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Western NY- Chapter 1

The Monthly Newsletter of the Western New York Chapter 1 of the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association

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Sandy Creek Paddle

By: Pete Shea

Last Saturday, 8/24 we had a beautiful paddle on Sandy Creek with calm winds and plenty of solitude. Regretfully, only Stephen Bollenbacher of Fulton and Gerry and I along with our dog Comet were there to enjoy it. Steve had previously explored Sandy Creek the week prior and provided Gerry and I with pictures and information about the creek. As many of us know, Lake Ontario is high and we really saw the effects of the high water. When we arrived at Lake Ontario the normal wide sandy beach was basically a series of small beach areas separated by sand dunes and dead trees washed ashore. We picked a small area just on the point where a party boat was docked on the other side and enjoyed our day looking out on the lake.

There were a number of kayak groups and each group had a dog. It was interesting to see that the small dogs had their own beds on the front of the kayaks which permitted the small dogs their own special views and the paddler/dog owners were not impacted by the dogs in front of the kayaks.

There were two groups of four women and then there was a husband and wife with dogs and it was fun to see everybody enjoying the day. Everyone struggled to find a private area of beach since beach space was very limited. But everyone was respectful of each other and somehow managed to share the limited space beautifully.

After having lunch and on the way back we followed a tributary that Steve indicated led to an alternative put in. In a short distance we arrived

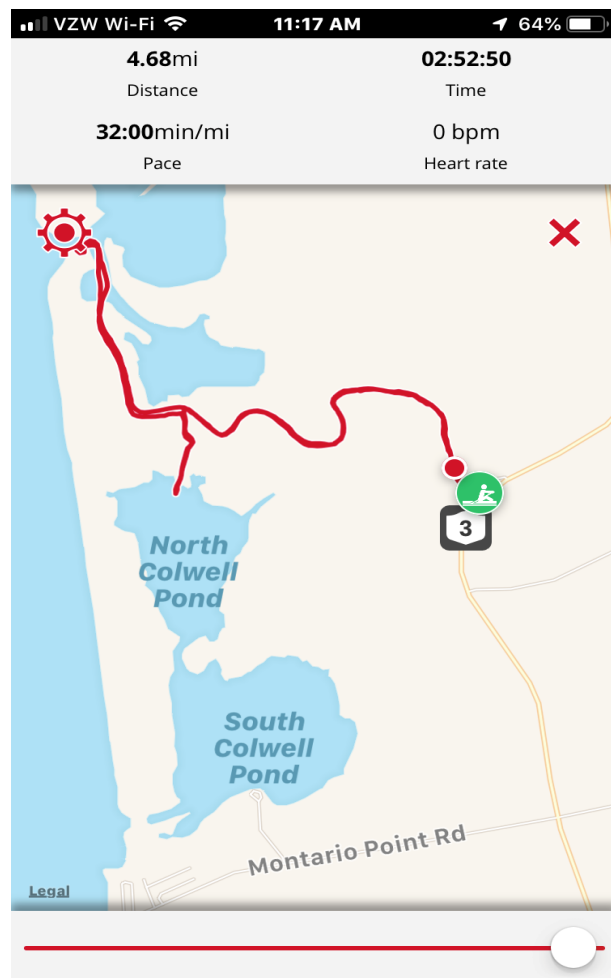
in North Colwell Pond and Steve indicated at the far end, which is South Colwell there is another parking lot and launch site. We turned around and headed back at this point but after taking out we did drive around to the South Colwell Pond.. See enclosed picture.

Overall this was a really relaxing, beautiful day to be on the water.

Gerry and I are looking forward to seeing more of our members at the September Getaway weekend on Fourth Lake in Old Forge.



The day had overcast skies that kept us comfortable and presented us with a wonderful atmosphere.



This is the route we took and the alternative put in is just below the word Pond in South Colwell Pond

Chapter Weekend – September 6, 7 & 8, 2019

Looking forward to seeing 30 plus members for our Get Away Weekend. Everyone should have received their assignments. If you have any questions Janet may be contacted at iquilts42@gmail.com or (315) 264-0150.

GPC Regional for October 11 > 14th
at Geneva Point Center,
Moultonborough, NH.

The purpose of this egram is to update the Northeast Chapter Leaders and WCHA leadership as to 'The Plan' for our [GPC Regional](#). Also this egram will be sent to those 49 folks who have indicated an interest in our initiative to hold a Northeast Regional in support of WCHA. We ask that the chapter leaders inform their members to reply to this egram so their addie can be added to the info email list.

***The Good News:** I have called Christy (GPC's admissions coordinator) to indicate that we will commit to a Columbus Weekend (Oct 11 >14th) Northeast Regional at GPC. Dave** and I have toured the GPC campus in June and took many photos (link below) for all to see. Also I plan to camp overnight at their campgrounds to get answers that will be asked as folks evaluate the many options that are offered.*

***The current plan** is to invite the Northeast Chapters (whatever that means*) through their chapter leaders but it is understood that all WCHA members and their guests are welcome. We want to post the announcement in the WCHA Journal soon.*

***All reservation** for lodging or campsites must be made directly to [GPC](#) and not with the GPC Regional*

planning committee (GPC-RPC). Their website will be the route for reservation if needed.

Join our online planning committee:

This (GPC-RPC) (online planning committee) invites all to would care to be a part of the planning. The more folks who are willing to help carry the load the easier the portage! >>>*

**(Pör-'täzh) > Note thee corrected use of the word portage.*

***Many questions** need answers. We will struggle to get the answers ASAP! Our hope and plan is to keep this simple. Let's do a side trip Saturday to the [NH Boat Museum](#) in Wolfeboro follow by a dinner at a local restaurant. Follow that with an evening paddle closing the evening with a lakeside campfire. Sunday we will provide a Meatball & Spaghetti feed. Stay Monday for more paddle fun on the very last day of the NH canoe season. Rumor holds that the water turns hard and white on Nov. 1st. Honest!*

**Asterisk notes: No ... the Mason Dixon Line will not divide us but that Continental Divide is a problem! (Hehee)*

***Dave Williams introduced GPC to the Chocorua Chapter in 2016. He is our 'IN' as he was a former member of the GPB board of directors.*

Paddles High,

Robert Bundy & David Williams

PS: Photo Album linked here. [Show Photos](#) [The Meeting House](#) [The Beaches](#) more pixs to follow soon.

[Geneva Point Center](#)

GPC features a variety of rustic overnight options to choose

from. Accommodations range from basic tent **camping sites** to summer camp bunk cabins, and to small family cottages or private lodge rooms by the lake. Most Geneva Point lodging is available only during the summer and fall seasons (June through October). However, Gibbes House is available all year.

[Trip Advisor Info here](#)

Old fashioned camp > This is a huge, old fashioned camp with many different types of lodging from a basic hotel room type to rustic cabins to camping in a tent. We had a rustic cabin with room for five people, shower, toilet and sink. The food, typical camp food was very good and included plenty of protein, fruit, veg, as well as sugar free, gluten free, etc options.

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WCHA WESTERN NEW YORK – CHAPTER 1 – 2019 ACTIVITIES

DATE: February 23 DAY: Saturday TIME: 11:00 AM	Activity: Glass Paper Weights/Ring Holders Cost \$5/set Where: Jim Altemus Shop, 14 State St (Rt 5 & 20), Bloomfield NY 14469 585-657-6855 Coordinators: Dick Pierce & Denny Brunner
DATE: March 30 DAY: Saturday TIME: 11:00 AM	Activity: Tool Sharpening Class Cost \$ TBD Where: Suzanne & Bill Keller, 1198 Mendon Rd (Rt 64) Mendon NY 585-497-7096 Coordinators: Denny Brunner
DATE: April 13 DAY: Saturday TIME: 11:00 AM	Activity: Visit Finger Lakes Boating Museum Where: 8231 Pleasant Valley Rd, Hammondsport, NY 14840 Coordinators: Jim Altemus and Pete Shea
DATE: May 4 DAY: Saturday TIME: 11:00 AM	Activity: Paddle Sterling Creek Where: Sterling Nature Center, Sterling, NY Coordinators: Bob Scholl & P. Shea
DATE: June 8 DAY: Saturday TIME: 8 > 4	Activity: ADK Outdoor Expo Where: Mendon Ponds Coordinators: Bill Keller & Bob Lamoy
DATE: June 15 DAY: Saturday TIME: 7:00 PM	Activity: Moonlight Paddle, Bring a Snack to Share Where: Canadice Lake Coordinators: Pete & Gerry Shea 585-802-9342
DATE: July 16 > 21 DAY: Tues-Sun	Activity: WCHA 40th Annual Assembly – Century Old Canoes Where: Paul Smith College, Paul Smith, NY
DATE: August 24 DAY: Saturday TIME: 11:00 AM -----	Activity: Sandy Creek Paddle Where: 2401 State Route 3, Ellisburg, NY 13661 Coordinators: Pete & Gerry Shea 585-802-9342 -----
DATE: August 10 DAY: Saturday @ 1 PM	Activity: Paddle & Picnic on Canandaigua Lake Where: 3495 Lakeview Lane Canandaigua, NY Coordinators: Dave Schwaner & Sue Miller (H) 585-396-1492
DATE: Sept. 6 > 8 Day: Fri, Sat, Sun Time: Arrive noon to 5 PM	Activity: Adirondack Weekend/Friday Lunch @ Nettleton's Cabin Where: Kenmore Cottages on Fourth Lake Coordinators: John and Janet Isabelle, 315-264-0150
DATE: October 5 Day: Saturday Time: 11:00 AM	Activity: Black Creek Paddle Where: Black Creek Park, Chili, NY Coordinators: Bob Lamoy 315-350-0103
DATE: November 3 Day: Sunday Time: 11:00 AM	Activity: Highland Park Conservatory & Hike Where: 121 Mulberry St, Rochester, NY 14620 Coordinators: Pat & Lou Wirschem, 585-473-0695
DATE: December 1 Day: Sunday Time: 11:00 AM	Activity: Buffet, Yankee Swap, and Ornament Exchange Location Newport Yacht Club Coordinators: Al & Fran Sienkiewicz, 585-671-3482
DATE: January 5, 2020 Day: Sunday Time: 11:00 AM	Activity: WNY Chapter One 2020 Planning Meeting Where: Sheas', 1947 Factors Walk, Ionia, NY 14475 Coordinators: Pete & Gerry Shea 585-257-5013