground Programs

- *Owl Prowl* – Kelly McKay (BioEco Research and Monitoring Center)

Otter Creek Lake & Park Amenities

- Portable toilets and flush toilets
- Showers available on site
- Running water available
- Electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter: Otter Creek Nature Center

Wednesday, July 12 (12 miles)

Manatt's Landing to Duffus Landing (Iowa River)

BREAK CAMP

7:00 am – Breakfast and lunch distribution at Otter Creek Lake & Park (2283 Park Rd, Toledo, IA 52342)

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

8:15 am – Bus Shuttle volunteers to Manatt's Landing Access (1974 340th St, Tama, IA 52339 - Tama CCB) (16-minute shuttle)

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

7.5 miles –Support Location – Longpoint Landing (3469 P Ave, Tama, IA 52339 - Tama CCB) (paved, river left–north side of river)

4.5 miles –Trash Pickup Location – Duffus Landing (2711 360th St, Chelsea, IA 52215 - Tama CCB) (paved, river left – northeast side of river)

Bus Shuttle from Duffus Landing (2711 360th St, Chelsea, IA 52215 - Tama CCB) to Franklin Park (1107 11th St, Belle Plaine, IA 52208) (20-minute Shuttle)

- Walk through Franklin Park to showers at Belle Plaine Pool - open for showers 1 pm - 7 pm (8th St, Belle Plaine, IA 52208)

15 minutes after last bus arrives with volunteers from river – Daily Shuttle Service to Otter Creek Lake & Park; please sign up for shuttle at registration table

4:30 pm – Afternoon Campground Activities

- *Acorns and Milkweed Pods* – Melisa Jacobsen (Iowa Project AWARE Volunteer)

6:00 pm – Dinner at Franklin Park, Belle Plaine

7:30 pm – Concurrent Evening Campground Programs

- *Natural Grapevine Charcoal Art Program* – Aaron Askelson (Benton County Conservation)
- *Voyager Program* - Chuck Jacobsen (Retired Clinton County Conservation)

Franklin Park Amenities

- Portable toilets and flush toilets
- Showers available at Belle Plaine Pool
- Running water available
- Electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter: The American Legion (1008 Main St, Belle Plaine)

Thursday, July 13 (17.3 miles)

Duffus Landing to Belle Plaine Access (Iowa River)

6:15 am – Morning Yoga

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Franklin Park (1107 11th St, Belle Plaine, IA 52208)

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

8:15 am – **Bus Shuttle** volunteers to Franklin Park to Duffus Access (2711 360th St, Chelsea, IA 52215 - Tama CCB) (18 minutes one way)

8:45 am – **Depart** from Duffus Landing (paved, river left – northeast side of river)

6.8 miles – **Support Location** Chelsea Access (north of 3714 Highway V18, Chelsea, IA 52215)
(paved, river right–south side of river)

10.5 miles – **Trash Pickup Location** – Belle Plaine Access (1005 B Avenue, Belle Plaine, 52301) (paved, river left – north side of river)

Bus Shuttle from Belle Plaine Access to Franklin Park (1107 11th St, Belle Plaine, IA 52208) (7-minute shuttle)

- Walk through Franklin Park to showers at Belle Plaine Pool, open for showers 1 pm - 7 pm (8th St, Belle Plaine, IA 52208)

4:30 pm – **Concurrent Afternoon Campground Programs**

- *Water Bottle Slings* – Melisa Jacobsen (Iowa Project AWARE Volunteer)
- *Prairie Games* – Aaron Askelson (Benton County Conservation)

6:00 pm – **Dinner** at Franklin Park

7:00 pm – 20th Celebration of Iowa Project AWARE

Franklin Park Amenities

- Portable toilets and flush toilets
- Showers available at Belle Plaine Pool
- Running water available
- Electricity available
- Emergency Storm Shelter: The American Legion (1008 Main St, Belle Plaine)

Friday, July 14 (8.6 miles)

Belle Plaine Access to Koszta Access (Iowa River)

6:15 am – **Morning Yoga**

7:00 am – **Breakfast and lunch distribution** at Franklin Park (1107 11th St, Belle Plaine, IA 52208)

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

8:15 am – **Bus Shuttle** volunteers to Belle Plaine Access (Hwy 21 (south of Belle Plaine) Belle Plaine, 52301) (7-minute shuttle)

8:30 am – **Depart** from Belle Plaine Access (paved, river left – north side of river)

8.6 miles – **Take Out** Koszta Access (1168 F Avenue, Marengo 52301) (paved, river right–south side of river)

- **Bus Shuttle** from Koszta Access to Franklin Park (24-minute shuttle)
- **Wash canoes**
- **Break Camp**

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

~late afternoon – Post-event shuttle arrives in Ankeny