

Roanoke River Partners Paddle Days

May 22, 2010

We are very excited to tell you about the plans for this year's Paddle Days on Saturday, May 22nd. The event will be headquartered at both the Conaby Creek NC Wildlife Access ramp off of Highway 45 just east of Plymouth on Highway 64 and downtown Plymouth (map is attached). Registration is \$25 which includes snacks, lunch, t-shirt, safety boats and lots of entertainment.

This year's Paddle Days will feature two routes:

Route A: Paddlers will leave the Conaby Creek ramp and paddle downstream for approximately 5 miles to the Royal Fern camping platform. Enjoy the scenery and experience our most adventurous platform located in the middle of the refuge. Paddlers will break for snacks on the platform and then paddle back to the Conaby Creek ramp. Paddlers will then head to the Roanoke River Lighthouse and Maritime Museum to pick up late lunch, t-shirts, gifts and to enjoy the entertainment.

Route B: Paddlers with children or who want a shorter, more leisurely paddle will also meet at the Conaby Creek ramp and paddle upstream towards Plymouth where they will get out at the East Main Street Landing and walk over to the Roanoke River Lighthouse and Maritime Museum for lunch and to enjoy the other festivities. Transportation back to your car will be available.

Early registration is highly encouraged -- registration forms and liability waiver forms may be downloaded at www.roanokeriverpartners.org. On the day of the event, registration begins at 7:00am at the Conaby Creek ramp with take-off beginning at 8:00am. Mail forms to:

Roanoke River Partners
Post Office Box 488
Windsor, NC 27983

If you are registering after May 17th, please call Lucia or Anne at the numbers below and bring your registration forms and check with you to the event!

The lighthouse and museum will be open especially for everyone associated with Paddle Days. You may also want to walk over to the old Episcopal Church where docents will give you a tour of the graveyard and historic old church. There is an antique show being held in downtown Plymouth all day (more information available shortly). Other merchants who will be open can be found at www.helloplymouthnc.com. More details on events surrounding Paddle Days will be provided as they become available.

Sponsors include Roanoke River Partners, MidEast RC&D, NC Paddle Trails Association, Roanoke Paddle Club, the Plymouth Downtown Development Association, the Town of Plymouth, Beacon Printing Company and the Martin County Tourism Development Authority (*as of April 27, 2010*).

For additional information and questions, please contact Lucia Peel at 252/792-0070 or Anne Lunsford at 252/792-3790.