

RMS Northeast Chapter Events

2011

Fall Paddle – Great Egg Harbor, New Jersey

With beautiful fall weather and high seasonal flows, the Great Egg Harbor River in New Jersey's coastal plain provided an ideal setting for two days of paddling on October 15 and 16, for 15 RMS members, family, and friends. This was a two day trip featuring an exploration of different segments of the "Great Egg" each day. Overnight, the group camped at Atlantic County's special group camp, Camp Acagisca.

The first day's trip was an exploration of the reach of the Great Egg just upstream of Lake Lenape, and a tour of the lake itself. The river leading into Lake Lenape has a mix of forested high banks on one side and forested wetlands and bays on the other. The upper end of the lake has many small islands and bays, and the middle and lower lake has forested county park land on one side and a few private houses and a county park on the other.

There was a festival going on at the county park. The group stopped in for a close up look at the life-size lighthouse replica on the shore, some music, and a couple of big bags of kettle corn. After a brief brisk paddle against the wind and across the lake, the group shuttled back to Camp Acagisca. After setting up camp, everybody enjoyed a fine barbecue and great evening of making acquaintances, networking, and sharing river tales.

The second paddle trip started Sunday morning after a quick breakfast. The group launched at Weymouth Furnace Park, an old historical site upstream of Saturday's float. Everybody enjoyed a leisurely paddle down some of the winding and remote reaches of the Great Egg Harbor River that have attracted recreational paddlers for over a hundred years.



The fall colors were beginning to show. The river was beautiful, with a canopy of yellow, orange and red hardwoods over the river. The paddlers fully appreciated the scenic, natural, and recreational values that lead to the federal designation of 129 miles of the Great Egg Harbor River into the Wild and

Scenic River System in 1992. The Great Egg is a designated river very different from most rivers in the national system, because there is no federally-administered land along the entire river corridor.

Note from RMS Staff: A tremendous chorus of thanks goes to Judi Zuckert for initiating and coordinating the chapter trip, and to Fred Akers for his generosity and expertise as host and planner of this great trip!



Past Events

2009

Federal Stimulus Roundtable - Washington, DC

January 15

Washington, DC roundtable discussion about how the Federal Stimulus Program would affect members' businesses and programs. Representatives from the BLM, National Park Service, Hydropower Reform Coalition, and National Hydropower Association attended. Our invited guest Pope Barrow, Chief Legislative Counsel for the US House of Representatives, shared his perspectives on the process at that point in this ambitious process.

Mixing it Up with NARRP in Pittsburgh!

April 30

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

RMS-NE set up a display and conducted a networking walking tour during the National Association of Recreational Resource Planners Conference to meet members of this group, with whom we will partner for our biennial symposium in Portland, OR in 2010! The conference took place April 27-30. Attendance at this mixer was free.

Low Impact Hydro on Our Minds

May 1

The Mariners House, Boston, MA

RMS-NE hosted a meeting to network, learn about each others' projects and interests, and enjoy a wonderful lunch. Our keynote speaker was Fred Ayer, Executive Director of the Low Impact Hydropower Institute. Fred's talk was excellent and we hosted a healthy crowd of interested river-based professionals. If you attended this luncheon and would like RMS to hold another luncheon format-type event, please suggest a speaker or location you think would be of interest to fellow RMS members and our colleagues!