

# The Compass

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## May 6 Monthly Meeting Cinco de Maya

Join us at the Butler YMCA 6:30 pm Cinco de Maya dinner, bring a desert, or dish to share, chips and Mexican food provided. Dr. Warren Smith will present a program at 8:00 on Alaskan earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Earth's internal heat source provides the energy for our dynamic planet, supplying it with the driving force for plate-tectonic motion, and for such on-going catastrophic events as earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. The mechanism of eruption and volcano characteristics will be presented with particular emphasis on the transformation of 7000 foot Mount Katmai on the Alaska Peninsula to a crater lake and the creation of the "Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes" in the largest eruption of the 20th century (June, 1912).



Photographs are from the International Volcanological Field School offered by the Geophysical program of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, in which GWS participated, June, 2008. Dr. Smith is a retired chemistry professor and university administrator. In retirement, he has served as president of Slippery Rock University's Institute for Learning in Retirement; the Moraine Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America; the Slippery Rock Rotary Club; and chaired the Penna.-DEP's Northwest Region Advisory Roundtable and the Slippery Rock Township Zoning Hearing Board. He enjoys antiques collection and restoration, outdoor adventures, travel, books and history. In his spare time, he listens to opera and plays violin with Slippery Rock University and Butler Symphony Orchestras.

## Tour de NCT of Pa

The Tour de NCT of PA has stage 2 is now behind us. On April 18th, 5 hikers made a short hike to the New York state line on the North Country trail, in an effort to cover all the off road sections of the NCT in Pennsylvania. Steve and Carol Bickel, Jan Berg, Frederick Schwartz and John Stehle camped over night in the Allegheny National Forest at Tracy Ridge camp ground and then joined the trail steward for that section, Gene Cornelius of Bradford, for the beautiful 11 mile section south along the Allegheny Reservoir. At 11 miles, it was a challenge and fortunately the bad weather forecast held off and left us with the nicest hiking weather you could have. The next hike, we will resume coming in from the west, doing the 5 mile sections on either side of Wampum, PA on Sunday, May 31. Please join us. If you are interested in making up a section, some makeup hikes are being planned. And maps and directions can be supplied for each stage.

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## A Major Achievement for North Country Trail

### Congress Passed The Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### President Obama approved the Legislation on March 30<sup>th</sup>!

This legislation is impressive by any measurement, specifically its far-ranging scope, its benefits, its geographic span, and its essentially bipartisan support. Highlights of note include:

- The final Omnibus Bill included 164 bills, a means of overcoming procedural based objections by a small minority in the Senate. Also, clarifying amendments were acted upon favorably to assure the continuance of existing patterns of recreation usage. The final vote in the Senate was on March 19<sup>th</sup>—passed with 77 yeas vs. only 20 opposed. On March 25<sup>th</sup>, the House voted 247 yeas and 177 opposed. The legislation became Public Law 111.11 on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- This law designates 2.1+ million acres of wilderness land in nine states, establishes three new national park units, a new national monument, four new national conservation areas, provides four new national trails, designates more than 1,000 miles of national wild and scenic rivers, and much more. Among its many other actions, **the National Trail System provisions are amended to provide “willing seller authorization” for the North Country Trail** and a number of others that did not have this vital capability. Simply stated, this will permit a given landowner the right to sell land to the US Government for authorized trail purposes if he/she so wishes at fair market prices.
- This law is the result of long-term work and interactions with local and state level constituencies, as well as with a wide range of recreation oriented interests. The result was a broad base of support for the legislation in total—including recognition of its beneficial economic impacts and conservation benefits.

To quickly gain a further appreciation of this legislation and its support base, go to website <http://S22.w-w-h.org> for a listing of facts, media coverage, and other references— it is well organized, easy to use, and informative.

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**“The purpose of the Butler Outdoor Club is to provide year-round outdoor activities for the enjoyment and fellowship of our members, while creating awareness, appreciation and conservation of the environment.”**

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[www.butleroutdoorclub.org](http://www.butleroutdoorclub.org)

## Area Outdoor Activities and Educational Events

Apr 29	<p><b>PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE</b> The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Moraine/McConnells Mill State Park Complex invites the public to attend a Public Informational Meeting on Wednesday, April 29th from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the former Davis Hollow Marina Restaurant. Park staff will be in attendance to share improvements to the park and seek input on services provided. The Public information meeting will include: • Park budget update • Maintenance and work projects planned • Education and recreational programming initiatives • Resource management issues, solutions and challenges • Updates from friends of Moraine and McConnells Mill State Parks. Agenda: 7:00 – 8:00 Welcome: Park Operations Manager, Daniel Bickel and Assistant Park Manager Jeremy Rekich 15 minutes – Park overview and mission 15 minutes – Special projects and accomplishments 15 minutes – Education and recreation program initiatives 15 minutes – Park Ranger Supervisor update and resource management initiatives. 8:00 – 8:30 – Public Input/ Q &amp; A Session Directions: The Davis Hollow Marina Restaurant is located in Moraine State Park on the North Shore Drive by Davis Hollow Marina approximately Six miles from Rt 422 or Rt 79.</p>
May 1	<p>Annual BOC Wildflower Hike at Wolf Creek Narrows Meet 6pm at the trailhead at Wolf Creek. See Trilliums, Virginia Blue Bells, etc. Take Water St. South from Sipperry Rock 1.6 miles. Water St is a block west of the intersection of 108 and 173 in Slippery Rock. Optional refreshments or dinner at North Country Brew Pub afterwards. Dave/Jean Adams 724.453.1685.</p>
May 1- 3	<p>3rd Annual Birds and Nature Festival - in the Oil Heritage Region of NW Pa. - Guided Bird Walks, Nature Hikes, Workshops For more information call Toni Kresinski, 814.677.3152 ext 110 or 800.483.6264 ext 110</p>
May 1- 3	<p>Erie Outing Club Pine Creek Kayak trip This year for a change of pace we are going to try car camping at Leonard Harrison State Park. We will paddle from Watrous to the outfitter on Friday, the outfitter to Blackwell, which includes the gorge and class III rapids on Saturday and Blackwell to Slate Run on Sunday. If you want to go on this trip please Dave Croft, 814 899-2575</p>
May 2	<p>3MJC “Pull Out the Mustard!” event 9 a.m. – Noon Community members, civic organizations and scout groups are invited to come “Pull Out the Mustard” at Moraine and McConnell’s Mill state parks this Spring. Garlic mustard is an invasive plant species that grows so vigorously it crowds out important native plants in the woods. The loss of native plant species leads to a loss of host plants for butterflies and diminished plant diversity. “Pull Out the Mustard” participants should come dressed for the weather and bring work gloves, if possible. 3MJC members will be on hand to help identify garlic mustard and to provide information on native and invasive plant species. This will be the fourth annual mustard pull that 3MJC has sponsored. While we cannot hope to eradicate garlic mustard, we have seen progress in our efforts to date to keep it under control in certain areas of the park. Mustard pullers will be rewarded with a lunch provided by 3MJC at noon. For more information and to reserve lunch, contact Natalie Price at 724-283-5497 or nativenatalie@zoominternet.net. Or contact Cindy Webreck at 724-285-5618.</p>
May 3	<p>BOC Hike Come to Pittsburgh for a hike through picturesque Frick Park. We’ll meet in the lower parking lot at 10:30 AM and hike until noon. We’ll have lunch at a picnic shelter and hike for another hour or so. This is a dog-friendly park, featuring Hot Dog Dam, a partly fenced in section where dogs are free to run through the stream. Joanne Winwood 412-371-3167</p>
May 3	<p>Sierra Club Hike: Second of four conditioning hikes on the Rachel Carson Trail in preparation for the annual June 20 hike to cover the entire 34 miles of trail in one day. This fast-paced, 10-mile walk will go from Rt. 910 in Dorseyville through Emerling Park to Springdale VFW. This is one of the trail’s hardest sections due to the steep hills. Meet at 11:30 AM. Call Don Ziegler, 412-956-2660 (Cell) about meeting place.</p>
May 3	<p><b>SPRING BICYCLE RIDE SPONSORED BY THE ARMSTRONG RAILS TO TRAILS ASSOCIATION</b> On Sunday, May 3rd, an organized 9-14 mile bike ride will be held to promote and showcase the East Brady to Red Bank Creek section of the Armstrong Trail. The ride will begin at the East Brady football</p>

	<p>field parking lot at the corner of Verner Street and First Avenue at 1:30 PM. In the case of severe weather a rain date of Sunday May 17th has been set. The trail is fairly level and suitable for bicyclists with minimal trail experience. The surface in some areas will be rough and/or muddy and may not be suitable for bikes with thin road tires. Participants must wear a safety helmet. A water bottle, sunscreen, spare tube and a few basic bike tools are also recommended. Just prior to the ride participants will be required to sign a Release of Liability form. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a guardian. A \$5.00 registration fee will hold your place and cover the cost of refreshments after the ride. A portion of the fee will be donated to the Trail Association for further development of the East Brady section of the trail. Please make your check payable to The Armstrong Rails to Trails Association and mail it to by Monday April 27th to P.O. Box 177, Kittanning, PA 16201. The ride is limited to 40 participants. For further information contact Ron Steffey by phone at 724-543-4478 or Toni Henry by phone at 724-526-3552 or you may send an email.</p>
May 3	<p>Allegheny Outdoor Club Outing - Sunday, May 3 Canoe Allegheny River Canoe from Kinzua Dam to Betts Field. Prime Eagle, duck, goose watching territory. Don't forget life jackets! Meet at Betts Field in Warren at 1 PM. Leader Greg Burkett, 814-723-4989 or 814-706-6693.</p>
May 5, 7	<p>Keystone Sojourns Canoe/Kayak Basic Instruction Tuesday, May 05, 2009 At 06:00 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 5-August 27: Canoe/Kayak Basic Instruction &amp; Paddle. Canoe and kayak beginners' instruction includes boat of choice, paddles and PFDs (life preservers). Participants must RSVP! Number of participants limited, suitable for most ages. Tandem or solo canoes and solo kayaks. During instruction we will paddle along the canoe trail or other areas on the lake. Requires a signed waiver of liability by person over 18 or parent/guardian. Sponsored by Keystone Sojourns. 6 PM. McDanel's Launch Area, Moraine State Park. \$20/boat. 724-713-2093. dave@keystonesojourns.com. www.keystonesojourns.com</p>
May 6	<p>BOC Monthly Meeting. Join us at the Butler YMCA 6:30 pm social hour, 7:30 pm announcements and 8:00 program when Dr. Warren Smith presents a program on Alaskan earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Earth's internal heat source provides the energy for our dynamic planet, supplying it with the driving force for plate-tectonic motion, and for such on-going catastrophic events as earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. The mechanism of eruption and volcano characteristics will be presented with emphasis on the transformation of 7000 ft Mount Katmai on the Alaska Peninsula to a crater lake and the creation of the "Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes" in the largest eruption of the 20th century (June, 1912).</p>
May 8	<p>Wind &amp; Water Boatworks Paddlefest 2009 Friday, May 08, 2009 At 01:00 PM Calling All Paddlers - W.PA's largest and oldest on the water kayak &amp; canoe event. Looking to buy your first canoe or kayak?? or looking to upgrade - you do not want to miss this event. Our manufacturers bring plenty of boats for you to try out. Local paddlers are on hand to give guidance and answer your questions. Friday May 8th - 1pm to 7pm - at Moraine State Park at the South Shore Swimming Beach. Contact Info: Wind &amp; Water Boatworks 455 Pittsburgh Road (Route 8) Butler, Pa 16002 724-586-2030 Email: wind.water@juno.com URL: http://windwaterboatworks.com</p>
May 9	<p>BOC Adopted Road Cleanup Saturday 10:00 am This will be our first road clean up of the season. We meet at the South Shore exit of Moraine State Park, Rt 422 in the dirt parking lot. We have a one mile section of highway from the South Shore exit west to the bridge. Clean up usually takes around 2 hours depending on how many people come to participate. All supplies will be provided. After clean up optional lunch at a local eatery. Any questions feel free to call - 724-376-3526 or 412-310-3074 Dana Asbury</p>
May 9	<p>Allegheny Clarion Valley River Classic Paddle for Life Canoe and Kayak Race to benefit the American Cancer Society An 8.3 mile downriver paddling event on the Allegheny River. Registration 8:30am Emlenton under the bridge 10:30am start. Save money, preregister online at www.acvrivierclassic.com. For more info call Captain Dick at 724.399.2746 A 3 mile downriver paddling event on the Allegheny River. Registration 11:30am Foxburg 1:00pm start.</p>
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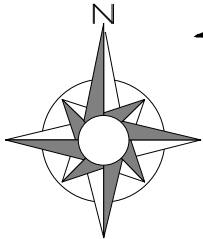
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May 9,10	<p>Erie Outing Club Clarion River kayak trip Contact Diane or Gary Stanton . Details to follow Diane Stanton, 814 899-0222</p>
May 10	<p>McConnells Mill Outing: Sunday, May 10, 2009 Wildflower Walk 2:00 PM Join the park naturalist on an interpretive hike along beautiful Alpha Pass trail, part of the North Country Trail. Meet at the courtyard of historic McConnells Mill at 2:00 PM ready to explore. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water for a moderate hike lasting approx. 2 hours, learning about ferns and flowers along the way.</p>
May 13	<p>Ramble: Wed., May 13th @ 6:00 Meet in the parking lot of the Succop Conservancy Rt 8 and West Airport Road Butler. We will explore the splendor of the Conservancy and all that it has to offer. Gina Colella Hench 724-712-6695.</p>
May 16	<p>Audubon Bird Walk/Dedication. 8 AM. There will be a bird walk beginning at the Laneville (Old Mill Road) trailhead. May is the height of bird season in Southwestern PA, with literally hundreds of birds migrating from South America to Pennsylvania to breed. Audubon staff members will lead the bird walk, which will be accompanied by the dedication of a birding sign on the Butler-Freeport Community Trail. Please join the Trail Council, the Audubon Society of Western PA, and the Freeport Renaissance Association for an easy hike and birdwatching! Those who own binoculars should please bring them. 724-353-9012. <a href="mailto:fritchie@aswp.org">fritchie@aswp.org</a>. <a href="http://www.butlerfreeporttrail.org/index.html">http://www.butlerfreeporttrail.org/index.html</a>. <a href="http://www.aswp.org">www.aswp.org</a></p>
May 16 17	<p>Get Outdoors Clinic: Fly Fishing. Jennings Environmental Education Center, 2951 Prospect Rd., Slippery Rock. This is your opportunity to give the sport of fly fishing a try without having to invest in all the expensive equipment! Jennings has teamed up with Family Tyes and the Neshannock Creek Fly Shop to share both their expertise and equipment with you. Learn about stream quality and ecology, tie your own fly, practice casting techniques and, best of all, get in a high quality trout stream and fish! All equipment is provided. Suitable for ages 10 and up (under 16 must be accompanied by an adult). Register by contacting the Center by May 1. 10 AM-3 PM. \$15. 724-794-6011. <a href="mailto:wilbutaylo@state.pa.us">wilbutaylo@state.pa.us</a>. <a href="http://visitpaparks.com">visitpaparks.com</a></p>
May 22-25	<p>2009 Outdoor Extravaganza over Memorial Day Weekend is near McConnells Mill State Park and Moraine State Park, Pennsylvania. It is sponsored by Butler Outdoor Club and is full of various outdoor activities to choose from: hiking, biking, canoeing, kayaking, rafting, horseback riding, sailing, caving, rock climbing, pontoon boat tour of Lake Arthur, fun workshops, historic tour of Old Stone House, and you will have a chance to follow the footsteps of George Washington. Leaders and Instructors provide the activity of your choice. Meet them each morning at Breakneck Campground 9 AM to go to where the trip or fun workshop takes place. There will also be childrens activities and a gear exchange/flea market during the weekend. Friday night is a Weiner Roast/Picnic and Sat. night is a Pig Roast. Every night brings evening entertainment. Camping and Food at Breakneck Campground is optional. One of the evening highlights will be a re-enactment of what really took place at Murdering Town with George Washington, Christopher Grist and the local Indians!! Come join us for a day or a fun-filled weekend of things to do. Register early because some things fill up and besides early bird bonus by April 20 is 10% discount. Late fee after May 10. Contact Joyce Appel for details and registration. 724-526-5407 or <a href="mailto:joyceappel@windstream.net">joyceappel@windstream.net</a></p>

May 23	McConnells Mill Opening Nestled amidst striking scenery and the deep gorge of the Slippery Rock Creek, a National Natural Landmark, McConnell's Mill State Park is a great place for an adventure. There is scenic hiking, whitewater boating and two rock climbing and rappelling areas. The 19th century gristmill is the centerpiece of McConnell's Mill State Park. Water from Slippery Rock Creek pours through the new turbine to power the corn grindstones. From Memorial Day through Labor Day the restored rolling gristmill will be open: Fridays: 11:00 am to 3:30 pm Saturdays and Sundays: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Interpretive tours of the historic mill, which include a corn grinding demonstration, and last approximately 45 minutes, will be available on Fridays: 1:00 and 2:00 pm Saturdays & Sundays: 1:00 and 3:00 pm Additional tours for groups, at 11:30 AM Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays may be scheduled by calling 724 368-3612. Other times are available by appointment.
May 23	McConnells Mill Outing: Saturday, May 23, 2009 Wildflower Walk 10:00 AM Come join a botanist from the Carnegie Museum as we explore one of the most beautiful sections of Slippery Rock Gorge in full bloom. Meet at Hell's Hollow parking lot (no facilities), about a 15-minute drive from the old mill. The half-mile trail leading to the waterfall is easy hiking and there should be a wide variety of spring wildflowers in bloom. You may wish to bring a sack lunch for after our hike.
May 30 31	Friends of Allegheny Wilderness backpacking trip on the Hickory Creek Trail with some off trail hiking as we explore the proposed Hickory Creek Wilderness Addition. Approximately 10 to 12 miles over moderate terrain. Contact Joe Hardisky 724-924-9248 hardis123@msn.com
May 30	Saturday, May 30, 2009 Campfire Cuisine 2:00 PM What better way to top off a visit to the woods than with a tasty snack prepared outside? See various methods of outdoor cooking demonstrated & pick up some tips for satisfying hunger in the outdoors. Meet the park naturalist in the courtyard beside the old mill. Park at Kildoo Picnic Area; hike down to the old mill. Handicapped and physically challenged parking is available at the mill.
May 31	Allegheny Outdoor Club trip - Sunday, May 31 Bike Oil Creek The 9.7-mile (19.4-mile round trip) paved bicycle trail follows the scenic and historic Oil Creek. Visit the Petroleum Center with working exhibits. Bring your water bottle. Meet at Musante Street at 1 Pm or the Petroleum Center at 2 PM. Leader Dennis Anderson, 716-483-2288.
May 31	McConnells Mill Outing: Sunday, May 31, 2009 Fern Exploration 2:00 PM Search out the rare ferns and wildflowers of McConnells Mill State Park on a guided hike along Alpha Pass Trail led by the park naturalist. Meet at the courtyard of the historic gristmill ready to explore. Park at Kildoo Picnic Area; hike down to the old mill. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water for a moderate hike lasting approx. 2 hours, learning about ferns and flowers along the way.
Jun 4	Butler Blue Sox vs. Lorain. Season Opener! Pullman Park, 100 Pullman Park Place, Butler. Box seat/\$6, Reserve seat/\$5, General admission/\$4. Full and half season tickets available. 724-263-9874. butlerbluesox@gmail.com. <a href="http://www.butlerbluesox.net">http://www.butlerbluesox.net</a>
Jun 6-10	NCTA Volunteer Adventure Program Spring is beginning to shake off thoughts of the cold and inspire plans for this year's adventures. You may have heard of the North Country Trail's Volunteer Adventure Program, now in its second year. At least one great project in each of our seven states is waiting for volunteers, your chance for a unique travel experience or an alternative vacation nearby. Each project highlights some of the most beautiful areas of the North Country and some of the best projects for the development of this 4,600 mile National Scenic Trail. Free and open to the public, meals provided, space is limited to 10-12 volunteers depending on the project. The one in Pennsylvania will be on the Slippery Rock Gorge Trail in McConnells Mill State Park on June 6-10. Sign up at <a href="http://www.northcountrytrail.org/vol_adv.php">http://www.northcountrytrail.org/vol_adv.php</a> Hope to see you out on the Trail! Andrew Bashaw NCTA Regional Trail Coordinator OH/PA PO Box 5, Shawnee, OH 43782 740-394-2008
Jun 10 14	The Juniata River Sojourn is an annual, multi-day canoe and kayak trip on the Juniata River. This years Sojourn is on the Little Juniata and Frankstown Branch. Why hold a sojourn? To promote river stewardship and local natural resource awareness! Attendees participate in a variety of daily and nightly programs ranging from presentations on local history, watershed science, art, and culture, to campfire

	sing-a-longs, folk music performances, and dancing. The sojourn not only offers a great week of paddling but also presents a chance to celebrate our river communities! You learn about local history and current river conservation projects. Even if you are not an experienced paddler, but want to join in on the fun, you can attend the daily and nightly programs which are all open to the public!
Jul 10- 19	BOC Maine Campout Joyce Appel and Paul Henry plan to coordinate our annual campout this year at the camp of Carol and John Gregory, who were some of our original BOC members and still are !!! It is located near Acadia National Park in Maine. Limited space to sleep in the camp but we will also take tents to accomodate people in the large yard. Plan to rent a 12 passenger van, maybe two if enough are interested. We will pull a trailer with canoes and if we have a second van, we will pull an extra car. We will leave Friday night or Sat.morning and head home the following Sat., getting back Sun. There will be lots to do. The camp is on a large lake where you can hike or paddle. Hiking trails, biking, other boating places, festivals, museums, quaint towns and villages are all nearby, besides Acadia National Park which is along the ocean where you can tour around, walk around, hike, bike etc., and Baxter State Park in central Maine where you can hike around the bottom or hike to the top of Katahdin, largest mt.peak in Maine. I strongly advise the Katahdin hike for those of you who like to hike and John Gregory would love to lead you on that trip...a hike you will never forget and cannot be described. It will be a wonderful time and it has been a dream of John and Carol to buy a camp where BOC could come up and have a campout!!! So their dream has come true and we heading there this summer for a week of fun and fellowship. Call or email Joyce for details and plans. Plan to join us by getting days off work if needed and mark your calendar. Joyce Appel 724-526-5407 or joyceappel@windstream.net
Jul 29- Aug 3	Outdoor enthusiasts are invited to explore the North Country National Scenic Trail in North Dakota during the 2009 Annual North Country Trail Conference July 30-August 2, 2009, in Valley City, N.D. A full slate of outdoor activities includes hiking, canoeing the Sheyenne River, workshops, tours and nightly entertainment. The conference will provide learning opportunities, networking and fun-filled events for the whole family. They hosted a wonderful time 7 years ago when it was there so expect a great time this year!!! Joyce Appel plans to rent a 15 passenger van to take interested PA and Ohio people. Van will leave Wed. morning July 29. Many great hikes, workshops, great food and evening entertainment Thursday to Sunday. Van will head home Sunday Aug.2 to get back Mon. Aug. 3. Contact Joyce to be part of the Van group. Down payment toward gas and van required to reserve your spot. 724-526-5407 or joyceappel@windstream.net
Aug 15- 16	BOC Kinzua Paddle/Backpacking trip to Morrison Run Camp ground on 8/15/09. Overnight or longer stay at campsites #23 and 24 along the reservoir with additional sites 27 and 28 along the hillside. Additional sites may be needed depending on participation. Paddlers would meet at the canoe launch area at the west side of the southern end of Red Bridge on Rt. 321 at 9:00AM. There they can unload the boats and gear. Parking would be at the Longhouse Trail Head south of the bridge(parking at the canoe launch area is limited) along Rt. 321 north of Kane. Cost for sites is \$10 per night and they cannot be reserved. The paddle is 6-7 miles to Morrison. Backpackers should meet at the trail head along Rt. 59 3.9 miles east of Morrison Bridge at a time of choice. From here it is approx. 5 miles to the sites. Last information is that two tents can be at each site. Water and pit toilets are available. Packets of info will be mailed to John for distribution at the next meeting. A full list of participants is needed with phone numbers incase of bad weather. Contact Dave Myers 724-588-2767



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