



RIVERS CELEBRATION

Senator Paul Tsongas has initiated a Rivers Celebration in Massachusetts on June 23rd and 24th. Tsongas, EPA and state officials, the New England Rivers Center, watershed associations, elected officials, and citizens have organized a series of activities all over the state to draw attention to Massachusetts rivers and to encourage people to become involved in their clean-up and use.

Tsongas has stated that it is crucial for more people to participate in the planning of river usage. "We have got to have help from a public who is interested in making sure the rivers stay clean; that more of them become swimmable and fishable, and that scenic land along the rivers is accessible to everyone." The Rivers Celebration is being coordinated by Tsongas' office and the New England Rivers Center, a non-profit organization in Boston devoted to river clean-up and protection. For more information, please contact:

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MASSACHUSETTS RIVERS
A CRITICAL RESOURCE

Massachusetts is blessed with many beautiful rivers: the Charles, the Connecticut, the Merrimack, the Green, the Housatonic, the Blackstone, the Westfield, and many others.

Our rivers are important natural resources:

- historically, rivers guided development and were the location of urban centers;
- rivers provide excellent recreational opportunities for people close to their homes, including boating, fishing, swimming, and hiking;
- rivers are a natural, aesthetic asset of the towns through which they flow;
- rivers are an important source of water supply;
- rivers can generate electricity through hydroelectric development.

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June 23 - 24

The Watershed Associations of Massachusetts have joined Senator Paul E. Tsongas, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the New England Rivers Center and other public and private agencies in sponsoring a weekend of fun and work activities to promote public awareness of the successful efforts to restore our rivers as a natural resource to preserve, use and enjoy.

For more detailed information on specific events in the following schedule, please contact the person whose name is listed after each activity.

SATURDAY, June 23

- 9:00 a.m. HOUSATONIC RIVER, STOCKBRIDGE, Tour of Solar Greenhouse and low-head hydro dam site. (George Hamilton, 413-637-0689)
- 9:30 a.m. MYSTIC RIVER, MEDFORD, Canoe trip from Music Shell to Mystic River Reservation. (Stewart Sanders, 489-3850)
- 12:00 p.m. CONNECTICUT RIVER, NORTHAMPTON, Canoe trip from Coolidge Bridge to Arcadia Park. (Terry Blunt, 413-584-0057)
- 2:00 p.m. WESTFIELD RIVER, Trash and Treasure Scavenger Hunt. (Ellie Lazarus, 413-734-1518 or 413-586-3932)
- 2:00 p.m. MYSTIC RIVER, MEDFORD, Canoe trip from Music Shell to Lower Mystic Lake. (Stewart Sanders, 489-3850)
- 3:30 p.m. DEERFIELD RIVER, SHELBURNE FALLS, 50th Anniversary of the Bridge of Flowers. (Polly Bartlett, 413-625-3657)
- 5:30 p.m. WESTFIELD RIVER, CHESTERFIELD GORGE, Barbeque (Ellie Lazarus, 413-734-1518 or 413-586-3932)
- Call for time CHARLES RIVER, DOVER, picnic at Elm Bank. (Rita Barron, 527-2799)

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

- 9:00 a.m. NORTH RIVER, MARSHFIELD, Canoe trip departing from Union Street Bridge. (Persis Sterling, 826-3135 or 826-4087)
- 9:30 a.m. CONNECTICUT RIVER, Clean up. Call for location. (Terry Blunt, 413-584-0057)
- 9:30 a.m. IPSWICH RIVER, TOPSFIELD, Canoe trip ending with box lunch at Willowdale. (Jerry Model, 927-5324 or Larry Morse, 356-4644)
- 2:00 p.m. NEPONSET RIVER, MILTON, bird walk from Trailside Museum. (Roger Gregg, 742-4000, x 622)
- 4:00 p.m. LITTLE RIVER, Canoe trip from Little Pond to Alewife Brook. (Stewart Sanders, 489-3850)
- Call for time BLACKSTONE RIVER, Fishing derby, canoe sprints, flea market. (Dennis Connolle, 753-2157 or Phil Neeland, 234-2134)
- Call for time CHARLES RIVER, picnic and boat tours from old to new basin. (Rita Barron, 527-2799)
- Call for time NASHUA RIVER, Greenway tour. (Daideen Moilanen, 772-9181)
- Call for time SUDBURY RIVER, ASSABET RIVER AND CONCORD RIVER, Canoe trips. (Mike Meixel, SuAsCo Watershed Association, 443-6959)