



## News Release

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### **Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to Host Return Trip Down the Allegheny River**

**Irvine, Pa.** – The Allegheny River – with its dozens of undisturbed islands, back channels and flow of fresh water from the Kinzua Dam – is a highlight for many canoe enthusiasts.

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy invites the public to experience it themselves at the organization's annual River Sojourn, a 16-mile canoe trip Saturday, June 1, from Buckaloon's Recreational Area in Irvine, Pa., to a boat access point in Tidioute, Pa.

This year's event is called "Back to the Allegheny: A Float Through Time" and will include activities and presentations that will explore the region's history, present and future. The event costs \$65 per person and registration runs through May 16.

The Allegheny River holds the distinction of being a National Wild and Scenic River. Less than .25 percent of the nation's rivers are protected under the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System, according to federal figures.

The upper Allegheny River meanders through towns such as Warren, Irvine and Tidioute, Pa., a region that was the site of Native American settlements, European immigration, the first man-made oil well and the Kinzua Dam. This combination of cultural and ecological heritage has shaped the present state of the Allegheny River.

Support for this event comes from Allegheny Outfitters, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and WPC.

To register for the sojourn or for more information, visit [www.WaterLandLife.org](http://www.WaterLandLife.org) or contact Jean H. Keene at 724-471-7202, ext. 5110.

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**About the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy:**

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) enhances the region's quality of life by protecting and restoring exceptional places. A private nonprofit conservation organization founded in 1932, WPC has helped to establish ten state parks, conserved more than 233,000 acres of natural lands and protected or restored more than 1,500 miles of rivers and streams. The Conservancy owns and operates Fallingwater, which symbolizes people living in harmony with nature. In addition, WPC enriches our region's cities and towns through 135 community gardens and green spaces that are planted with the help of 13,000 volunteers. The work of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy is accomplished through the support of more than 11,000 members. For more information, visit [WaterLandLife.org](http://WaterLandLife.org).

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