



River Action  
822 E. River Drive  
Davenport, IA 52803

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River Action's  
Explore the River Education Series:  
**Channel Cat Talks & Riverine Walks**  
June - August 2015

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JUNE 2015 Schedule at a Glance

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Channel Cat Talk	Riverine Walk	Channel Cat Talk		Riverine Walk
	1	2 Hell Gate of the Miss.	3 Stormwater 101	4 Hell Gate of the Miss.	5	6 Stormwater 101
7	8	9 Founding of Davenport	10 Walk on the Wild Side	11 Founding of Davenport	12	13 Walk on the Wild Side
14	15	16 Locks and Dams	17 Reptiles & Amphibians	18 Locks and Dams	19	20 Reptiles & Amphibians
21	22	23 Photography	24 Barge Fleeting	25 Photography	26	27 Barge Fleeting
28	29	30 History Of Rowing				

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Channel Cat Talk	Riverine Walk	Channel Cat Talk		Riverine Walk
			1 All About Cycling	2 History Of Rowing	3	4
5	6	7 Great River Road	8 Decoding the Past	9 Great River Road	10	11 Decoding the Past
12	13	14 Rafting Logs	15 Biodiv. at Collinson	16 Rafting Logs	17	18 Biodiv. at Collinson
19	20	21 Lost & Almost Lost	22 First Bridge	23 Lost & Almost Lost	24	25 First Bridge
26	27	28 Fishing the Mississippi	29 Riverside Cemetary	30 Fishing the Mississippi	31	

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Channel Cat Talk	Riverine Walk	Channel Cat Talk		Riverine Walk
						1 Riverside Cemetary
2	3	4 Historic Bridges	5 Fish Hatchery	6 Historic Bridges	7	8 Fish Hatchery
9	10	11 River Landscape Mosaic	12 Civil War History	13 River Landscape Mosaic	14	15 Civil War History
16	17	18 Coast Guard	19 Gold Coast Tour	20 Coast Guard	21	22 Gold Coast Tour
23	24	25 River Music	26 Deep Maps	27 River Music	28	29 Deep Maps

**PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT**

To: River Action, 822 E. River Dr. Davenport, IA



**CHANNEL CAT TALKS**

Please check all that apply. Sessions are \$13.50 each and take place on the Channel Cat Water Taxi [space is limited]. Meet at the Channel Cat Landing, 2501 E. River Dr., Moline. If the Captain cancels, a rain date will be scheduled. All Channel Cat Talks are from 9-10:45 a.m.

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Please Note: All classes are rain or shine. Rain dates will be scheduled. No Refunds.

**RIVERINE WALKS**

Please check all that apply. Sessions are \$6 each or FREE for River Action Members.

Wed. talks from 6:30-8 p.m. Sat. talks from 9-10:30 a.m.

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Total Channel Cat Talks \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Riverine Walks \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Membership (Other Side) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Are you a River Action Member?

With Membership you will receive River Action's eddy Magazine & all Riverine Walks FREE

**\$15 Student Membership**

Includes membership card, eddy magazine, and Riverine Walks

**\$30 Individual Membership**

Includes membership card, eddy magazine, and Riverine Walks

**\$60 Household Membership**

Includes membership card, eddy magazine, and Riverine Walks for all household members

**\$100 Action Membership**

Includes benefits of household membership plus two admissions to a River Action event (choose between Ride the River, Taming of the Slough, FLOATZILLA or the Senior Citizen Golf Cart Tour)

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Please enclose a check made out to River Action  
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563-322-2969 or find us on-line at [www.riveraction.org](http://www.riveraction.org)

We all have a common history linked to the Mississippi River and with each new trail connection, each new public access to the riverfront, and each new visual link to the Mighty Mississippi, we become more united in our future.

River Action remains committed to helping establish those connections - physical, visual and philosophical - to our common riverfront and our common future.

If you'd like to continue the momentum of our united RiverWay, we hope you'll consider renewing your membership or joining as a new member of River Action. With your help we can continue to achieve great things in the coming years.

Please check here if you would like to be more involved in River Action activities as a volunteer.

## CHANNEL CAT TALKS

All Channel Cat Talks begin at Celebration Belle Landing, 2501 River Drive, Moline

### Stories from Hell Gate of the Mississippi: The Effie Afton Trial and Abraham Lincoln's Role In It

Larry Riney, Author

Tuesday, June 2 or Thursday, June 4

- Learn about the controversy surrounding the First Railroad bridge and young Abraham Lincoln's role in it from the author of *Hell Gate of the Mississippi*.

### The Founding of Davenport

Bobbie Swanson, Storyteller

Tuesday, June 9 or Thursday, June 11

- Learn about the friendship between Colonel Davenport and Antoine LeClaire that led to the founding of one of Iowa's oldest cities.

### How do Locks and Dams Work?

Anthony Heddlesten, Civil and Environmental Engineer

Tuesday, June 16 or Thursday, June 18

- Learn about water level control, dam operation, and the Corps' role in operation and maintenance of the navigation system.
- Experience locking through the first Lock & Dam on the Mississippi.

### Photography: Down a River of Time

Tuesday, June 23 or Thursday, June 25

Brian Tugana, Environmental Photographer

- Join us for a morning of riverside cruising & picture taking with an overview of the evolution and shifting roles of photography.

### History of Rowing on Sylvan Slough, 1850 – 2015

Dale Howard, Two Rivers YMCA

Tuesday, June 30 or Thursday, July 2

- Experience the unique sport of rowing by learning about its history in the Quad Cities and what it looks like today. Also, take a look at rowing equipment through a guided tour of the Sylvan Boathouse.

### The Great River Road

Scott Tunnicliff, Mississippi River Parkway Commission

Tuesday, July 7 or Thursday, July 9

- Learn about tourism, economic development, and the future of the Great River Road which stretches from the headwaters to the Gulf.

### Rafting Logs to QC Mills

Gayle Rein, Historian

Tuesday, July 14 or Thursday, July 16

- Explore the history of the QC lumber industry in Iowa and Illinois
- Listen to stories about mill owners, lumber camps, and rafting crews

### The Lost and the Almost Lost of the Mississippi

Bob Bryant, Naturalist

Tuesday, July 21 or Thursday, July 23

- Discuss the impact human activity has on wildlife including the plants and animals we have lost forever or almost lost.

### River Livelihoods: Fishing the Mississippi River

Presenter

Tuesday, July 28 or Thursday, July 30

- Learn about fishing the Mississippi and discover what it takes to be a commercial fisherman from a man with 47 years of experience.

### Historic Bridges of the Quad Cities

Dr. Curt Roseman, Geographer

Tuesday, August 4 or Thursday, August 6

- Examine the history of the first railroad bridge to cross the Mississippi, the Government, Centennial, I-74, and Moline Arsenal bridges.

### River Landscape Mosaic

Dr. Reuben Heine & Dr. Norm Moline, Augustana College

Tuesday, August 11 or Thursday, August 13

- Study the channel characteristics, riverfront uses, and environmental issues in pool 15 from Arsenal Island to Campbell's Island.

### What does the Coast Guard Do?

Tuesday, August 18 or Thursday, August 20

Jarad Landheer, Coast Guard

- Learn about the Coast Guard and its roll as an instrument of maritime safety, security, and environmental stewardship.

### Music of the Mississippi River

Ellis Kell, River Music Experience

Tuesday, August 25 or Thursday, August 27

- Listen to songs and stories of the Mississippi River.

## RIVERINE WALKS

### Stormwater 101

Tim Chambers, River Action & Brian Steinman, Davenport

Wednesday, June 3 or Saturday June 6

- Learn about permeable paving, bioswales, and rain gardens.
- Meet at North Gayman Park, 2400 North Gayman Ave, Davenport.

### A Walk on the Wild Site

Chuck Wester, Naturalist

Wednesday, June 10 or Saturday, June 13

- Learn about how Native Americans used various indigenous plants and common animals in the area.
- Meet at the parking lot just west of the lodge at Black Hawk State Historic Site, Black Hawk Rd., Rock Island.

### Reptiles and Amphibians

Mik Holgersson, Environmental Specialist

Wednesday, June 17 or Saturday, June 20

- Explore Nahant Marsh and learn about reptiles & amphibians.
- Meet at Nahant Marsh Education Center, Davenport.

### Mississippi River Barge Fleeting

Walt Bassow, Mississippi Barge Fleeting

Wednesday, June 24 or Saturday, June 27

- Learn about Mississippi River barges and transportation. Prepare for a possible barge ride and floating tour on the Mississippi.
- Meet at Upper Mississippi Fleeting, 128 Front Street, Buffalo, IA

### All About Cycling

Jo Grecko, Cycletherapy Bicycles

Wednesday, July 1

- Learn about general bike maintenance and how to prepare for a season of cycling. Plan for a river trail bike ride following the presentation.
- Meet at Cycletherapy Bicycles, 101 Beacon Harbor Pkwy, E. Moline.

### Decoding the Past: Seeking Saukenuk and Black Hawk's Home Sites

Ferrel Anderson, QC Archeological Society

Wednesday, July 8 or Saturday, July 11

- Tour the Sauk village, agricultural fields, and grave sites from the Black Hawk War and explore the area's unique geology.
- Meet at west parking lot, Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island.

### Plant Biodiversity at Collinson Preserve

Dr. Bohan Dziadyk, Augustana College

Wednesday, July 15 or Saturday, July 18

- Come explore the flora at Collinson Preserve, including rare hill prairies at Augustana's environmental field station, normally closed to the public. Meet at Collinson Preserve, 83rd Ave Milan, IL.

### First Bridge

Kathy Wine, River Action and Curt Roseman, Geographer

Wednesday, July 22 or Saturday, July 25

- Discuss the reconstruction of the Mississippi's first Railroad Bridge as a bike/pedestrian bridge and connections to the community.
- Meet at River Action, 822 E. River Dr., Davenport.

### Riverside Cemetery Architecture and Design

Kathleen Seusy, Historian

Wednesday, July 29 or Saturday, August 1

- Learn about the history of Riverside Cemetery and explore the design by William Le Baron Jenney, Chicago architect/landscape architect.
- Meet at Riverside Cemetery (Mausoleum), 2900 6th Ave., Moline.

### Quad Cities Fish Hatchery and Mississippi River Monitoring Programs

Jeremiah Hass, Exelon Generation

Wednesday, August 5 or Saturday, August 8

- Learn about the 40+ year history of the fish hatchery and long-term monitoring of the Mississippi River. Tour the facility and encounter live fish and endangered mussels from the Mississippi River.
- Meet at the Exelon Professional Learning Center, 22710 206th Ave. N. Cordova, IL.

### Exploring Civil War history, Confederate Cemetery and Prison, and Construction of the Old Stone Shops.

George Eaton, Historian

Wednesday, August 12 or Saturday, August 15

- Explore the Confederate Cemetery, Prison, and Old Stone Shops located at the Rock Island Arsenal.
- Meet at the Rock Island Arsenal, details to follow.

### Gold Coast Historic Walking Tour

Marion Meginnis, Historian

Wednesday, August 19 or Saturday, August 22

- Learn about the architecture and history behind the beautiful homes in the Historic Gold Coast Neighborhood in Davenport.
- Meet at Gaines and 8th St., Davenport.
- *Optional:* meet at Christian JIPP Home & Grocery, 8th & Gaines, 1/2 hour before talk on Wednesday or 1/2 hour after talk on Saturday for historic artifact viewing.

### Deep Maps-Historic Geography of the Upper Mississippi River

Dr. Reuben Heine, Augustana College

Wednesday, August 26 or Saturday, August 29

- Come aboard the floating classroom "Stewardship" to learn about our section of the Mississippi.
- Meet at N. end of Lake Potter/Sunset Park, 18th Ave., Rock Island.