



Around the Bend

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Format Change For Newsletter

Ever since George passed the newsletter torch to me a couple of years ago, I have followed the format handed down, while trying to make changes that would interest me as a writer and editor and interest you, the members receiving and reading it. I have played with fonts and graphics, to keep the newsletter interesting looking and fun to read. This can be time consuming and more than a little nerve wracking. I'm a fretter, I am.

Putting out the newsletter is also expensive. Without crunching the exact numbers, I'd guess that each newsletter that goes out in the mail costs just under a dollar. Club dues cover that cost.

Now we have a new expense to consider, our web site. If you have not gone to take a look at it yet, you really must. It is a well-done site that I am sure Justine probably frets over just a little, if she's a fretter, like me. There are links to other web sites, and a forum to let us discuss issues of importance or concern to the club. It is a good tool. We need to use it. But, in order to maintain our web "address" we have to pay for it. So, again the club dues are used. So, I have decided to "downsize" the newsletter just a little, to try and cut some of the cost of publishing it.

So, this will probably mean a slimmer newsletter. I will concentrate on getting necessary information out, like directions to trips and any interesting facts I find or have sent to me by you (**contributions are accepted, requested, needed, etc.**) about the rivers and regions we paddle through.

Let me know what you think. – The Editor

2001 OHCRA EVENT SCHEDULE

January 14	Planning Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Fountain Square, Bldg. "E", Columbus, OH
March 11	Planning Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Fountain Square, Bldg. "E", Columbus, OH
April 21/22	Rattlesnake/Paint Creek Dave Caplinger (937) 393-2739
May 19/20	Sandusky River Paul Wood (419) 332-6970
June 9/10	Tiffin River Paul Wood (419) 332-6970
June 23/24	Scioto River Ted Spradlin (513) 742-2459
July 21/22	Summer Outing Jock Klinger (740) 385-4346
August 25/26	Little Miami River Ted Spradlin (513) 742-2459
September 8/9	Lower Cuyahoga River Ernie & Heather Smith (440) 944-1067
October 6/7	Grand River Ernie & Heather Smith (440) 944-1067
November 11	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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Join the **Ohio Historical Canoe Route Association**
and journey through history on Ohio's waterways.

Lake Erie Island Trip

Tim Balduff is looking for hardy folks to join him on September 15th to take an excursion to Put-In Bay via ferryboat for a canoe/kayak trip around the island and possibly a trip over to Middle Bass Island.

Canoeists would need to be strong paddlers and kayaks would probably need spray skirts, as waves could be a factor.

Landlubbers could tour the island by car while the paddlers play. Afterwards there are plenty of options available for food and drink. Interested parties should contact Tim via email: TimCanoe3@go.com.

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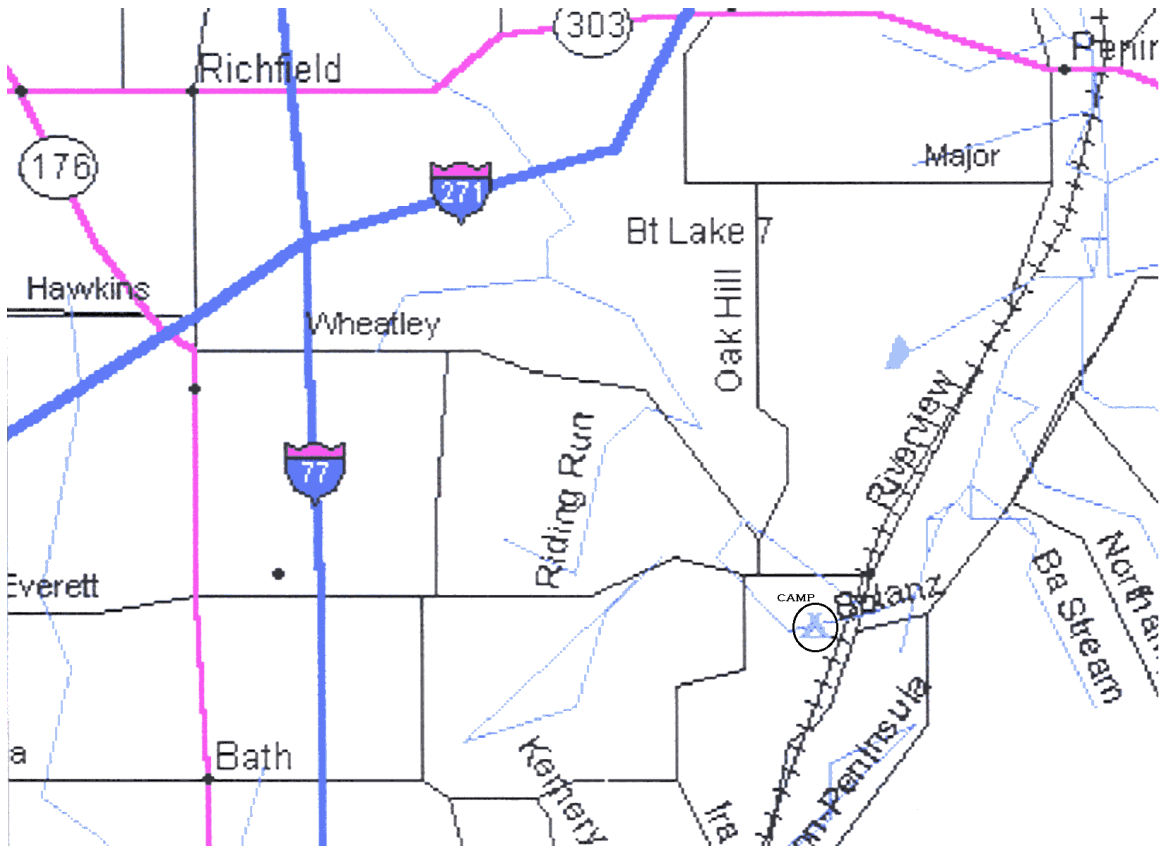
The Nantahala Outdoor Center is offering OHCRA members a 10% discount on items purchased at their stores, from their catalog or web site. The discount applies to regularly stocked items, not to boats, bicycles, special orders, or sale items.

The N.O.C. is based in Bryson City, N.C. It is a renowned river outfitter many of you have no doubt heard of. Heather and I had the pleasure of kayaking on the Nantahala River on our honeymoon courtesy of the outfitting service they provide.

To receive the discount, members should bring a copy of their newsletter with their name on it to prove membership. You may request a personal discount card at that time if you want one.



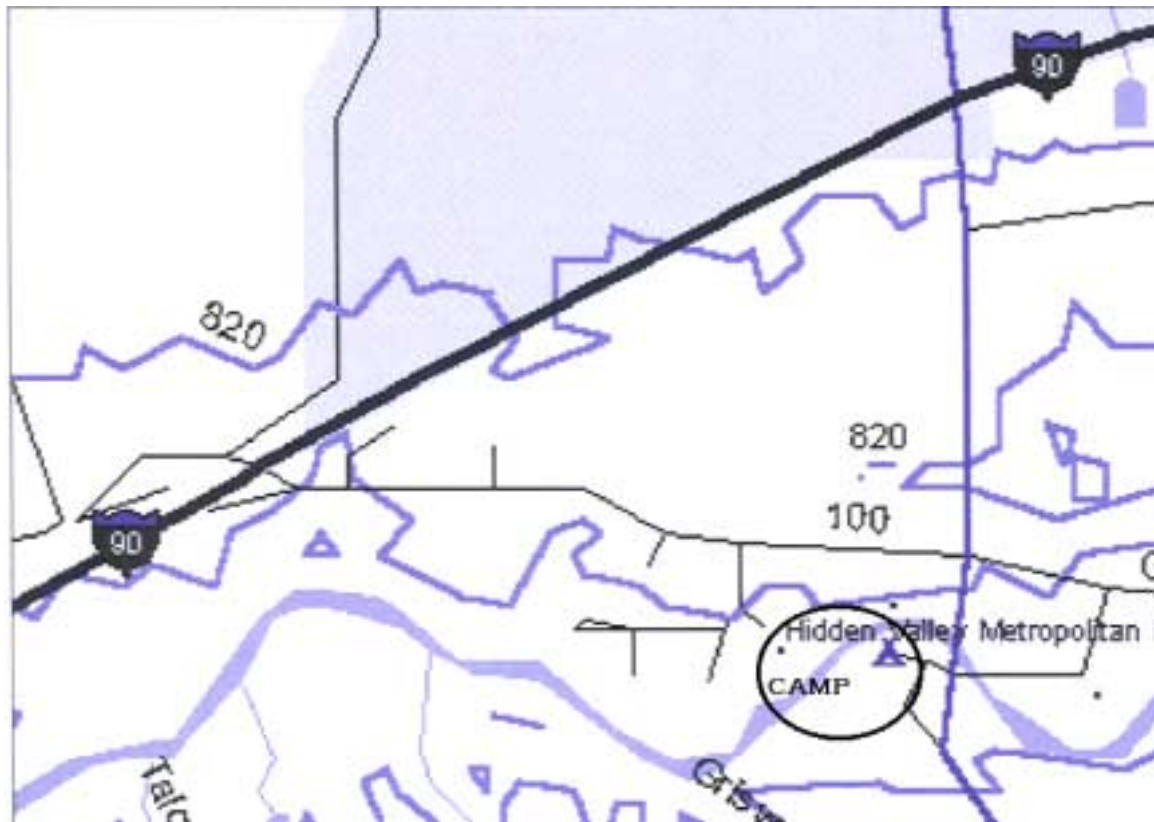
That last couple of feet on the Paint Creek were tough!



Cuyahoga River Trip September 8th and 9th

Our campsite for the Cuyahoga River trip is just a few hundred feet south of Bolanz Rd. on Riverview Rd. Look for OHCRA signs. Camping will be primitive, but there are flush toilets on Bolanz Rd. about ¼ mile away. From southern Ohio take Interstates 77 or 71 north to Interstate 271. Take 271 north/east toward Erie. Exit at Route 303. Turn right. Follow 303 east to a stoplight at Riverview Rd. Turn right on Riverview, drive approximately 2.5-3 miles.

The Lower Cuyahoga River is a fun paddle, but for experienced paddlers only. There are many deadfall sections to maneuver, two dams to portage and sections of extended riffles and rock gardens. The two sections we will do are about 9-10 miles each. You should see wildlife. We have the option on Saturday of eating lunch at a tavern at the dam in Peninsula or just eating a bag lunch as usual. The property we will be camping on belongs to the Szalay family who farm and run a fruit and vegetable stand nearby. Maybe if we are lucky we could get some corn on the cob for Saturday night dinner. If you are planning on driving a long distance, check with me on Thursday night for water conditions. If it gets too high, we can't paddle – it's too dangerous. Hope to see you there.



Grand River Trip

October 6th & 7th

We will be camping at Hidden Valley Park courtesy of the Lake County Parks District once again. These folks are very nice to us. I wish some of the other counties were as accommodating. From southern Ohio take Interstates 71 or 77 north to Interstate 271 north/east toward Erie. Follow 271 until it merges with Interstate 90. Follow I-90 north/east toward Erie. From western Ohio, take the Turnpike east to the I-90 east exit. Once on I-90 drive until you get to the State Route 528 exit. This should be exit number 212. Turn right (south) on 528 and drive approximately 1.5 miles. Watch for OHCRA signs, turn off to park is on the right almost immediately after you cross the bridge over the river. I believe it is Klasen Rd. Park is at the bottom of the hill. There is a shelter with picnic tables and privies are available.

The Grand River is one of the most beautiful rivers in the state of Ohio. It has many moods. If we get just the right amount of water, we will have a great weekend. Although not quite as technical a river as the Cuyahoga, the Grand will offer a paddler a very good time. Fall colors may be in effect. The stretches we will paddle are about 8 miles one day and 10-11 the other I think. There are two wineries nearby.

If you are planning on driving a long distance, please call me Thursday night to check on the water level. If the level is too high we will not go.

Canoe Club Plans State Wide Trip - Paul Wood

How do modes of transportation differ today from the way people traveled two hundred years ago, when Ohio became a state? Need a hint? This was before airplanes, blacktop or concrete roads were even heard of, but we can still use them today! In fact, because there were very few roads anywhere and Ohio was practically an untouched wilderness...there were few choices. Final answer? Walk, ride a horse or use nature's natural highway...our rivers!

In order to promote the awareness of the historical significance and recreational opportunities of Ohio's waterways, the Ohio Historical Canoe Route Association will be celebrating Ohio's 200th anniversary of statehood and the club's 20th anniversary in a special way and you are invited to participate!

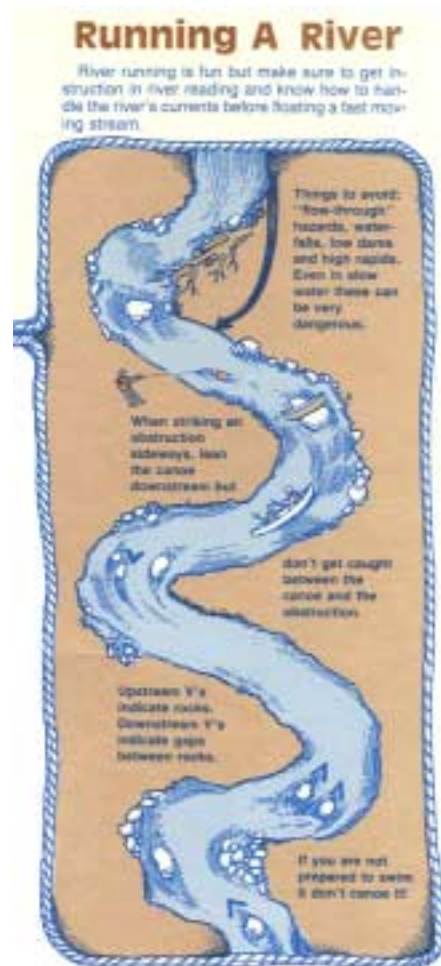
The Ohio Historical Canoe Route Association (OHCRA for short) is primarily a canoe cruising and camping club with about 100 members today. Jim French founded it in 1983 with the help of the Ohio Division of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft and the Ohio Historical Society. The purpose was to increase the awareness of the historical significance and recreational opportunities of Ohio's waterways. This was accomplished by OHCRA in 1983, 1984 and 1985 by using the three main trans-Ohio canoe routes most frequently traveled during the exploration and settlement of Ohio.

It will be twenty years since when OHCRA hopes to accomplish that feat again by canoeing and camping across the middle of Ohio, from the north near Lake Erie and Fremont to the south at Portsmouth and the Ohio River during May and June of 2003. This will be done over the course of several weekends through approximately half of the state to the Columbus area. Once Columbus is reached, the rest of the trip will be done in a weeklong trip to Portsmouth and the Ohio River.

There will be public ceremonies at various points along the way and the history of the various rivers will be highlighted as they are traveled. Because OHCRA will be retracing the same river routes used by Native Americans and our pioneers, participants will be encouraged to dress in period costume to represent the voyageurs,



frontiersmen and native peoples who used these waterways, to help authenticate ceremonies. The highlights of these ceremonies will be the giving and receiving of a proclamation, the smoking of a peace pipe as a token of friendship and the signing of names on a large deer hide that will have the State of Ohio drawn on it, showing the rivers to be canoed on this trip.





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A friend of mine is looking to buy a whitewater kayak. Ernie Smith, 1.440.944.1067

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See Paul at an outing or order by mail



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Waterfall on Paint Creek