



Segment #9 Bomier Park to Green Bay Marina Saturday, Aug. 14

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**Segment
Sponsor:**

9:00 am: Meet at Bomier Park, 700 Fox River Drive, De Pere.

9-9:45: Unload & shuttle vehicles to Green Bay Marina. Buses will shuttle you back.

9:45: Paddle Hosts to provide overview & safety briefing before launch.

10: Launch! Bomier Park.

10-1 pm: Paddle the final segment.

1:00 pm: Est. take-out time at Green Bay Marina.

Hosted by NE Wisconsin Paddlers, Friends of the Fox, Fox River Voyager Canoe LLC

SAFETY RULES

- 1) PFDs (lifejackets) will be worn by all boaters at all times.
- 2) All participants must be at least 16 years old or be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- 3) No alcohol or illegal drugs allowed.
- 4) Any segment may be canceled by the segment leaders without notice if conditions warrant.
- 5) All participants must sign registration form.

PADDLE POINTS

The Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway includes the Fox & Wisconsin Rivers, spanning 280 miles across Wisconsin from Green Bay to Prairie du Chien. The Parkway concept was created in 1991 to highlight the unique heritage of Wisconsin and to promote the cultural, historical and recreational resource of the rivers. In 2008, Friends of the Fox and the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission began seeking a National Heritage Area designation for the Parkway. Sen. Herb Kohl has written draft legislation for the Parkway's designation. To learn more, visit: www.friendsofthefox.org

Paddle Overview: Segment #9

This segment concludes the 13-part "Journey of Rediscovery" and passes through the Baylake Bank Tall Ships Festival in Green Bay. Located at the mouth of the Fox River, it is the gateway city to the mid-continent by way of the Fox-Wisconsin waterway and the Mississippi River. Controlled by the French and the English in the 18th century, this area was highly sought after for its access to exploration routes and the fur trade. After the Americans gained control in 1816, the region became known for its many mills and farms and its Great Lakes port.

Paddle Points:

PPT#1: The Lost Dauphin – In the 1820s, a Mohawk missionary, Eleazar Williams, successfully negotiated the relocation of two Indian tribes, the Oneida and Stockbridge-Munsee, from New York to Green Bay. It was Williams' dream that all native tribes from New York and Canada move to the area to form a vast Indian empire. Williams, who later claimed to be the lost Dauphin of France, built a home on the Fox River in south De Pere.

PPT#2: St. Norbert College – Founded in 1898 by Abbot Bernard Pennings, a Dutch immigrant priest, St. Norbert College was originally a seminary. It is the only university in the world to be sponsored by the Catholic Norbertine order.

PPT#3: Rapides des Pères (Voyageur Park) – A stopping point upriver from Green Bay, the rapids at modern-day De Pere were well known to all early voyageurs, missionaries and fur traders on their way into the Wisconsin wilderness. In 1671, Fr. Claude Allouez built the St. Francis Xavier Mission here. From then on, the rapids were known as Rapides des Pères, or Rapids of the Fathers.

PPT#4: Heritage Hill – Visitors can explore the real-life structures at this 50-acre living history museum located on the banks of the Fox River at the Hwy. 172 bridge. The museum preserves artifacts and provides interpretation of four distinct periods in Northeast Wisconsin's history: the fur trade era, Fort Howard and early Wisconsin, Green Bay in the late 19th century, and Northeast Wisconsin's ethnic agricultural history.

PPT#5: Tall Ships – Green Bay is one of six ports in the U.S. and Canada to host the Tall Ships Challenge. The event recalls Green Bay's early history as a major port, linking the Great Lakes with the Gulf of Mexico via the Fox-Wisconsin waterway and the Mississippi River. At one point, Green Bay was expected to become the primary port of the Great Lakes, rivaling Chicago.



Segment Map #9

Bomier Park to Green Bay Marina

8 miles

Supplemental Trip Information: Bring a sack lunch. Shuttle on your own by grouping together with others. On the water: buddy up, stay hydrated, cover up with sunblock & ask for assistance if fatigued. Please patronize our sponsors and local vendors!

