



Segment #8a

Plank Rd to Rapide Croche Friday, July 30

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Segment
Sponsor:

6:00 pm: Meet at the end of Plank Road, Kaukauna – near Upper Grignon Park

6-6:30: Unload & group shuttle to Rapide Croche Lock

6:30: Paddle Hosts provide safety briefing before launch

6:45 pm: Launch!

6:45 - 8 Experience a unique evening paddle on the Upper Fox

8 pm: Arrive at Rapide Croche, camping available.

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 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 has written draft legislation for the Parkway's designation. To learn more, go to: www.friendsofthefox.org

Paddle Overview: Segment #8a

The only segment where we have the opportunity for an evening paddle! In this area, the river drops sharply, over 50 feet. While five locks built in the mid-1800s aid water navigation today, when the first voyageurs arrived here in the 17th century, the site was deemed nearly impassible. A day's travel from Green Bay, the site of these ferocious waters attracted European settlers. In 1885, the City of Kaukauna was incorporated, and several businesses, such as a flour mill, the hub and spoke factory, and several paper mills, flourished. We have a unique camping opportunity at the dam near the lock!

Paddle Points along your route

PPT#1: "Place of the Pike" – The location of present-day Kaukauna was once home to the Menominee Indians. Prized for its excellent fishing, the Indian's called this place Ogaq-kane, meaning the "place of the pike." The Indians would frequent the location just below the falls, where they would spear the pike that congregated there. Other translations include, O-Gau-Gau-Ning, & Okakaning, meaning "portage" or "where they fish for pike."

PPT#2: Grignon House – In 1818, fur trader Augustin Grignon purchased 1,000 acres of land north of the village of Kaukauna, establishing a gristmill and flourmill on the site. In 1837, Augustin's son, Charles Augustin Grignon, built an elegant home on the land as a wedding present to his bride, Mary Elizabeth Meade. Called the "Mansion in the Woods," this Greek Revival home is now a museum.

PPT#3: Pioneer in Spreadable Cheese – The heart of one of Wisconsin's many cheese regions. In 1918, Joseph P. Fassbender, son of Prussian dairy farmer, started the South Kaukauna Dairy. By 1933, his dairy grew into the Kaukauna Cheese Co., producing both its own brand of cheese and beer. Local tavern owners asked Fassbender to create some type of cheese that they could easily be given to patrons along with their eggs, pickles, ham and bread, so he created spreadable "club cheese," becoming the first to mass produce this type cheese.

PPT#4: Rapide Croche – The Rapide Croche lock – translated as "quavering rapids" – was built to allow boaters to cross the rapids. The lock remains sealed to restrict sea lamprey migration. Here the Fox curves slightly, causing the river to narrow and the current to quicken.



Segment Map #8a

Plank Rd to Rapide Croche

3 miles

Supplemental Trip Information:

Shuttle on your own by grouping together with others.

Bring a light snack for this segment, and warm clothes should the evening get cool.

On the water: buddy up, stay hydrated,

Ask for assistance if fatigued.

Special Note: This trip features a chance to enjoy a summer evening on the water with camping available at the lock. The following morning you will break camp and meet the non-camping paddlers at Wrightstown Boat Landing. From there, the group will proceed to Bomier Park to end the segment.

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