



MEDIA ALERT: Free historical canoe rides to be offered
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Historical canoe rides along the Mahoning River will be available during Trumbull County's upcoming Heritage Festival on Saturday, Sept. 20 and Sunday, Sept. 21. The festival will run from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day.

The Mahoning River was very important to the county's early residents, who settled along its banks. Navigate the river from a canoe and learn about its historical significance from an expert guide. Launch area is near Warren's new Community Amphitheatre along Mahoning Avenue in downtown Warren. Trips will be offered at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at no cost.

Please allow two hours for the float from Perkins to Stewart Parks and the shuttle back. Advanced registration is required by calling (330) 675-2480 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The Mahoning River Consortium and Trumbull Canoe Trails will provide guides. The American Red Cross and Trumbull County MetroParks will provide canoes.

The Heritage Festival's mission is to celebrate Trumbull County's early history and Ohio's Bicentennial. The festival will be held at various locations in downtown Warren.

To learn more, visit www.trumbullcountyhistory.org and click on the *Trumbull County Heritage Festival* link or call (330) 372-4873.

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