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What is the Explore the River Series?

A program which teaches participants first-hand about the wildlife, history, culture, and geography of the Mississippi River and the Quad Cities



Above: Anthony Heddlesten, USACE Civil Engineer, will be presenting on the lock and dam system on August 16 and 18 and on the Mississippi River Cities and Towns initiative on August 23 and 25 all aboard the Channel Cat Water Taxi



Above : Arborist, Scott Carlson, will be leading two Riverine Walks this summer. Learn about native fish on July 6 and 9 and then all about trees on July 13 and 16.

Who We Are

We all have a common history linked to the **Mississippi River**. With each new trail connection, new public access to the riverfront, and new visual links to the Mighty Mississippi, we become more **united for our future**.

River Action remains committed to helping establish those **connections**—physical, visual and philosophical—to our common **riverfront** and our common **future**.

If you'd like to **continue the momentum** of our united RiverWay, we hope you'll consider renewing your membership or joining as a new member of River Action. With your help we can continue to **achieve great things** in the coming years!

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CHANNEL CAT TALKS

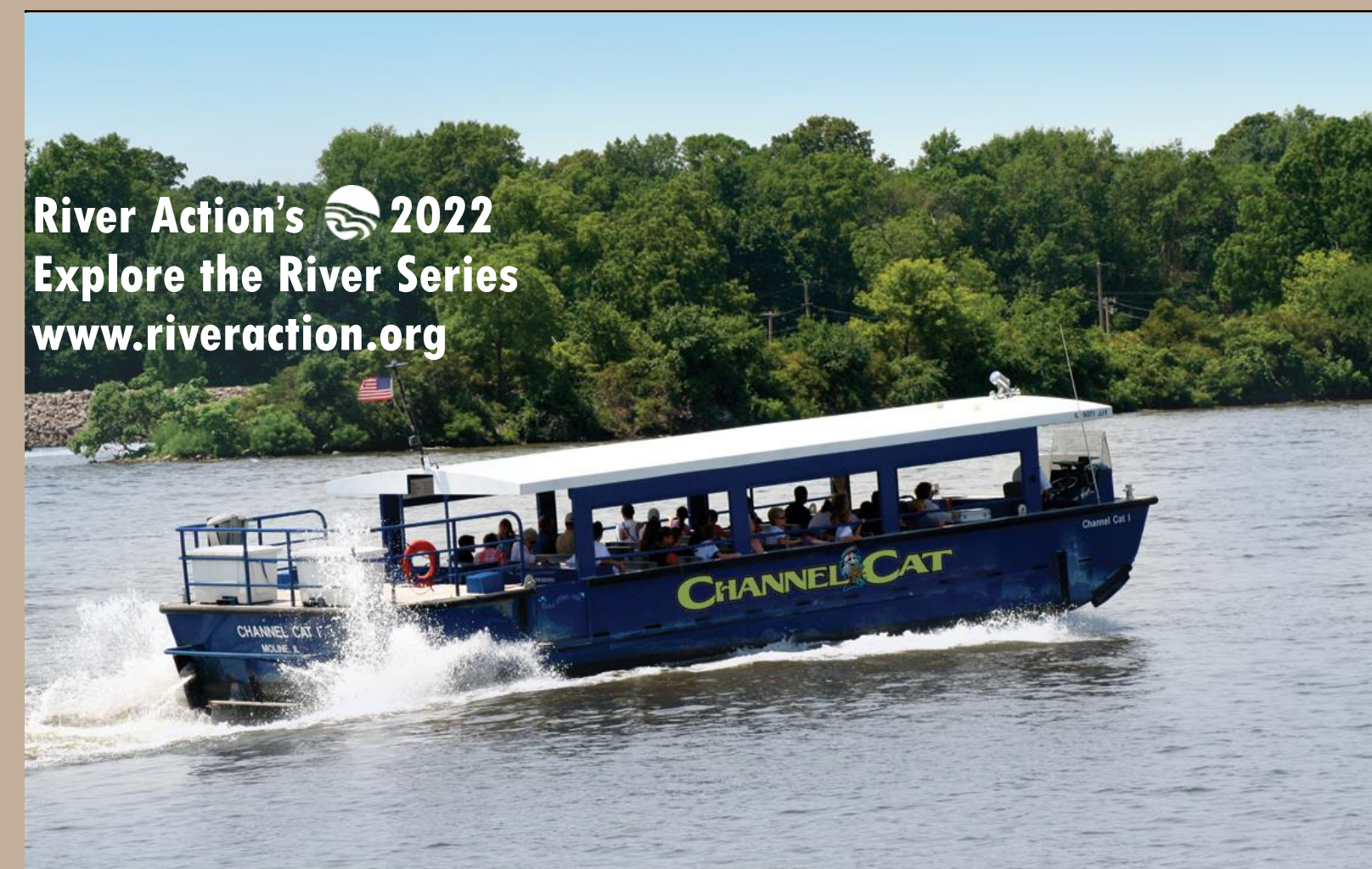
Sessions are **\$20 each** and take place on the Channel Cat Water Taxi (space is limited). Meet at the Riverbend Commons, 2951 River Drive, Moline, IL 61265. If the Captain cancels, a rain date will be scheduled. **All Channel Cat Talks are from 9-10:45 A.M. Please try to arrive at least 15 minutes early.**

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| Steamboats
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| First Residents
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| Mayoral Collaboration
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RIVERINE WALKS

Sessions are **\$10 each** or **FREE** for River Action Members. If a presenter cancels, a rain date will be scheduled. **Wednesday walks are from 6:30-8 P.M, Saturday walks are from 9-10:30 A.M. Please try to arrive 10 minutes early.**

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| The Last Bison
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| Regenerative Farming
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| Green Rooftops
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| Hampton's Historic Riverfront
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River Action's **2022**
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Channel Cat Talks

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Riverine Walks

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<p>Tues, May 31 and Thurs, June 2 Commercial Fishing <i>Nonie Schover, Schofer Fisheries</i></p> <p>Experience a commercial fisherman's stories and how to make a living fishing the river. Enjoy a wild catfish lunch after the tour.</p>	<p>Tues, June 7 and Thurs, June 9 The Quad Cities' Role in the Corn Belt Ports <i>Col. Bob Sinkler, Ret.</i></p> <p>The Corn Belt Ports attracted \$1.24 billion from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill. The short and long-term benefits of this federal investment to the greater Quad Cities Region will be highlighted and discussed.</p>
<p>Tues, June 14 and Thurs, June 16 River Bandits on the Mississippi <i>Dave Heller, River Bandits Owner</i></p> <p>Join Dave Heller as he talks about the defending champion Bandits, Modern Woodmen Park, the oldest continuous use minor league park in the country, and the challenges and advantages of operating a small business along the Mississippi River.</p>	<p>Tues, June 21 and Thurs, June 23 Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi <i>Karen Anderson</i></p> <p>Iowa's earliest settlers walked, rode horses or hopped a log into the Black Hawk Purchase, but by 1854 two miles of north-bound steamboats lined the St. Louis levee. By 1907 the Streckfus family of Rock Island had amassed the largest fleet of luxury steamboats in the world.</p>
<p>Tues, June 28 and Thurs, June 30 Raptors along the River <i>Dave Murcia, Naturalist</i></p> <p>Learn from a Scott County Conservation Naturalist as he discusses birds of prey in our area: habitats, ecology, and human impacts on these awesome predators. Be sure to bring your kids to see a live raptor from the Wapsi River Center up close!</p>	<p>Tues, July 5 and Thurs, July 7 Plastic Pollution on the Mighty Mississippi <i>Lori McCollum, PACG-EF</i></p> <p>Learn about plastic pollution and contamination of our most important local resource. Did you know that 40% of the plastic pollution in the Gulf of Mexico comes down the Mighty Mississippi? How can we keep the QC waters clear of plastic waste? Receive a mesh bag for picking up plastic.</p>
<p>Tues, July 12 and Thurs, July 14 Quad City's 'First Residents' <i>Beth Carvey, Ret. Black Hawk Historical Society</i></p> <p>Learn about the many cultures of indigenous peoples that have occupied this region of the Mississippi River Valley over the last ten thousand years. Special emphasis will be placed on telling the story of the Sauk and Meskwaki (Fox) tribes who, from 1740 to 1831, were the last two indigenous nations to occupy this portion of the river valley.</p>	<p>Tues, July 19 and Thurs, July 21 Mussels and the I-74 Bridge <i>Jon Duyvejonck</i></p> <p>Millions of mussels, including some endangered species, are found in this section of the river. We will learn about them and why they are important and we should care about their conservation. We will also get updates on the relocation of the 140,000 mussels as part of the I-74 project.</p>
<p>Tues, July 26 and Thurs, July 28 The History and Future of Hydropower on the Upper Mississippi River <i>Roger Viadero, Western Illinois University</i></p> <p>Learn about the history of hydropower as we visit the low head power dam in Sylvan Slough. You'll also discover the role hydropower played in the early industrial history of Rock Island Arsenal and examine the future of hydropower on the Upper Mississippi River.</p>	<p>Tues, Aug 2 and Thurs, Aug 4 Beiderbecke and Belson <i>Josh Duffee, Bix Society</i></p> <p>Learn about the lives of Bix Beiderbecke and Louie Bellson through recorded music, recently discovered historical information, anecdotes, and their connections to the Quad City area.</p>
<p>Tues, August 9 and Thurs, August 11 River Landscape Mosaic <i>Dr. Reuben Heine and Dr. Norm Moline, Augustana College</i></p> <p>Why does the river flow east-west here? What are river processes, and how have humans changed them? What are current waterfront uses and environmental issues? Pool 15 from Arsenal Island to Hampton is a good section to consider these questions and have a riverview of the new I-74 bridge.</p>	<p>Tues, August 16 and Thurs, August 18 Lock and Dam 15 Improvements <i>Anthony Heddlesten, Civil Engineer, USACE</i></p> <p>We will look through the first lock constructed for the 9-foot channel system in the 1930s and learn about how it operates. On our way to and from the lock and dam. We'll discuss why it was built and the maintenance and upkeep that has kept it running for the past 90 years.</p>
<p>Tues, August 23 and Thurs, August 25 MRCIT: Mayors Collaborative Projects <i>Anthony Heddlesten, Mayor of Riverdale</i></p> <p>Anthony is the Mayor of Riverdale and a member of the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative. He serves on several regional boards and commissions. We will discuss various inter-community partnerships across the Quad Cities and across the river basin that will provide a better future for the river.</p>	<p>Tues, August 30 and Thurs, September 1 Constellation Fish Hatchery and Other Hot Topics of the Mississippi River <i>Jeremiah Hass, Eysel</i></p> <p>Learn about the Constellation Fish Hatchery's work locally, how programs like this are vital to the health of our local rivers, and get answers to any other questions you may have about the river.</p>

<p>Wed, June 1 and Sat, June 4 The Race between the Iron Horse and the Last Bison: 1833-1870 <i>Karen Anderson</i></p> <p>It took glacial ice fields 12,000 years to grind out Scott County's world famous top soil, but only 27 years for Sod Busters to plow it under. Pioneer diaries take us back to the days when bison, wolves, and bears roamed the county and waterfowl blackened the sky overhead</p> <p>Meet At: Lindsay Park Overlook. Park along East River Street</p>	<p>Wed, June 8 and Sat, June 11 Hauberg Estate: A Jens Jensen Landscape Restoration <i>Deb Kuntzi, Executive Director, Hauberg Estate Mansion & Gardens</i></p> <p>The estate represents one of the few complete Jens Jensen garden designs that you can visit in the US. This garden contains all of the hallmarks of the Jensen design aesthetic and is a national treasure.</p> <p>Meet at: Hauberg Estate front door at 1300 24th Street Rock Island, IL</p>
<p>Wed, June 15 and Sat, June 18 The History of the Heights <i>Matt Johnston</i></p> <p>Walking tour covering early settlement, Civil War and Dakota internment camps & residential development.</p> <p>Meet at: Lindsay Park, Davenport IA. East of Jersey Ridge Rd. on 11th St. Parking along north side of 11th St</p>	<p>Wed, June 22 and Sat, June 25 Regenerative Farming Practices <i>Rob Ewoldt, Ewoldt Farm</i></p> <p>Come walk farm fields and learn what a local farmer is doing to preserve and protect farmland and local waterways.</p> <p>Meet at: The red machine shed at the Ewoldt farm: 10386 130 St, Davenport, IA</p>
<p>Wed, June 29 and Sat, July 2 History of Arsenal Island <i>Kevin Braagfadt, Rock Island Arsenal Historian</i></p> <p>The walking tour will consist of a short tour of the Rock Island Arsenal. Sites that will be visited and/or discussed are the Rock Island Prison Barracks (Civil War), establishment of the Arsenal, construction of the stone shops, and service in World War I and World War II.</p> <p>Meet at: The Memorial Field Picnic Pavilion. (Please arrive at the RIA Visitor Center, in Moline, 30 minutes in advance to obtain your Arsenal pass)</p>	<p>Wed, July 6 and Sat, July 9 Unseen Gems—Native Fish <i>Scott Carlson, Arborist</i></p> <p>You may be surprised at the variety and beauty of small, non-game fishes that abound in some of the smallest bodies of water. Try your hand at collecting some of our local hidden treasures.</p> <p>Meet at: parking lot in Eastern Ave Park, 2900 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA</p>
<p>Wed, July 13 and Sat, July 16 Passion for Trees - Planting, Importance, and Climate Change <i>Scott Carlson, Arborist</i></p> <p>Walk with a local tree geek and talk about the beauty and utility of our trees. Discuss some of our common cultural issues and species tendencies. Learn about some common, predictable, and easily preventable tree problems.</p> <p>Meet at: Lower Lindsay Park, Parking lot east of the Lindsay Park Yacht Club, Davenport, IA</p>	<p>Wed, July 20 and Sat, July 23 Florescente to Sylvan: Connecting Neighborhoods with Historic Sites <i>Florescente Leaders, Mary Chappell, & Norm Moline</i></p> <p>Enjoy walking on the planned trail to connect Sylvan Island and the Mississippi River with Moline's Florescente neighborhood. Learn about the rich history, festivals and restaurants of Florescente and its special relationship with Sylvan.</p> <p>Meet at: St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot at 45th St. and 6th Avenue, Rock Island, IL</p>
<p>Wed, July 27 and Sat, July 30 North Slope Water Treatment Plant <i>Greg Pyles, WPC Treatment Operations Manager</i></p> <p>Tour this state-of-the-art \$44 million water treatment facility and learn how Moline maintains award-winning water treatment.</p> <p>Meet at: North Slope Water Treatment Plant. 71st Ave, Moline, IL</p>	<p>Wed, August 3 and Sat, August 6 Green Rooftops <i>Teresa Nelson</i></p> <p>Come tour a unique local farm that has been custom growing vegetated roof modules that have become part of buildings in Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas over the past 15 years.</p> <p>Meet at: 20770 Utica Ridge Road, Davenport, IA</p>
<p>Wed, August 10 and Sat, August 13 How David Sears Brought Deere to Moline <i>Frank Ege</i></p> <p>Learn how one of Moline's founders used the promise of free water power to persuade John Deere to build his plow factory in Moline.</p> <p>Meet at: John Deere Commons Channel Cat Dock. The presentation will be on the shore.</p>	<p>Wed, August 17 and Sat, August 20 German American Heritage <i>Kory Dornall, Schuetzen Park Guide</i></p> <p>Explore the role of German immigrants in the foundation of the Quad Cities while exploring Schuetzen Park and its own history.</p> <p>Meet at: Schuetzen Park 700 Waverly Rd. Davenport, IA Please bring sturdy shoes.</p>
<p>Wed, August 24 and Sat, August 27 Hampton's Historic Riverfront Walking Tour <i>Tom McKay, Hampton Historical Society</i></p> <p>This tour, starting at the 1849 Bretton & Black building, will discuss houses, businesses, and customs that linked Hampton to the Mississippi.</p> <p>Meet at: The Bretton and Black Store 529 1st Ave. Hampton, IL</p>	<p>If you are curious about the terrain or difficulty of a walk please call River Action for more information at (563) 322-2969.</p>



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- \$20 Student Membership**
Includes membership card, *eddy Magazine*, and free Riverine Walks
- \$45 Individual Membership**
Includes membership card, *eddy Magazine*, and free Riverine Walks
- \$75 Household Membership**
Includes membership card, *eddy Magazine*, and free Riverine Walks for all household members
- \$130 Action Membership**
Includes benefits of household membership, plus two admissions to a River Action event (choose between Ride and Seek, Taming of the Slough, Floatzilla, or the Senior Citizen Golf Cart Tour)

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