River Action's 2020 Explore the River Series
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Riverine Walks: May 26–Aug 29.
Riverine Walks are guided walks and talks.
Participants explore the Quad Cities riverfront through guided walks and talks.

Channel Cat Talks: May 10–Aug 29.
Channel Cat Talks take place on the Channel Cat Water Taxi, while experts narrate.

Art Along the River: May 26–Aug 29.
Art Along the River is a program which teaches participants first-hand about the wildlife, history, culture, and geography of the Mississippi River and the Quad Cities through Channel Cat Talks and Riverine Walks, May 26–Aug 29.

What is the Explore the River Series?
Art along the River
Sundays at 2:00pm
May 17
Hey, Let’s Write a Short Story!
Chuck Oestreich—Participants will collaborate in planning and writing a short story. Each will write a part and then we will put the whole story together.
Meet at: Schweiber Park, Rock Island, IL
Rain Location: Razo Towers, 2108 3rd Ave, Rock Island, IL 61201
June 28
Videography—Colleen Tomlinson.
Learn camera and YouTube basics to feel comfortable creating your own pieces and uploading to the platform. Spend time on the riverfront and use the Mississippi River as a subject.
Start at: Creative Arts Academy, 305 W River Dr., Davenport — 2nd floor, bus station
July 12
Readers’ Theater: The Happy Journey—Chuck Oestreich.
Participants will read lines from four characters as they both age and bicycle along the river, participating in many community and personal events. Meet at: Steps in Swarz, Bettendorf, Rain Location: Bettendorf Community Center, 2204 Grant St., Bettendorf
August 23
Native American Drumming—Regino Tosio.
An introduction to the cultural and artistic aspects of Native American drumming. Participants will experience group hand drumming influenced by intertribal pow-wows.
Meet at: Watch Tower Lodge, Black Hawk State Historic Site.
Weather alternative: Inside the Watch Tower Lodge

Wednesday Walks are from 6:30–8:00 PM; Saturday Walks are from 9:10–3:00 PM

Magazine

Experience commercial fisherman’s stories while watching them net. Following, enjoy a wild catfish lunch.

Tuesday, May 26 and Thursday, May 28
It’s Fish and Chips Time Here
Mike Schafer, Schafer Fisheries

Riverine Walks

Wednesday, May 27 and Saturday, May 30
Permeable Alley—Amy Key, City of Davenport
Permeable pavers and water quality—achieving multiple goals with one practice. Learn about how conservation improvements can limit flooding and help keep our local water clean.
Meet at: The bridge behind 822 East River Dr., Davenport, IA 52803

Tuesday, June 9 and Thursday, June 11
Raptors along the River—Dave Murcia, Naturalist
Learn from a Scott County Conservation Naturalist about birds of prey in our area: habitats, ecology, and human impacts to these awesome predators. Be sure to bring your kid to see a live raptor from the Wapsi River Center up close!

Tuesday, June 9 and Thursday, June 11
Davenport IA 52803

Wednesday, June 10 and Saturday, June 13
Saving the Rusty Patched Bumblebee—Brittany Ackerman
Learn about the programs Davenport is using to restore wild habitat and save native species.
Meet at: Juniper Park, 301 W 35th St, Davenport, IA 52803

Tuesday, June 16 and Thursday, June 18
Hydro Potential—Roger Vlado, P.E.D.
Take a tour across the river and learn about two hydropower dams in our area. View from a boat the Arsenal Dam on Sylvan Slough and the roller dam at Lock 15.

Tuesday, June 2 and Thursday, June 4
Paleontology on the Water—Dr. Kelsey Ankle, Augustana College
Explore the paleontological history of our Mississippi River bluffs and the story of life before us.

Tuesday, June 14 and Thursday, June 16
Working with the River—Bre Popkin, USACE
Come learn about Project Management, Navigation, habitat restoration and the Mississippi River by the Corps of Engineers.

Tuesday, July 7 and Thursday, July 9
Birding on the Mississippi—Dixie Sayles
Ride on the Channel Cat and learn about birding and the fine fowl you can spot with good fortune and clear eyes.

Tuesday, July 21 and Thursday, July 23
Col. Davenport and Early Settlement—Gena Schantz, Historian
Travel along America’s first interstate, the Mississippi River, and learn about the figures who laid the foundations of the Quad-Cities.

Tuesday, August 4 and Thursday, August 6
River Landscape Models—Dr. Reuben Heine and Dr. Norm Moline, Augustana College
Learn the channel characteristics, riverfront uses, environmental issues in Pool 15 from Arsenal Island to Campbell’s Island and observe the 1:74 construction.

Tuesday, August 18 and Thursday, August 20
Operations and Maintenance of the Nation’s Waterways—Anthony Hodgsten, Civil Engineer, USACE
This trip will focus on why the lock and dam system was constructed and what is being maintained to date, and the ongoing repairs at Lock and Dam 15. You will experience Locking through.

Painting: Watercoloring the River—Stacey Reipinger.
Participants will learn techniques for painting clouds, the sky, trees and water. Starting with a short painting demonstration, the group will then create their own work to take home watercolor painting. Meet at Schweiber Park’s pavilion, Rock Island, IL. Weather alternative: Razo Tower, 2108 3rd Ave., Rock Island.

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