



Around the Bend

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Cross State Trip News

Your canoe trip across Ohio next year sounds fascinating. I read about your plans in the Spring 2002 Milestones from OBC. Then I perused your website. Good for you! Thank you for keeping historical canoeing alive. We at the Flatboat Project share your interest in increasing the awareness of the significant role rivers had on Ohio exploration. In addition to exploration, we add in settlement. We have a 2,000-mile trip planned for 2002 to 2004 to New Orleans, including the upper Ohio in the bicentennial year. Perhaps some of your members would care to join us for a leg. Please take a look at our schedule and such at <http://communities.msn.com/flatboat>. Your members are invited to contact me, Captain Bela K. Berty, for more information.

The Wyandot County Visitors' and Convention Bureau would like to know what they could do to promote, advertise, assist and help with the portion of the cross state trip that passes through Wyandot County and the surrounding counties. They can be contacted at the Visitors' Bureau Office, wyandotcgvb@udata.com or 1.877.WYANDOT.

Tim Balduff is sponsoring a canoe outing on Monday, June 24 from 4-8 p.m. You need to call him ahead of time if you wish to go. You can give him a call at 1.419.626.3872 or email him at TimCanoe3@go.com.

2002 OHCRA EVENT SCHEDULE

March 10	Planning Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Fountain Square, Bldg. "E", Columbus, OH
April 27/28	Paint Creek Dave Caplinger (937) 393-2739
May 18/19	Big Darby Jim Wolf (614) 920-9214
June 1/2	East Fork Dave Petrik (513) 734-3009
July 20/21	Summer Outing George Tompkins (330) 358-2209
August 24/25	Little Miami River Ted Spradlin (513) 742-2459
September 28/29	To Be Announced Brad Buck (614) 476-2840
October 12/13	Mad River Dave Caplinger (937) 393-2739
November 10	Planning Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Fountain Square, Bldg. "E", Columbus, OH

Does anyone else have a river or creek to run? If you have an idea for a trip but have never sponsored one and are not sure what to do, ask one of us for help. We all planned our first trips with some fear of something going wrong, but it always works out ok! Everyone has a bad trip now and then.

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Note From Ron Mills

Hi All! This is from your new bionic paddling partner. First off, the staff at Good Samaritan Hospital does damn fine work. For some dumb reason my heart decided to take an extended break. So, the weekend of the Paint Creek trip I spent time with the good doctors and nurses at Good Sam in Zanesville. Everything went according to plan, except my heart stopped 5 times, then they decided I needed a temporary pacemaker. That part wasn't so much fun. But a couple of days later they gave me a full-time pacemaker. I've been all checked out and passed with flying colors and get to take it easy for a month or so. Ron Mills

Newsletter Email Change

There is a new email address for contacting me concerning the newsletter. It is ohcraeditor@hotmail.com

Online Newsletter

Many of you have expressed interest in getting the newsletter e-mailed to you. We have experimented with this idea and it just doesn't work. Because of the many different aspects of the newsletter it takes too long to upload and send copies via e-mail. **HOWEVER**, we do have a web site where you can view the newsletter. If you'd rather view the newsletter on the web site and no longer wish to have it mailed to you please e-mail me and we will take you off the mailing list only.

The Paint Creek Outing

- Dave Caplinger

Friday evening I arrived around 6 p.m. and put up signs. Shortly afterwards Paul Wood arrived and we set up the Out House. Later we ate and lit the campfire. We had a nice visit and were the only campers to stay the night.

Saturday morning by shuttle time, we had eight boaters and the weatherman's forecast was rain later in the day. The water was up a little and we had a good flow. The riffles were washed out and it was a good float-just sit back and enjoy the ride. We made good time and arrived at the take out early afternoon. The weatherman said a big rain was coming Saturday night so we decided to go ahead and do the Sunday run just in case Sunday's trip was a washout. We ended up back at camp after a 22-mile float.

We arrived at camp around 4 p.m. and while some of us ran shuttle the non-drivers put up a large tarp stretched between trees JUST in time. We had our potluck supper under the tarp and lighted the campfire between showers.

Two folks left Saturday night and later that evening two new paddlers arrived to camp and hoped to paddle Sunday. After several showers and a wet campfire, we gave in to an early bedtime. It rained off and on most of the night and the water level was up somewhat, but we decided as a group that Sunday's trip was a GO! We did the same run as Saturday and were back at camp early afternoon. We got our dry tents down before the next shower. A little cold, a lot of wet, but a good outing for April.

Hell Froze Over Twice!!!!

- Dave Petrik

PLEASE sit down before continuing to read this report. I would have never believed hell could freeze over twice in one weekend. Paul Wood finally got his first Social Security check and yes, he has finally retired the BIG yellow barge that knows every stream better than anybody in the club. I would not have believed it if I had not seen it with my own eyes, he bought a new canoe. The Mad River rep called Paul personally to apologize for accidentally registering a new boat in his name and said he would correct the

problem promptly. After weeks of collect calls to Mad River, Paul was able to convince them that it was his boat. It was good to see Paul back on the river.

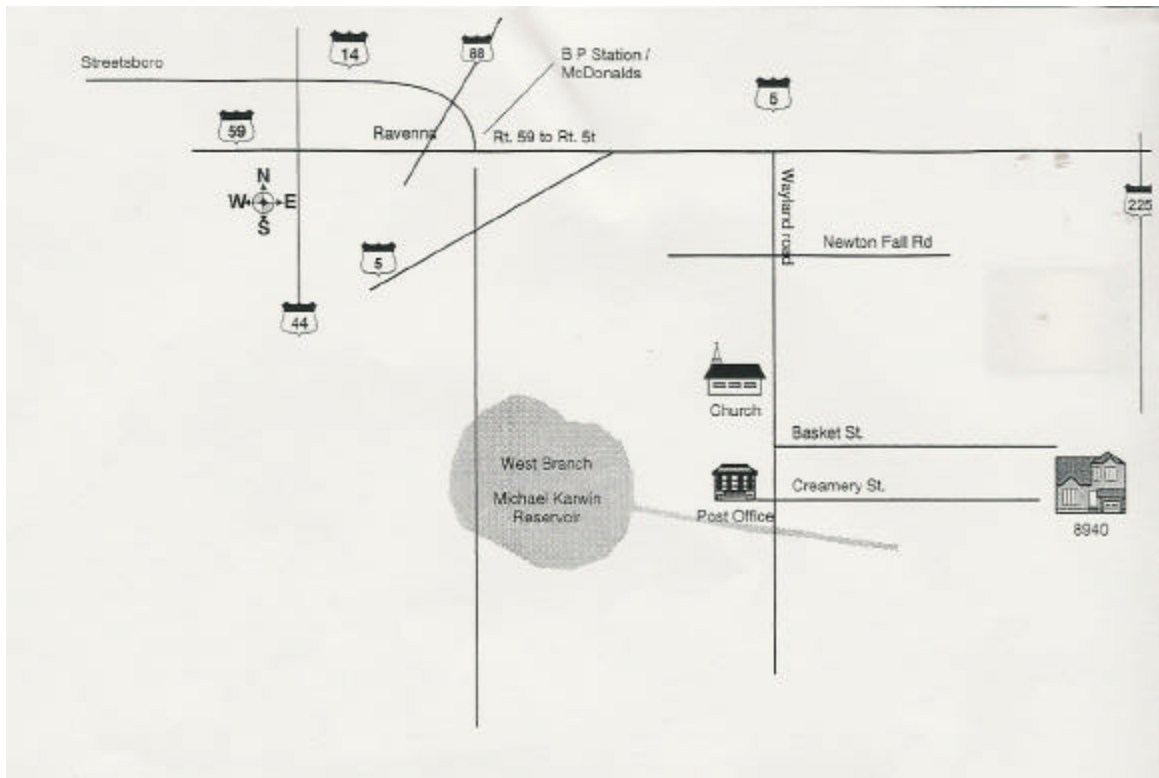
The second freezing of hell had nothing to do with the weather as most of you are probably guessing by now. Jody "Pants" Wolf (**editors note; could I please have further explanation of the new nickname?**) actually paddled solo all day Saturday. She did pretty good considering it was the first time she had to get her paddle wet and was missing her security dry bag to sun on.

There are two versions of what happened right before lunch though. One version was she tried to roll the canoe like a kayak, since she was using a kayak paddle instead of a canoe paddle. Perfectly understandable for a new soloist. I would have to rate the first half of the roll a perfect ten. It was one continuous roll to the left, right into a hanging tree branch. She must have been thinking surely Jim will right the boat before it tips. Only problem, Jim was not in the boat. But she did recover and was able to exit the boat before her hair got one drop of water on it (saved the hairdo). For the other version you will have to ask Jody "Pants" personally or anyone that was there.

Now that I have your attention, Saturday's trip on the Big Darby was around 14 miles with a good flow from all the rain the previous week. Sunday's trip was around 10 miles. Plenty of wildlife around: vulture watching Jody and various birds and turtles. Paul and Ted saw three deer on Saturday. Saturday's dinner was excellent with enough food to feed an army. As usual, nothing went to waste. Thanks to Jim and Jody "Pants" for setting up the trip.

Speaking of wild life, Ron and Teri stopped for dinner. On a more serious note, it was good to see his recovery is progressing excellently.





OHCRA SUMMER OUTTING

JULY 20 / 21 2002

Hosts George & Marilyn Tompkins

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tompkinsgeorge@hotmail.com

Water and weather permitting we will paddle the West Branch of the Mahoning River Saturday and the East Branch of the Mahoning on Sunday.

Camping will be in our yard by the river and campers are welcome to come anytime Thursday evening or Friday all day.

Bring something to share for dinner Saturday night. We will provide BBQ Chicken and Ribs. Also will have beer and soft drinks. **Beer drinkers** please reply with choices as I'm not a connoisseur' of beer.

Swimming in the pond or up at the lake (5 min.) Not a child's pond 4 to 16 ft deep.

Breakfast of pancakes and sausage Sunday morning, & coffee



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LITTLE MIAMI RIVER OUTING

AUGUST 24/25

- CAMP:**
- At Morgan's Riverside Campground (Gilmour Rd., Off St Rt. 123), Fri & Sat night. (1-800-932-2663) [Item 'C' on map].
 - Take exit 32 off I-71. From north, turn left (east). From south, turn right (east). Follow St Rt 123, about 2 miles, watch for Morgan's sign. Turn left onto Gilmour Rd. Campsite on left at bottom of hill, along river. Watch for OH CRA signs.
- COST:**
- Expected to be ~\$7.00/person/night (nice campground on river with clean showers/restrooms, snack bar, shelter available, etc.).
 - Canoe rental available, arrange with Morgan's Canoe Rental. They should provide shuttle to match our trip, or we will shuttle.
- SAT :**
- 0900, begin shuttle for a planned 10 mile trip, from Caesar Creek Canoe Access (#5 on map) to campsite. Since some have expressed desire to do longer trips, I will shuttle anyone to Spring Valley Wildlife Area Canoe Access (#6 on map). That would be a 19 mile trip. The planned group trip is as indicated above.
 - We will have our pot-luck, group meal around 6 pm. Everyone should bring a dish to share. I plan to deep fry something?????
 - We plan to discuss anything necessary about the AOCA 2003, during the weekend.
- SUN**
- 0900, begin necessary shuttles for various length canoe trips as desired. Pick a put-in and take-out from map. See chart on map (and above chart) for different mileage.
 - Bring your bike and do any portion of Little Miami Trail you desire. 40(+) miles available, from the campsite.
 - Hike/bike from campsite to Fort Ancient, or a shuttle can be arranged.

(Trip Leader - Ted Spradlin, 513/742-2459)

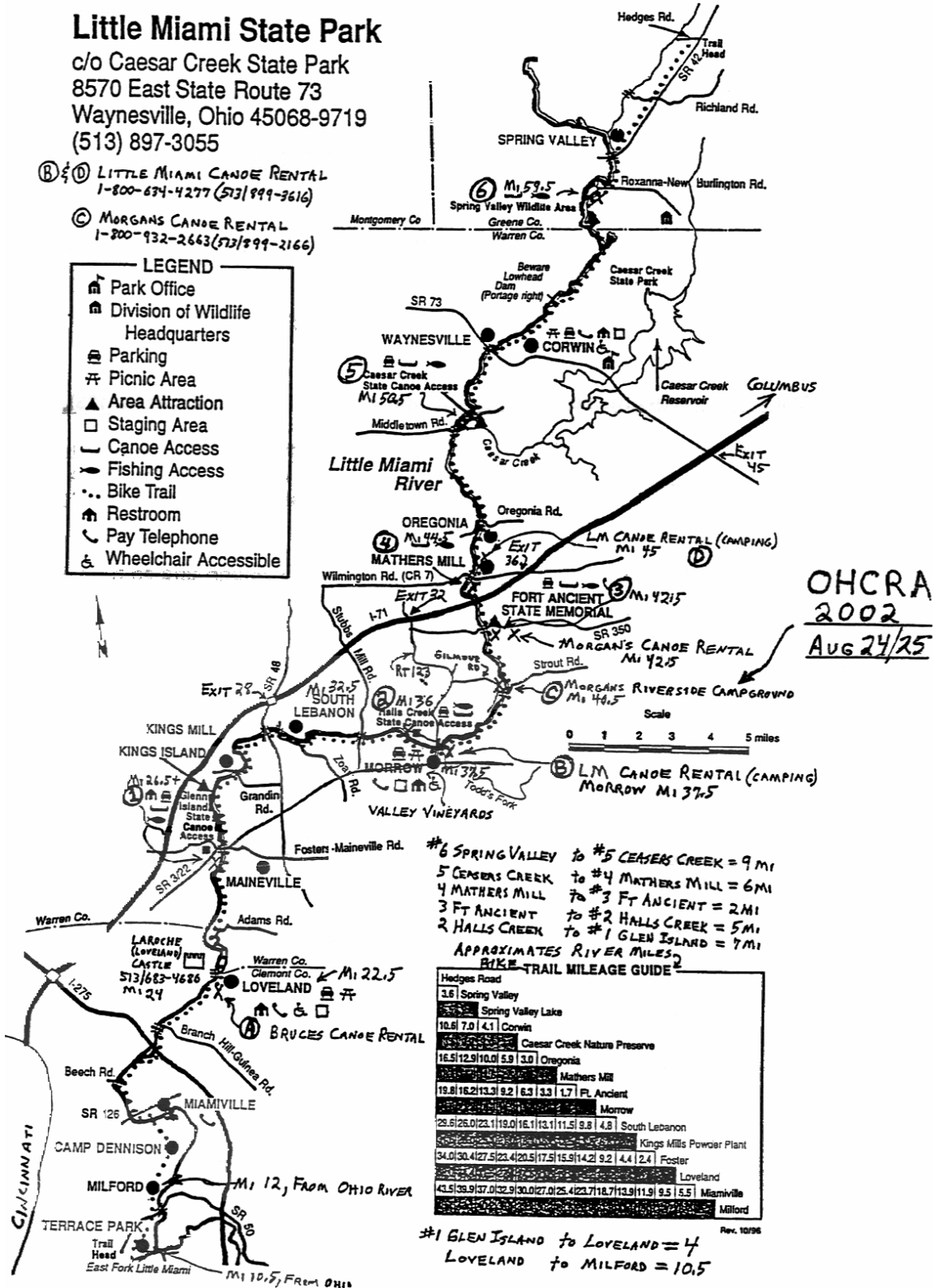
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