



Segment #1 Portage to CTH O Saturday, April 24

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8 am: Meet in Montello at Rendezvous Paddle & Sports outfitter, 201 Main St., 608-297-2444, by the dam.

8-9:15 am: Self-shuttle to takeout and put-in spots, limited parking on CTH O

9:15: Paddle Hosts provide overview & safety briefing

9:30: Launch! At Old Indian Agency House

3 pm: Est. takeout CTH O

4 pm: Year of John Muir presentation at John Muir Park, CTH F, 7 miles south of Montello

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. For more: www.friendsofthefox.org

Paddle Overview: Segment #1

The Segment starts this epic journey at the Historic Indian Agency House and to Governor's Bend Park, and taking out at CTH O. At the end of the trip enjoy the "Year of John Muir" presentation by the Marquette County Historical Preservation Society at Muir Park, located on CTH F. Help to celebrate John Muir's legacy as the "Father of the National Parks."

Paddle Points along your route

PPT#1: Fort Winnebago – A 19th century fortification of the U.S. Army located on a hill between the Fox and Wisconsin rivers in Portage, WI, it formed part of a chain of fortifications along the Fox-Wisconsin Waterway that also included Fort Howard in Green Bay and Fort Crawford in Prairie du Chien. Fort Winnebago was constructed in 1828 as part of an effort to maintain peace between white settlers and the region's Native American tribes following the Winnebago War of 1827. The fort's location was chosen not only because of its proximity to the site of Red Bird's surrender in the Winnebago War, but also because of the strategic importance of Portage, which, as the city's name implies, was an important portage on the Fox-Wisconsin Waterway.

PPT#2: Indian Agency House – A very old elm still stands guard near the front entrance to the Indian Agency House off Highway 33 in Portage. The U.S. government built the house in 1832 for John H. Kinzie, Indian agent at Fort Winnebago, and his wife, Juliette Magill Kinzie. In 1902, the Portage (Waubun) Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution planted elm trees to mark three historic sites: the beginning of the Wauna Trail, where the Native Americans and *courier du bois* drew their canoes ashore to cross the short stretch of land to the Wisconsin River; the end of the trail at the Wisconsin River; and the cemetery of the area's first Catholic Church where Pierre Pauquette, famous Portage strongman, Winnebago interpreter and carrier of canoes, was buried. These elms are all down. A fourth elm later was planted at W. Cook and MacFarlane streets, where the popular Pauquette, so strong he could lift a horse, was murdered after a quarrel in 1836.

PPT#3: John Muir Park – April 21, John Muir's birthday, meet at John Muir Park on CTH F, 7 miles south of Montello to honor the Earth by joining us to celebrate John Muir's legacy as the "Father of the National Parks."



Segment Map #1

Portage to CTH 0

10.7 miles

Supplemental Trip Information: Bring a sack lunch. Wear wool or synthetic, not cotton. 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!

