



Segment #4a Marquette to Princeton Saturday, June 12

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8 am: Meet in Princeton at All in Good Taste, 725 Main St., near the bridge.

8-8:30: Shuttle boats/gear to launch with trailers provided.

8:45: Paddle Hosts provide overview & safety briefing.

9:00: Launch! Lyons St. landing on Puckaway.

4 pm: Est. takeout at Princeton boat landing

4:30 pm: Bill Zamzow's native artifact collection. Just a stone's throw up from take-out by the bridge on Hwy 23.

6 pm: Local presentation at Mekan Outfitters, W720 State 23, Princeton.

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 #4a

This segment covers the area around the villages of Marquette and Mascoutin, where Catholic Jesuit missionaries established a mission after Fr. Marquette passed through on his famous exploration. Lake Puckaway was a major mud flat area with a high intensity of wild rice. Little is left today, in part because of an invasion of carp and the water level being kept higher throughout the year to accommodate residential and recreation needs. Activities after the paddle include a display of historical artifacts and a presentation at Mekan Outfitters, where camping is available both Friday and Saturday nights.

Paddle Points:

PPT#1: Puckaway Lake – A 9-by-2-mile shallow-water lake, Puckaway encompasses 5,433 acres of water. Surrounded by marshland, the lake was a primary location for wild-rice gathering. Its name derives from an American Indian word for “wild rice field.” Since the 1880s, the lake has been a hunting and fishing destination. In 1952, a 38-pound northern pike was caught here, a Wisconsin State record.

PPT#2: John Coda's farm – A massive Mascoutin village was located on the site of this farm for many years. Signs left behind include copper-tipped arrowheads.

PPT#3: Princeton Dam – The Princeton lock and dam were completed in 1878 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Due to high levels of sand and silt, the government would have to dredge the river repeatedly to allow large steamboats to pass. In 1922, dredging was halted due to a decline in use. All Upper Fox navigational facilities were transferred to the state in 1951, and are now primarily utilized for recreational purposes.

PPT#4: Princeton commerce –When the City of Princeton was founded in 1849, it was expected to become a primary port and center for commerce along the Upper Fox. The water power in this location, however, proved insufficient to support large mills. Strong local agriculture encouraged the growth of the town and establishment of a flour mill, brewery, cheese factory and a feed and sorghum mill.



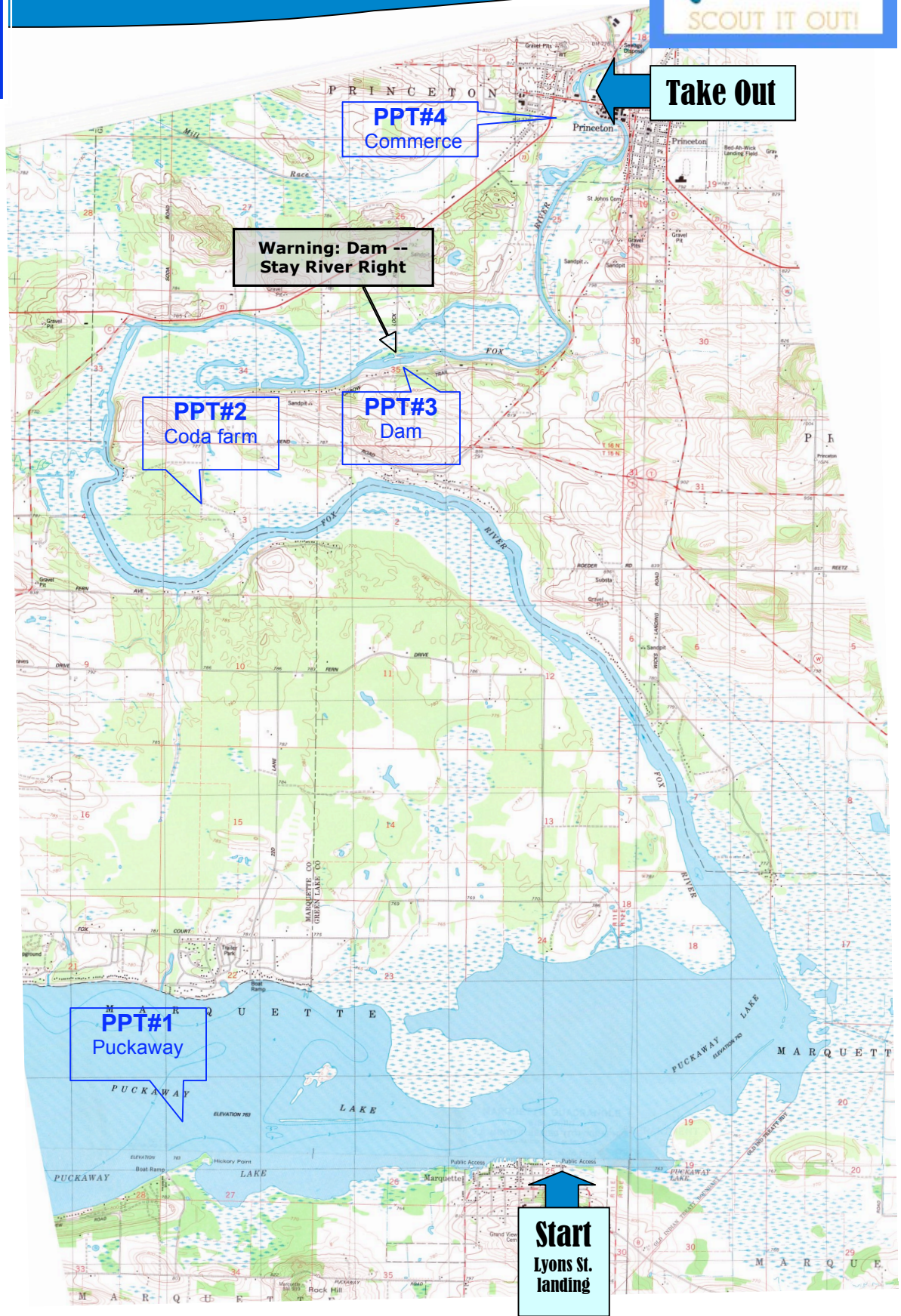
Segment Map #4a

Marquette to Princeton

15.7 miles



Supplemental Trip Information:
Bring a sack lunch. Wear wool and synthetic, not cotton, to retain warmth when wet. 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!



Start
Lyons St.
landing