

**Muskrat's Wildcat Creek Expeditions**

Hey Wildcat Paddlers Expedition Team Member Dana Neer is the Sports Event Chairman for Kokomo's Annual Haynes Apperson Festival, held each year during the July 4th Holiday. Dana has asked me to lead a Paddling Trip thru the City of Kokomo and connect with that Festival. This Festival is centered in Kokomo's Foster Park, located in downtown, and right on the banks of Our Wildcat Creek.

A very special segment of this Trip will occur when we arrive at Foster Park, with many segments of the Festival ongoing. We are asking everyone who attends to bring some form of an "American Flag", banner, T-shirt, or anything else that would express our Love and Connection with the Festival and the July 4th Holiday.

Wildcat Creek Waterworks Park to The Dam Rapid...3-miles Saturday...July 1<sup>st</sup> Waterworks Park...12-Noon

Here is the Flag that will ride in my Canoe, One that I found in the Wabash River several years ago.

The Meeting Location will be Waterworks Park in Kokomo (directions below). Our Festival Cruise will end at the new Public Access Site located at The Dam Rapid. We will be taking our slow time, and waving our Flags at anyone and all that see us passing by. Just before Foster Park we will gather into a tight group so we can create a Major Spectacle as we pass thru the Festival grounds.

Our arrival at Foster Park will be announced to the Festival attendees, the crowd will gather on the tall Streambank, and Kokomo Tribune Photographers will be tilting their cameras to document our passing. Bring your Flags and we will fill their view with an American Spectacle on Our Wildcat.

As always in July the flow level could be very low. Come prepared for wading thru the shallows if the weather is hot and dry. Bring your Flags and you brightest Paddling clothes for a glorious & fun Trip on Our Wildcat.

**Directions To Waterworks Park in Kokomo Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 33:**

From Kokomo, Lafayette, or Indianapolis: Take SR-931 North from SR-26 on the south edge of Kokomo. You will go thru several stoplights as you go North. Watch for the JCT with SR-22,at Markland Avenue; the Markland Mall is on your left, Hobby Lobby and White Castle are on your Right. Continue North on SR-931 to the VERY NEXT stop light, which is Carter Street or Waterworks Road. If you cross Wildcat Creek on 931 you have gone too far. Turn Left onto Carter Street. After crossing the Carter Street Bridge over Wildcat Creek, the entrance to Waterworks park will be on your Left in about 300-yards. Pass by the first park entrance, and look for a wooden shelter house with a parking lot in front of it. From The North: Enter Kokomo on SR-931 South. Watch for a McDonalds on the Left, and a Menards on the Right. After passing McDonalds and Menards you will then cross Wildcat Creek. Make a Right turn at the very next Stop Light after crossing the Creek, which is Carter Street or Waterworks Road. After crossing the Carter Street Bridge over Wildcat Creek, the entrance to Waterworks park will be on your Left in about 300-yards.Pass by the first park entrance, and look for a wooden shelter house with a parking lot in front of it.

**WANT A LONGER TRIP ???**

After this special Festival Trip ends at The Dam Rapid, there will be an opportunity for Expedition Team members to continue Paddling down the Wildcat. For those who want another 5-miles on the Creek, we will set up another Shuttle down to the Yeoman Bridge PAS.

~~~~~ "As always, if you need additional directions, reply to this email and ask, or call the night before, if time is short...765-628-3155.And, Muskrat will be listening to his cell phone as soon as he leaves the Boat Shed on the morning of the Trip...765-432-6782"

~~~~~ P.S.....Don't forget Muskrat's "7PM Rule". If something goes really bad and a Trip must be canceled, I will post that Cancellation by an email Newsletter not later than 7PM the Night Before the Trip. f you feel there is something going on that might cancel the Trip, check your emails sometime AFTER 7PM the evening before the Trip.

If there is no announcement, Muskrat (or one of his Associate Trip Leaders) will arrive at the Put-in at the appointed time.

**See You On The River, Muskrat**

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