

PADDLE BY YOUR REFUGE

2008

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH - LAKE ERIE METRO PARK

Fee: Beginners/\$25 and Advanced/\$30 with Riverside Kayak Connection kayak.

\$15 for those who bring their own kayaks.

Tours: 9:00 a.m - 1:00pm and depart every 15 minutes.

COME EXPERIENCE the natural beauty of the freshwater marshes of Lake Erie Metropark and Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge at the 4th Annual "Paddle By Your Refuge." Paddle around the lower Detroit River and Lake Erie as you learn about kayaking and the amazing plant and animal life of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. An interpreter from the Huron-Clinton Metroparks will be on-hand to introduce you to this beautiful natural area and wildlife of the refuge.

AMENITIES after your paddle, you could enjoy the many amenities of the park from the Marshlands Museum to the 3-mile paved/hike-bike trail to the recreational opportunities abound! Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy the scenic view of the lake; picnic tables, restrooms and grills will be available for your use.

For more details on the paddling tours, kayaking trips, and registration information, contact Riverside Kayak Connection at 734.285.2925 or visit www.riversidekayak.com

Visit www.mac-web.org for more details on this event and other great outdoor recreation opportunities. Discover Our Wild Side!



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Riverside Kayak Connection will be providing kayaks. All participants will receive a lanyard and Detroit Heritage River Water Trail Map. Because the number of participants at a given time could vary significantly, space may be limited. Please bring water, sunscreen, snacks and water-friendly shoes. A Metropark vehicle entry permit is required, please bring cash or a check, see information below.

ROUTE This year, "Paddle by your Refuge" will be held at Lake Erie Metropark. This year's advanced route (conditions permitting) will go to Celeron Island at the mouth of the Detroit River. This shallow area of the river is a major stop over for migrating waterfowl due to the presence of wild celery. Because the river mouth has larger waves and more wind, a beginner trip will stay closer to the shorelines. An interpreter from the Metroparks will be joining paddlers on the river.

AFTER YOUR PADDLE Lake Erie Metropark is home to the Marshlands Museum and Nature Center. This unique facility highlights the cultural and natural history of the freshwater coastal marshes in Western Lake Erie. The history of waterfowl hunting is brought to life with artifacts and photos featuring all phases from boats to decoys. The museum also features displays on marsh and lake ecology, highlighted by a 1,300 gallon Great Lakes aquarium.



Metropark vehicle entry permit is required to enter any Metropark: Annual-\$20 regular/ \$12 senior citizens or daily \$4. For general information contact the Huron-Clinton Metroparks at 1-800-47-PARKS or visit the website at www.metroparks.com

