



# THE FOREST PRESS

Tionesta, PA 16353 • Vol. 148, No. 35 • SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 Single Copy 75¢

## Allegheny River And Conewango Creek Cleanup In September

It's that time of the year again: the Allegheny River Cleanup is right around the corner. Every year since the Cleanup's inception in 2009, Friends of Allegheny Wilderness has gotten involved and is encouraging all of our supporters to help out if you have the time, in order to give back to the National Wild and Scenic Allegheny River, the Allegheny River's watershed, and the Allegheny Island Wilderness — designated in 1984 as part of the Pennsylvania Wilderness Act!

This year work will occur on September 12th, 14th, 15th, 18th, and the 19th and we will be returning to the Allegheny Islands Wilderness following a one-year hiatus from covering that stretch of the river. If you would like to get out and help clean up our wilderness islands such as Crull's Island, Thompson's Island (site of the 1779 American Revolutionary War Battle of Thompson's Island and R. Thompson Island, that work will be occurring on Saturday, September 19th. Let's all be friends to the Allegheny's wilderness, and help clean up these beautiful islands for present and future generations to use and enjoy!

If you are not available to help on September 19th, we will also be working several days on the Conewango Creek this year. Conewango Creek is of course an important tributary to the National Wild and Scenic Allegheny River, and is also Pennsylvania's River of the Year 2015!

Schedule plan is as follows:

**Saturday, September 12** - Conewango Creek (Lower - Front Street to Point Park) -- Meet at Point Park in Warren, PA at 9 AM for registration and shuttle to the Front Street launch site. Volunteers should plan for it to take 4 to 6 hours. Volunteers will be briefed about trash hot spots and other information at the launch site, before boarding their boats.

**Monday, September 14** - Conewango Creek (Upper - Akeley Boat launch to Big Four Rd) - Meet at the Big Four Rd. launch site at 9 AM for registration and shuttle to the Akeley Boat Launch. You can reach the Big Four Road launch site by heading north from Hatch Run Road onto Big Four Road. Proceed approximately 2.5 miles. Volunteers should plan for it to take 4 to 6 hours. Volunteers will be briefed about trash hot spots and other information at the launch site, before boarding their boats.

**Tuesday, September 15** - Conewango Creek (Middle - Big Four Rd to Front Street) - Meet at Front Street launch

site in Warren, PA at 9 AM for registration and shuttle to Big Four Rd. launch site. The Front St launch site is directly at the foot of Hackney Meadows St/Lane—the street sign is clearly marked, and it is directly to the right of Davies and Sons on North Conewango Ave. The street sign is new, large, and easily visible from Conewango Ave. And the business, Davies and Sons is a great landmark for those who prefer landmarks to find their way. The launch site is literally directly downhill from Davies and Sons on that street (Hackney Meadows). Look for signs pointing the way. Volunteers will be briefed about trash hot spots and other information at the launch site, before boarding their boats.

**Friday, Friday, September 18** - Point Park to Buckaloons -- Meet at Buckaloons Recreation Area at 9 AM for shuttle to Point Park in Warren, PA. Volunteers will be briefed about trash hot spots and other information at the launch site, before boarding their boats.

**Saturday, September 19** - Buckaloons to Wildwood - Meet at Wildwood Inn (7 miles north of Tidioute on Route 62) at 9 AM for shuttle to Buckaloons. This trip normally takes 3 to 3.5 hours (when not picking up trash), so volunteers should plan for it to take 5 to 6 hours. This portion of the clean-up will be the most intense because it includes Crulls (96 acres) and Thompsons (67 acres) Islands. These two islands account for roughly 65% of the island camping along the Allegheny River between Kinzua Dam and Tionesta. Volunteers will be briefed about island locations, trash hot spots and other information at the launch site, before boarding their boats. Jet boat support will be provided.

If you'd like to volunteer, but do not want to get on the water, shore helpers will be needed beginning at 11 AM until possibly as late as 5 PM all cleanup days.

To register for any or all days of the cleanup go to: <http://www.alleghenyrivercleanup.com/contact.html>.