



## Memorial Weekend Float

We are excited to have finalized the plans for the first annual CrawDaddy Outdoors Memorial Weekend Float. This is a great way to kick off the summer paddling season and to explore local rivers.

The CrawDaddy Crew will be camping at Shell Rock Park Saturday and Sunday nights. Camping arrangements and fees are on your own. Camping fees are: \$7 a night for tents, \$10 for trailers w/electric.

Shell Rock Park is a nice, small campground with flush toilets and showers.

### Directions to Shell Rock Park:

Follow Hwy 3 and head west out of Shell Rock. Cross the Shell Rock River and take a left on Willow Avenue. Follow this road to Shell Rock Park.

## Saturday

### Directions to Smoketown:

Follow Hwy 3 and head east out of Waverly. You will travel approx 15 miles east of Waverly to Sable Ave. Turn left/north onto Sable Avenue for one mile. Turn right on 220<sup>th</sup> and go east for one mile. Take a left on Tahoe and go north for ½ mile. Take a right on 215<sup>th</sup> and go east for ¼ mile to Smoketown.

The takeout point for Saturday is **Seven Bridges Park**. From Hwy 3, turn south onto Reed Avenue or county road V49, travel 4 miles south to 270<sup>th</sup> street. Turn left/east on 270<sup>th</sup> street and the road will dead end at Seven Bridges Park.

**Highlights** include a winding stretch of the secluded Wapsipinicon River. This is a great section to see wildlife including deer, turkeys, owls, red-shouldered hawks, and goslings. Look above towards the end of the trip for glimpses of a great blue heron rookery.



## Sunday

### Directions to Nashua:

If you are camping with us at Shell Rock Park, we will leave from the park at 9:00 am. Otherwise, you may meet us at Nashua at 9:30 am.

We will start from the boat ramp in Nashua. Follow Highway 218 North from Waverly to the Nashua exit. At the exit - head east on Hwy 346 / Sample Street. Follow this road to Main Street and turn right / south. Travel two blocks south on Main Street to Woodbridge Street and turn left on Woodbridge. Go two blocks east on Woodbridge. The boat ramp is behind the Five Star Co-op.

The ending point for Sunday is **North Cedar Park** in Plainfield. From Hwy 218, take the Plainfield exit for Hwy 188. Head east through Plainfield. The park is about ½ mile east of Plainfield on the north side of the road. When you turn in to the park, take an immediate right and this will lead you to the boat ramp.

**Highlights** of today's float include soaring bald eagles nesting along the river and some of the best walleye fishing in the area. Keep your eyes open, paddle quietly and we may even catch a glimpse of a wood turtle, an endangered Iowa species.

## Monday

### Directions for Clarksville:

Once again, if you are camping at Shell Rock Park, we will leave from the park at 9:00 am. Otherwise, you may meet us at Clarksville at 9:30 am. We will enter the river near the Butler County Conservation Board office. From Hwy 3, travel west out of Shell Rock to Hwy 188 which will take you north into Clarksville. Travel north on Hwy 188 for 1 ½ miles. Before you cross the Shell Rock River, turn right on Timber Road. Take an immediate left down to boat ramp and parking lot. Today's float will have a short portage around the dam at Shell Rock. You may end the day at Shell Rock Park, before the Shell Rock dam or at Atlas Avenue. It takes 30 minutes to paddle from the park to the dam and another hour to paddle to Atlas Avenue.

We will end Monday's float at Atlas Avenue bridge. From Shell Rock, go east on Hwy 3 to Aspen Avenue. Turn right/south on Aspen Avenue and travel 2 miles. Turn left on 248<sup>th</sup> Street, park along side of road by bridge.

This is a great river section for beginning paddlers. Enjoy the wide valleys and scenery on a relaxing day to conclude your first official weekend of summer.



## Pricing & Registration Info

Bring you own kayak and join the float - \$20 per person per day

Rent a CrawDaddy kayak for the float - \$30 per person per day

Campground Breakfast - Sunday or Monday morning

7:30 and 8:00am - \$5 per person

Lunch & snacks are on your own.

DutchOven Supper available Saturday and Sunday nights at Shell Rock Park

6:30 to 7:00 - \$10 per person

### Registration Form

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

	# of People	Cost per Person	Total
Saturday - Rent a kayak		\$30	
Saturday - Bring your kayak		\$20	
Saturday - Dutch Oven Supper		\$10	
Sunday - Breakfast		\$5	
Sunday - Rent a kayak		\$30	
Sunday - Bring your kayak		\$20	
Sunday - Dutch Oven Supper		\$10	
Monday - Breakfast		\$5	
Monday - Rent a kayak		\$30	
Monday - Bring your kayak		\$20	
		Grand Total	

Registration and payment received:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CDO staff initials: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Payment method: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration and non-refundable payment required by 4 pm on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Please remember as with all CrawDaddy trips, this is a family event.  
 Alcohol is not allowed while paddling.*