



Segment #7b

Lutz Park to Sunset Point Park Sept. 12

Segment
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9 am: Meet at Lutz Park on Lutz Drive, Appleton.

9-10:15: Unload & group shuttle to Sunset Point Park Kimberly, parking available.

10:15: Paddle Hosts to provide overview & safety briefing before launch

10:30: Launch! Lutz Park

11-noon: Exciting lockages through #1 to #4 & fascinating history en route.

2:30 pm: Est. take-out time at Sunset Point Park, Sunset Park Road, Kimberly.

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 & stay with the group when paddling.

PADDLE POINTS

The Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway includes the Fox & Wisconsin Rivers, spanning 280 miles across the State of 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 and Rep. Steve Kagen have introduced legislation for the Parkway's designation. Learn more: www.friendsofthefox.org

Paddle Overview: Segment #7b

The Segment flows through the heart of Appleton. This river served as the area's earliest highway, first for the native peoples, then for explorers, fur traders and missionaries who came to explore, exploit and prophesize on their journey to the interior wilderness. The city was first settled by these early Europeans, serving as the location for fur trading posts (circa 1760). As the region grew, geography dictated Appleton's industry. Early entrepreneurs harnessed the power of the river for manufacturing and agriculture. This area became the hub of the Fox Valley's paper industry, producing more paper than any other place in the world. Your paddle takes you through this largely urban area, past dams, through the Appleton flats, locking through to reach your final destination.

Paddle Points along your route

PPT#1: Site of Hippolyte "Paul" Grignon Trading Post – In 1835, Hippolyte Grignon, brother of Augustin Grignon, built a trading post on a small piece of flat land, just west of Lutz Park. The trading post, called the White Heron, was the first establishment in what is present-day Appleton. Grignon and his wife, Lisettee, and two young children, Minor and Simon, were the first European settlers in this area.

PPT#2: Lawrence University – Founded in 1847, the same year Appleton was settled, Lawrence University has long been a community institution. Upon its founding, the college became the second co-educational university in the United States. Samuel Appleton, a New England merchant, donated \$10,000 to the library. The city bears his name in appreciation.

PPT#3: Vulcan Street Power Plant – Put into operation on Sept. 30, 1882, this structure became the world's first hydroelectric central station. The plant was the brainchild of Appleton Paper and Pulp Company and Appleton Gas Light Company owner H.J. Rogers. While the original plant burned to the ground in 1891, a replica is now located in its place.

PPT#4: Hearthstone – Historic home of H.J. Rogers, owner of the Appleton Pulp & Paper Co., the Hearthstone was the first residential structure in the world to be powered by a central hydroelectric station, the Vulcan Street Power Plant. Its rare functioning 1882 Edison light switches and electrifiers are possibly the only such surviving wiring and fixtures. This ornate Queen Anne revival home is now a museum.

PPT#5: Appleton Locks 1-3 Historic District – Constructed in the 1850s by the Fox-Wisconsin Improvement Company, the Fox River locks harken back to a time when water transportation served as the primary means of travel. The three locks, part of a greater 17-lock system from Green Bay to Prairie du Chien, were operational until 1982, when decreased usage and deteriorating facilities forced closure. In 2004, Gov. Jim Doyle transferred ownership of the locks to the Fox River Navigational System Authority, who reopened the locks in 2006. Today, the manual lock system remains one of two left in the United States.



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6.4 miles

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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! For more information, call 920-727-1285 or email: youngsixpack@athenet.net

