

**Watershed-wide River
Cleanup Day
October 2, 2004**

Lake Michigan

New Richmond

Rabbit River

Lake Allegan

Allegan

Gun River

Plainwell

Three Lakes

Kalamazoo

Springfield

Augusta

Battle Creek

Marshall

Battle Creek River

Rice Creek

Albion

North Branch

South Branch

KANOE THE KAZOO
brought to you by the
Lake Allegan/Kalamazoo River
Watershed Phosphorus TMDL
Implementation Committee

Educational Kalamazoo River float trips

Pre-registration is necessary. All trips include instruction on stream and riparian ecology, watershed management and control of nutrients. Registration fees vary for each trip.

Binder Park Zoo—269-979-1351, www.binderparkzoo.org

Aug. 7 Albion to Marshall—Reptiles

Aug. 8 Marshall to Battle Creek—Reptiles

Aug. 14 Battle Creek to Springfield—Birding

Aug. 15 Springfield to Augusta—Birding

Kalamazoo Nature Center—269-381-1574, www.naturecenter.org

June 12 Kalamazoo to Plainwell—Birding

July 24 Kalamazoo to Plainwell—River Flora and Fauna

Aug. 14 Kalamazoo to Plainwell—Birding

Allegan Co. Parks, Recreation & Tourism Dept. and the Kalamazoo River Protection Assoc.—269-686-7822

or 616-218-4444 or KRPA@accn.org

July 17 Otsego to Trowbridge—PCB River Cleanup and Dam Removal Alternatives

Tributary trips and tours

May 21 Portage Creek float (1 hr.)—and tour of stormwater projects

May 22 Gun River float (2 hrs.)

June 4 North Branch float (2-3 hrs.)—exposition and riverfest – Albion College

June 5 South Branch float (4-5 hrs.) and City of Albion canoe dock dedication

June 12 Rabbit River float (4-5 hrs.)

June 19 Open water wetlands and Gull Creek float—Three Lakes area near Richland

Oct. 9 Rice Creek float (3 hrs.)

Oct. 10 Battle Creek River float (3 hrs.)

Additional information about
all activities is available at
www.kbs.msu.edu/kzoonps.

Special thanks to KANOE THE KAZOO supporters

- Albion College ♦ Allegan County Parks, Recreation and Tourism
- Binder Park Zoo ♦ Boiling Water Productions
- Calhoun County Community Development
- City of Battle Creek ♦ City of Albion ♦ City of Marshall ♦ City of Kalamazoo
- Conservation Districts—Allegan, Calhoun and Kalamazoo
- Fort Custer Deer Hunt Volunteers ♦ Four-Townships Water Resources Council
- Gun Lake Tribe ♦ Kalamazoo Nature Center ♦ Kalamazoo River Protection Assoc.
- Kalamazoo River Watershed Council ♦ KBS Land and Water Program
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- MSU Extension ♦ Pfizer Inc
- Potawatomi Resource Conservation and Development Council
- Sauk Trails Resource Conservation and Development Council
- Western Michigan University



Last year's successful 11-day Kanoe the Kazoo float trip down the Kalamazoo River introduced hundreds of citizens and dozens of key decision makers to the beauty of the river and the recreational and economic opportunities it presents.

This year, the entire watershed will be celebrated, focusing on the creeks, streams, wetlands and lakes that make the river what it is. These **tributary trips and tours** are being organized and hosted by local organizations, communities and citizens.



Participants need to

- furnish their own canoe or kayak, paddles, paddle partner and life vests.
- bring a sack lunch.

Other possible items to bring

- camera/binoculars in waterproof container
- cell phone
- extra water
- sunscreen and hat
- rain gear
- bug repellent
- please, no alcohol

Educational and informational displays, speakers and demonstrations will be available to help you better understand and appreciate the land and water resources of your watershed.

**Please let us know
if you plan to go!**

In addition to the tributary trips and tours, several guided **instructional float trips** are being offered on the mainstream. While these trips may focus on a particular resource or issue, such as reptiles or dams, all will include instruction on river and riparian ecology, watershed management and control of nutrients.

Kanoe the Kazoo intends to

- celebrate the watershed.
- rediscover this valuable regional resource.
- educate decision makers.
- educate the general public.
- promote public use and stewardship of the watershed.
- discuss publicly the future of the river and watershed.

October 2 is the date for a **Watershed-wide River Cleanup**. Communities along the Kalamazoo River, from Homer to Sautaguck, will participate in this cleanup and beautification effort. For more information or to get involved, call the Kalamazoo River Watershed Council at 269-327-4008 or visit their website at www.kalriver.org.

The Kalamazoo River Watershed is being considered for designation as a **Michigan Heritage Water Trail**. This program would provide a guide map to the historic and natural features along the river, and corresponding signage on the river marking those features. To contribute to or assist with the Heritage Trail, please contact Dr. David Lemberg of Western Michigan University at 269-387-3408 or lemberg@wmich.edu.

For more information, contact

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**Discover the beauty of
and learn about your
Kalamazoo River
Watershed**

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