



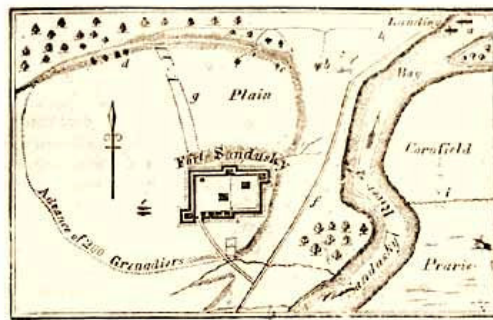
# ***Around the Bend***

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## 2003 OHCRA EVENT SCHEDULE

January 12	Planning Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Fountain Square, Bldg. "E", Columbus, OH
March 9	Planning Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Fountain Square, Bldg. "E", Columbus, OH
April 19/20	Clear Creek - Jock Klinger
April 27	AOCA Final Planning Meet 11:00 a.m., Fountain Square, Bldg. "E", Columbus, OH
May 17/18	State Wide Trip Begins
May 24-26	State Wide Trip Continues
May 31-June 1	State Wide Trip Continues
June 7-15	State Wide Trip Concludes
July 19/20	Summer Outing - Jock Klinger
August 23/24	Little Miami - Ted Spradlin
September 13/14	Raccoon Creek Dave Caplinger/Jock Klinger
October 11/12	Mad River - Dave Caplinger
November 9	Planning Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Fountain Square, Bldg. "E", Columbus



**Fort Sandusky**

## **All Ohio Canoe Adventure Set To Begin**

Now, after a couple of years of planning, the Ohio Historical Canoe Route Society is set to walk in the foot steps of Ohio's forefathers and recreate the event that saw it's founding. Recreating this trip has been no easy task. The members involved in the planning have put in long hours scouting rivers, securing campsites, obtaining permits, planning events and working out logistics. They are to be commended. It had to be a labor of love.

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# ALL OHIO CANOE ADVENTURE (AOCA)

## TRIP SUMMARY:

NOTE: ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS SCHEDULE MAY OCCUR WITHOUT NOTICE AND ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF OHCRA!!!

### Dates:

- We will begin our weekend trips on May 17, 2003 and plan to canoe from Lake Erie to Columbus, Ohio on the weekends of May 17/18, May 24/25/26, May 31 and June 1.
- On June 7, we will begin in Columbus, Ohio and canoe for a continuous week to Portsmouth, Ohio, arriving June 14.
- After accounting for the miles skipped, an estimated 258 miles will be paddled.

### Costs:

- Each AOCA participant will be charged \$8 unless a current member of OHCRA. If their dues are up to date, there will be no charge.
- Miscellaneous costs associated with the trip will be at the expense of the participant [i.e. getting to/from, shuttle gas, camping fees, food, and side trip cost (i.e. attend Tecumseh, tour museums, etc.)].
- A deer hide, with trip map art, has been obtained for use in ceremonies and for commemorating the trip. There would be expected to be a fee (to OHCRA) for preparation of this hide. All active participants will sign the hide. Running the "Gauntlet" may be required.
- There is a \$30 fee for application to paddle through Columbus (OHCRA fee).

### Shuttles:

- Shuttles for the weekend trips will be as needed, same as normal OHCRA trips.
- All shuttles will be at 0900 (9:00 AM), unless otherwise noted.
- For the weeklong trip, tentative plans are to make one shuttle at the beginning to take all vehicles to Chillicothe. When we reach Chillicothe, we will make another shuttle to take vehicles to Portsmouth.
- It is possible that someone along will need to shuttle more often. This will have to be worked out on a case-by-case basis.
- All shuttles are expected to be a group effort.

### Safety:

- It was agreed that there would be a Lead and a Sweep canoe. Each will have some means of communication with each other. We should have a cell phone available during the entire trip, for emergency purposes, also.
  - **If water or other conditions create any concern for safety, the concern will be appropriately addressed as a group. No single person will make decisions on safety. No one will be expected to proceed if they have a safety concern. Alternate arrangements, as needed, will be made.**

### Waivers:

- Every participant *will sign* an OHCRA "waiver" before they participate. Only one will be needed for the entire trip, regardless of how many days you paddle.
- This waiver will be *in addition* to any waiver on file.

### Ceremonies:

- At this time, ceremonies are scheduled, being planned, or being considered as follows:
  - At lunch on river the first day.
  - At take-out on the first day with the Mayor of Fremont.
  - In Columbus, at the Bicentennial Park, on the Scioto River, downtown.
  - In Portsmouth upon arrival.
  - Others as agreed to by dignitaries and OHCRA.

### TRIP SUMMARY (continued):



#### Voyager Canoes:

- The large Voyager canoes will be used for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the trip on the Sandusky, and if there is sufficient water, for the weeklong trip from Columbus to Portsmouth. If there is a ceremony in Columbus at the beginning of the week trip, the Voyagers will be used. Consideration is also being given to using them for the O'Shaughnessy & Griggs Reservoirs. We plan on no more than six people with gear for each of two available Voyager canoes.

### OHCRA 2003 AOCA TRIP SCHEDULE



#### *First Weekend (May 17/18):*

- **Camping:** We will be camping Friday & Saturday at the **Broken Paddle Canoe Livery** on the Sandusky River in Fremont (same location as Paul Wood's trips) - ***\$4 fee/night***. This is at mile ~16.5 on river left. There is a campground next door, but we are camping at the Livery.
- **Day 1 (May 17) (~13 mi)** – Shuttle to our put in at **Wightman's Grove** (mile ~1, river right) and paddle to mile 9.25, where we will have lunch and there will be a speaker (river left). After lunch, we will paddle to Newton Bridge (mile 12.75, river left) where there will be a ceremony. We will go back down stream to **Brady's Island** for our take-out (mile ~12, river right). The whole section for this day is upstream but it is all flat water.
- **Day 2 (May 18) (~13 mi)** – Shuttle to our put-in at **Fort Seneca** (Township Road #143 or SR 53) (mile ~29.5, river right) and paddle downstream to the take out at our campsite at the Canoe Livery (mile ~16.5, river left).



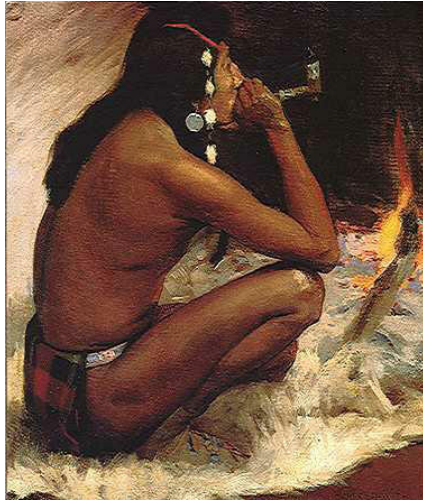
**Second WEEKEND (May 24/25/26):**

- **Camping:** No camping has been planned for Friday night. Other camping is as identified.
- **Day 3 (May 24) (~19 mi)** - We will meet Saturday at the **Upper Sandusky City Park**, for our 0900 (9:00 AM) shuttle, with put-in to follow (mile ~80, river left). We will paddle to near McCutchenville for a primitive campsite along the river (mile ~61, river right) (**no vehicle access, must carry all gear**). There are some minor **hazards along this section** (low head dam, log jam, etc.).
- **Day 4 (May 25) (~21 mi)** - Put-in at our riverside camp and paddle to our take out at mile ~40.25, river left), just before Tiffin. We will shuttle from here to our campsite at the **Issac Walton League** in Tiffin, where we will camp for Sunday night.
- **Day 5 (May 26) (~5 mi)** – Shuttle from our Issac Walton League campsite to our put-in at mile ~34.25, river right, and paddle to our take-out at Fort Seneca, (mile ~29.5, river left).

**NOTE! The EPA will be cleaning/dredging the Little Scioto River, during this period in 2003. At this time, OHCRA is planning to skip this section during the AOCA. It is planned to do some portion, or all of the overland portage between and Green Camp.**



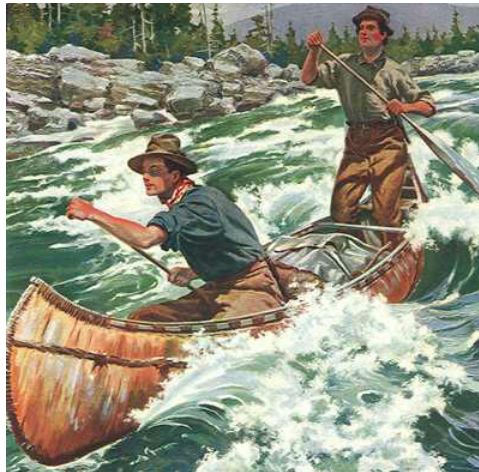
*Treaty Of Greenville*



**Tecumseh**

**Third WEEKEND (May 31 – June 1):**

- **Camping:** No camping identified for Friday night at Green Camp. Other camping will be along the river as identified.
- **Day 6 (May 31) (~22 mi)** - We will meet Saturday in **Green Camp** at City Park (~0.5 mile up stream on Little Scioto, SE corner of town, by bridge), for a 0900 shuttle & then put-in (mile ~178.5). We will then paddle to our campsite in **Bellepoint** on the Scioto River (mile ~156.5, river right, near ODNR Watercraft ramp).
- **Day 7 (June 1) (~17 mi)** – Make our 0900 shuttle and then continue from **Bellepoint** to the **Griggs Reservoir Dam** (mile 140). This will include portage of the O'Shaughnessy Reservoir Dam. Essentially, all of this day is paddling on reservoir water thus; consideration is being given to using the Voyager canoes.





**WEEK LONG TRIP (June 7 – 15):**

- **Voyager Canoes:** It was decided to use the Voyager canoes for this entire section of the trip, pending sufficient water.
- **Shuttle:** Vehicles will be shuttled to Chillicothe, for use during our time there, and then they will be taken on to Portsmouth, before we leave Chillicothe.
- **Camping:** We will camp at the **Scioto River Canoe Livery** near Shadeville, on St RT 665, both Friday & Saturday nights (mile 121, river right).
  
- **Day 8 (June 7) (~10 mi)** - Saturday is expected to start in downtown Columbus with a ceremony, but nothing has been finalized. If there is a ceremony, we will put in at the boat ramp on the Olentangy River, just up stream from the junction to the Scioto River. We will paddle the Voyager canoes to the Bicentennial Park in downtown Columbus, and hold the ceremony. After the ceremony (or if there is no ceremony) we will shuttle the Voyager canoes to a put-in below the Green Lawn Ave Dam (mile ~130.5, river right) and paddle to the canoe livery (mile ~121, river right).
  
- **Day 9 (June 8) (~ 19 mi)** - Put-in at the canoe livery and paddle to a riverside campsite near the mouth of Big Darby Creek (mile ~102).
  
- **Day 10 (June 9) (~15 mi):** - Paddle from Darby Creek campsite to **Kellenbarger Road** campsite (mile ~87.25, river left).
  
- **Day 11 (June 10) (~16 mi):** - Paddle from Kellenbarger Road to the **City Park in Chillicothe** (mile ~71.5). There are showers and/or a pool available here, and our vehicles will be here. **NOTE:** On this evening those interested (at their cost) plan to attend the outdoor drama Tecumseh. Vehicles will be shuttled to Portsmouth before we leave here. In addition, part of this day may be spent touring the history of Chillicothe (Adena museum, Mound City, Etc.), as desired. Some of Day 12 could be used for this, also.
  
- **Day 12 (June 11) (~20 mi):** - Make vehicle shuttle to **Portsmouth**, if not already done. An option may be available for those interested to take time to tour any history in Chillicothe, before continuing the trip. Otherwise, we will paddle from Chillicothe City Park to a riverside campsite at ~mile 52, river right.

- **Day 13 (June 12) (~21 mi):** - Paddle to riverside campsite near **Jasper**. Current plans are to camp at a level grass area river right, just downstream of the St. Rt. 32 Bridge (mile ~29.75). There is a "park-n-ride" area here. Some services are within walking distances (i.e. gas station, etc.).
- **Day 14 (June 13) (~17 mi):** - Paddle to riverside campsite between **Lucasville & Rushtown**. Current plans are to camp on a riverside sand bar (mile ~12.5, river left).
- **Day 15 (June 14) (~13 mi):** - We expect to paddle into **Portsmouth** on this day. There may be a ceremony for this arrival. Plans are being made to camp at the **Portsmouth City Park**. The Parks location will require us to paddle about 1 mile upstream on the **Ohio River**. There will be showers, restrooms, etc. services available, which will be welcome for the end of our trip. While in Portsmouth, for those interested, we plan to visit: The Portsmouth flood wall Murals, the original AOCA (1983) stone monument at the marina west of Portsmouth, on the Ohio River (driving, not by canoe), paddle across the Ohio River to touch the Kentucky shore, etc.

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Middle Scioto (below Columbus) (Day 8-9) - Brad Buck (614) 476-2840

Lower Scioto (Columbus to Chillicothe) (Day 10-11) - Dave Caplinger (937) 393-2739

Lower Scioto (Chillicothe to Portsmouth) (Day 12-15) - Ted Spradlin (513) 742-2459

**All assistance from OHCRA members or others to help plan and organize this trip is appreciated.**

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