

Outdoor Adventure Club

NEWSLETTER

June 2009



Dates to Remember



Brices Creek Paddle & Cookout, June 6, 2009

John Klecker at jklecker@yahoo.com

Kayak from Beaufort to Shackelford, June 13, 2009

Terry & Becki Rich at richenough@alwaysonline.com

PATH Summerfest on the AT, June 18-21

Bill Sadler at 2billsadler@gmail.com

Round Trip Cycle Bridgeton to Oriental, June 21

Mark Masser at mmasser@embarqmail.com

Upper Broad Creek, Lees Landing Paddle, June 27

TRPC event. Check TRPC website for details.

Wilson Creek Hike and Swim, July 3-7

If you love hiking, this trail along Wilson Creek in the mountains of North Carolina will be great fun for you.

Becki & Terry Rich at richenough@alwaysonline.com

Bear Island, July 25

A favorite for our paddling members, this is a chance to paddle across the ICW out to Bear Island for a day of paddling and playing on the beach. Contact: Ken Court At kenbcourt@embarqmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

State Park Reservations

Beginning April 22, You'll be able to make reservations for state park visits on July 15 and thereafter. Reservations made prior to April 22 for weeklong stays at state recreation areas, for vacation cabins, shelters and other facilities will not be affected.

www.ncparks.gov/reservations.php

Pamlico Paddle, August 8, 2009

The Pamlico Rural Tourism Council announces the Pamlico Paddle for 2009 with a paddle set for the creeks in and near Oriental. There are courses designed for both beginning and advanced paddlers. For more information go to info@pamlicopaddle.com.

OAC Team for Bike MS 2009

We have a team for this year's Bike MS tour. If you would like to join our team contact our captain, Mark Masser at mmasser@embarqmail.com

Facebook for the OAC

A "facebook" link has been added to the NBOAC website home page. Those of you that use "facebook", please check it out and contact Allen Edwards for more information or comments at allen_edwards@suddenlink.net

Don't Forget

Next Meeting,

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

West New Bern Recreation Center,

1225 Pine Tree Drive



Appalachian Trail

Photo by Terry Rich



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Upcoming Events

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Brice Creek Paddle and Cookout Saturday June 6th at 3:00 p.m.

WHEN: Saturday June 6th - Arrive and paddle 3:00-5:00pm, Cookout 5:00 pm

WHERE: John Klecker's House.

PADDLE DISTANCE: You call it. 2 miles of exploration or up to 8 miles to the Wildlife Ramp and back.

TRIP DIFFICULTY: Easy

SKILL REQUIREMENTS: Beginner/Novice

TRIP DETAILS: Join us for a short paddle on Brice Creek from John Klecker's house along the creek and back (no shuttle required). This area is protected by overhanging trees and meanders though beautiful scenery. It was part of the early history of the settlement of New Bern as well as playing a part in the Civil War, during the Battle of New Bern. Brice Creek is also eligible for classification as a "Wild and Scenic River" by the U.S. Congress.

After the paddle join us for a social at the house. If you can't make the paddle, come by for the cookout. The club will provide the food (hot dogs and hamburgers) and refreshments.

PROVISIONS NEEDED: A type II or III PFD must be worn and properly secured. Don't forget insect repellent, sunscreen and water.

LAUNCH: 3:30 p.m.

TIME ON WATER: 2 hour max. Off the water by 5 p.m.

SHUTTLE: None.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO PUT -IN:

From downtown New Bern: Drive south on U.S. 70 over the Trent River Bridge. Continue on U.S. 70 to the 4th traffic light at W. Thurman Road and turn right. Take the first right turn after the railroad tracks to stay on W. Thurman Road. Proceed less than a mile to Old Airport Road and turn left. Follow Old Airport road into Evans Mill and turn right into Stonewall Circle (the last turnoff before it becomes a gravel road). The house is straight ahead at 109 Stonewall Circle. The launch will be behind the house on Brice Creek.

TRIP LEADER: John Klecker, 252-638-9039 Home, 252-229-6959 Mobile, or jklecker@yahoo.com

RSVP:

Please let me know by e-mail or phone if you plan to come on the trip or if you have any questions.



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Shakelford Banks Circle Trip 2009

When: Saturday June 13, Launch by 10:00 a.m. Return by 4:00 p.m.

Where: Meet at the public dingy dock across from the post office on the Beaufort waterfront (parking is limited but we can assist in carrying boats if needed).

Difficulty: Varies w/ conditions but usually Intermediate due to distance. Wind, wave action & currents vary so watch for weather reports

Trip Description: We plan to take the route around the Rachael Carson Marine Estuarine Reserve, paralleling the Beaufort waterfront & around the backside of Carrot Island before crossing over to Shakelford. After a leisurely lunch on Shakeford & perhaps a stop over at Sanddollar Island we will resume our circle around the reserve. Hopefully we can take the cut through if the tide is high enough. If we can take the short cut the trip distance will be about 6 miles, otherwise it will be about 10 miles. A stop at the coffee shop for java or ice cream afterwards would be a nice reward !

Safety Note: P.F.D.s must be worn while on the water. There are some open waters and there may be heavy boat traffic so it is important that paddlers stay to the side of the channel and support each other during crossings. Spray skirts are recommended for open crossings. I suggest that you bring food and H2O, safety gear, sun protection and wearing shoes that protect your feet from oyster shells.

Contact: Terry Rich at richenough@always-online.com or call at 252 633-9715



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PATH SUMMERFEST ***June 18-21, 2009***



The PATH (Piedmont Appalachian Trail Hikers) that John Jaskolka and I are members of is one of 26 Appalachian Trail maintenance clubs that cover the nearly 2200 mile trail. In June PATH, hosts Summerfest their biggest event of the year. Our trail boss has identified many projects for the group to work on during the event. There will be work ranging from camp sitting (a tough job but someone has to do it) so we don't have to lock up everything each day to digging dirt with a pickaxe and toting rocks.

We will be staying at Sugar Grove National Forest Work Center where we will pitch our tents or park our campers or use the pods ("A" frame huts) to sleep in for the week. We will have a full restaurant kitchen to cook in and a dining hall to eat our meals in and for recreation activities. Plus, the dining hall has a WiFi wireless internet connection so you can send e-mail home to let others know how much fun you are having. In past years we paid \$5.00 a day for food and beer along with a lot of socializing with others and that is the real reason that John and I participate.



We will leave New Bern at midmorning on Wednesday June 17th and will return on Sunday June 21st. You are welcome to come with us to the mountains of western Virginia for a fun time hiking and working on the trail. You can contact Bill Sadler for more information at (252) 633-1426 or e-mail 2bill-sadler@gmail.com.

Bridgton to Oriental Bike Ride.

Saturday, June 21, 2009

This will be a bike ride for those members that really want a longer, faster ride, to help stretch their legs. We will meet at the Food Lion in Bridgton at 7:45 and take off by 8am. We will then take the back roads through the countryside and stop at the marina restaurant for a brunch at approximately 10am. Then after my legs have completely cramped up, we will head back to Bridgton via the same route, and arrive back at approximately 12:30 ish... Total miles will be about 50. This will be a fun, little trip, for those looking for a little "seat time" in preparation for Cycle NC and Bike MS.. Please let me know if you plan on joining us. Mark Masser mmasser@embarqmail.com



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Adventure Stories

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2009 Women's Campout Trip Report - Lynda Sadler

Ten women met up at Jordan Lake on May 15-18, 2009 to for our own adventure camping weekend. We arrived at our beautiful lake front campsites about mid-day on Friday and ate lunch and set up our tents for the weekend. I had the primo site on the lake reserved, and Karen Baskin was the first to arrive, followed very shortly by Paula Urban, Nancy Wisneskey, Julia Minor, and Linda Randolph. We filled up a total of 3 campsites with the arrival of Robin Ferguson, Anna Stanley, and Anna's friend, Michelle Noaeill.

After a fairly unorganized but really fun supper, we headed out onto Jordan Lake in our kayaks around 8 pm. We very quickly spotted a bald eagle in a tree along the shoreline and a couple of deer almost hidden behind the foliage (and I fell out of my kayak). We got back to our campsites near dark and finished the evening with s'mores toasted over our campfire.

We continued to avoid the bad weather that covered most of the state, and had a beautiful night for sleeping in our individual tents. Saturday morning brought cloudy skies, but no rain, and after breakfast, Karen Baskin packed up to head back to New Bern. Several of our campers did a little hiking while others sat around the picnic table and socialized.

Since the forecast called for afternoon thunder storms, we decided to move our adventure down to the REI store at Cary, which was about a 20 minute drive. There, we bought those little and big items that we thought might make camping and paddling a little more comfortable. We ate lunch nearby, and since no rain appeared, we headed back to our campground. Shortly after we got back to Jordan Lake, we were joined by Bambi Edwards who took over Karen's spot in campsite 67.

Saturday afternoon was lazy for many of us who lounged in chairs and hammocks, reading and taking naps. Bambi had a lot of catching up to do, so she and Robin hit the water for a little kayaking and practicing self-rescue skills, and Julia headed home.

We each contributed a little something for our smorgasbord dinner of "here, taste this," and "I'd really like to try some of that." Around 8 pm, we set out for an evening hike on the park's trail through the woods to a public beach on the other side of the property. We had a beautiful walk in the woods and took a break at the other end before heading back in the dark. Headlamps and flashlights were much appreciated.

S'mores followed hiking, and we went to bed with continued dry weather, but we woke early Sunday morning to a light drizzle. The sky actually cleared enough for us to drink coffee and eat breakfast before packing up our gear to head home. Bambi, Robin, Anna, and I decided to do one more quick paddle out on the lake before taking down our tents, and by the time we were on the water, the rain was coming down hard, and we were quite wet but happy.

And we just can't wait to do it all again next year!



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2009 Women's Campout

Pictures - Lynda Sadler



Tour de Parks, May 3, 2009

By Bill Sadler

On a sunny and bright Sunday afternoon we had 9 members show-up for a ride around the city of New Bern visiting most of the city parks. We did have one small stop at the youth ball fields and Pierce's Park near Pierce's Creek to let a small rain shower pass us by and one small biker accident to delay us a little. Someone named Cassandra wanted to go to Dunkin' Donuts for refreshments and a donut, no one else thought differently. When we arrived at Dunkin' Donuts the clock on their marquee said the time was 3:01pm and the sign on the marquee said that they closed at 3:00pm and the lights were off inside the store. We finely finished the ride and all had a good time, after meeting at "Sweet Thing's" for ice cream. I think we will do Tour de Parks again and make sure we are at Dunkin' Donuts before 3:00pm unless there is a small biker accident to delay us.



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APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKE PICTURES



The Trading Post

FOR SALE:

CANOE :

A Heron compact canoe with a blend of stability, efficiency & capacity.

Length, 15'; Gunwale width, 35"; Max width, 36"; Waterline width, 35";

Bow depth, 18"; Center depth 13"; Stern depth, 16"; Rocker, 1.25".

Made of ivory Royalex and weighs 57 lbs. One yr old. New, \$1199; asking \$699.

Contact Bill or Lynda Sadler at billandlynda@gmail.com or (252) 635-0866.

Bicycles

Trek 7000 hybrid, 1 1/2 yrs old, \$200

Contact Linda Randolph at 252-670-8180

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