


<div>Channel Cat Talks</div> <div>Meet at Riverbend Commons, 2951 E River Dr, Moline, IL at 9 A.M.</div>		
<div>Tues, May 30 and Thurs, June 1</div> <div>Lock and Dam for Kids</div> <div>Anthony Heddlesten, Civil Engineer, USACE</div> <div>This lecture is for children and their parents who are interested in the functions of a Lock and Dam. While learning about how the Lock and Dam works and its purpose, you will get a chance to lock through the dam. All children will be required to wear a life jacket while on board the Water Taxi.</div>	<div>Tues, June 6 and Thurs, June 8</div> <div>Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi</div> <div>Karen Anderson</div> <div>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.</div>	
<div>Tues, June 13 and Thurs, June 15</div> <div>Raptors Along the River</div> <div>Dave Murcia, Naturalist</div> <div>Learn from a Scott County Conservation Naturalist as he discusses birds of prey in the Quad Cities, habitats, ecology, and human impacts on these amazing flying predators. Be sure to bring your kids to see a live raptor up close and personal!</div>	<div>Tues, June 20 and Thurs, June 22</div> <div>Ferrying on the Mississippi</div> <div>Reggie Mcleod, “Big River Magazine”</div> <div>Before we had car and pedestrian bridges to travel across the Mississippi River, people used to utilize the ferry system to cross the water. Learn all about the history of ferrying on the Mississippi, why it is important to the history of the river, and where you can find ferries today.</div>	
<div>Tues, June 27 and Thurs, June 29</div> <div>Quad City’s ‘First Residents’</div> <div>Beth Carvey, Ret. Black Hawk Historical Society</div> <div>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.</div>	<div>Tues, July 11 and Thurs, July 13</div> <div>Quad City Pelicans</div> <div>Tim Murphy, Quad City Audubon Society</div> <div>Big, white birds that look like they come straight from prehistoric times can be found all over the Mississippi River in the Quad Cities. Twenty years ago, this was not the case. Explore possible reasons the American White Pelican population has boomed over the years.</div>	
<div>Tues, July 18 and Thurs, July 20</div> <div>History of Arsenal Island</div> <div>Kevin Braafladt, Arsenal Island Historian</div> <div>Learn about the rich history of the Arsenal Island while taking a riverboat trip past it. Learn about its beginning, roles in World War I and II, and the people that made it what it is today.</div>	<div>Tues, July 25 and Thurs, July 27</div> <div>Ecology of the Mississippi River</div> <div>Jon Duyvejonck, Mississippi River Biologist</div> <div>Learn about the flora and fauna that call the Mississippi River home and how the changing climate will effect river life in the future.</div>	
<div>Tues, August 1 and Thurs, August 3</div> <div>River Landscape Mosaic</div> <div>Dr. Reuben Heine and Dr. Norm Moline, Augustana College</div> <div>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 river view of the new I-74 Bridge.</div>	<div>Tues, August 8 and Thurs, August 10</div> <div>Coast Guard of the Mississippi</div> <div>Evan Bledsoe, US Coast Guard</div> <div>The District 8, Upper Mississippi River Coast Guard patrols the inland waterways and rivers in the US, including the Mississippi River. Learn about the responsibilities of the coast guard and the inspections and investigations they complete to ensure the safety of everyone using the river.</div>	
<div>Tues, August 15 and Thurs, August 17</div> <div>Plastic Pollution on the Mighty Mississippi</div> <div>Lori McCollum, PACG</div> <div>Learn about the plastic pollution and contamination of out most important local water resource. Did you know that 40% of the plastic pollution in the Gulf of Mexico comes down the Mighty Mississippi? How can we at citizens can keep the QC waters clear of plastic waste?</div>	<div>Tues, August 22 and Thurs, August 24</div> <div>Lock and Dam 15 Improvements</div> <div>Anthony Heddlesten, Civil Engineer, USACE</div> <div>We will lock 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 required to keep it running for the past 90 years.</div>	
<div>Tues, August 29 and Thurs, August 31</div> <div>Commercial Fishing</div> <div>Mike Schafer, Schafer Fisheries</div> <div>Experience a commercial fisherman’s stories and how they make a living on the Mississippi River. Then, enjoy a fresh caught snack after the tour.</div>	<div>Visit <a href="http://riveraction.org">riveraction.org</a> to learn more about the Explore the River Series and other River Action programs</div>	

<h1>Riverine Walks</h1>		Wednesday Walks are from 6:30-8 P.M; Saturday Walks are from 9-10:30 A.M.
<p>Wed, May 31 and Sat, June 3</p> <p><b>Farming for the Future</b></p> <p><i>Robb Ewoldt, Ewoldt Farm</i></p> <p>Come walk farm fields and learn what a local farmer is doing to preserve and protect the Iowa farmland and local waterways.</p> <p><b>Meet At: The red machine shed at the Ewoldt farm: 10386 130 St, Davenport, IA</b></p>	<p>Wed, June 7 and Sat, June 10</p> <p><b>Hampton's Historic Riverfront Walking Tour</b></p> <p><i>Tom McKay</i></p> <p>This tour, starting at the 1849 Bretton and Black building, will discuss houses, businesses, and customs that link Hampton to the Mississippi River.</p> <p><b>Meet at: The Bretton &amp; Black Store, 529 1st Ave. Hampton, IL</b></p>	
<p>Wed, June 14 and Sat, June 17</p> <p><b>Patriots of the Prairie</b></p> <p><i>Karen Anderson</i></p> <p>From Dred Scott 's history making days on a Land Grant claim in Bettendorf, to John Brown's most famous pistol-packing slave train crossing on the Davenport riverfront- Scott County abolitionist freedom fighters lit the fuse which ignited the Civil War.</p> <p><b>Meet at: Leach Park, 100 12th St. Bettendorf, IA (right side of boat ramp)</b></p>	<p>Wed, June 21 and Sat, June 24</p> <p><b>Infrastructure Along Pool 15</b></p> <p><i>Matt Johnson</i></p> <p>Bridges, roads, locks, and water treatment development along the Mississippi River. We will view and discuss the history and features of some of these engineering projects, their impact to this stretch of the river, and some that still serve our community.</p> <p><b>Meet at: Lindsay Park, 2200 E 11th St. Davenport, IA</b></p>	
<p>Wed, June 28 and Sat, July 1</p> <p><b>River Bandit's Stadium Tour</b></p> <p><i>Dave Heller, River Bandits Owner</i></p> <p>Join Dave Heller as he talks about the River Bandits, Modern Woodmen Park, and the challenges and advantages to owning a small business on the Mississippi River while touring the place where it all happens!</p> <p><b>Meet at: Modern Woodmen Park, 209 S Gaines St. Davenport, IA</b></p>	<p>Wed, July 12 and Sat, July 15</p> <p><b>Saving Monarch Butterflies</b></p> <p><i>Paige Burke, QC Monarch Rescue Team</i></p> <p>Learn about a small, local group of passionate heroes who are trying to repopulate the endangered Monarch Butterfly. Then participate in a hunt for Monarch caterpillars and eggs to increase their chance at survival by raising them in captivity. (MRT will collect all eggs and caterpillars at the end of walk)</p> <p><b>Meet at: Nahant Marsh Education Center, 4220 Wapello Ave. Davenport, IA</b></p>	
<p>Wed, July 19 and Sat, July 22</p> <p><b>Eco-Roofs: Repurposing Empty Spaces into Something Green</b></p> <p><i>Teresa Nelson, Co-Owner of Roof Top Sedums</i></p> <p>Tour a unique local farm that has been custom growing vegetated roof modules that have become a part of buildings in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska.</p> <p><b>Meet at: Roof Top Sedums, 20770 Utica Ridge Rd. Davenport, IA</b></p>	<p>Wed, July 26 and Sat, July 29</p> <p><b>The Butterworth Center and Deere-Wiman House</b></p> <p><i>Gretchen Small, Butterworth Center</i></p> <p>Overlooking the Mississippi River sits the homes of John Deere and his descendants. Learn about the Deere family's connections to the river.</p> <p><b>Meet at: Butterworth Center and Deere-Wiman House, 1105 8th St. Moline, IL</b></p>	
<p>Wed, August 2 and Sat, August 5</p> <p><b>Future Projects Under the I-74 Bridge</b></p> <p><i>Jason Manfull, City of Bettendorf Public Works</i></p> <p>What will happen to all the space under the new I-74 Bridge? Learn about the "urban park" the City of Bettendorf wants to create to connect and beautify the downtown area.</p> <p><b>Meet at: Leach Park, 100 12th St, Bettendorf, IA</b></p>	<p>Wed, August 9 and Sat, August 12</p> <p><b>Mercado on 5th</b></p> <p><i>Maria Ontiveros, President, Mercado on 5th</i></p> <p>Not just a market, this non-profit serves as a resource for many minority owned businesses in the Quad Cities. Learn how Mercado fosters cultural pride with educational opportunities, business development, and events.</p> <p><b>Meet at: 5th Ave. and 12th St. Moline, IL</b></p>	
<p>Wed, August 16 and Sat, August 19</p> <p><b>Expanding Nahant Marsh</b></p> <p><i>Brian Ritter, Executive Director, Nahant Marsh Education Center</i></p> <p>Learn about what Nahant Marsh plans to do with their newly acquired 60-acre parcel of agricultural land and the development of a network of wildlife corridors that better connect Nahant Marsh to other nearby natural areas.</p> <p><b>Meet at: Nahant Marsh Education Center, 4220 Wapello Ave. Davenport, IA</b></p>	<p>Wed, August 23 and Sat, August 26</p> <p><b>Connecting Neighborhoods to History: Floreciente to Sylvan</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Norm Moline, Augustana College and Kathy Wine, River Action</i></p> <p>Enjoy walking the planned trail to connect Sylvan Island and the Mississippi River with Moline's Floreciente neighborhood. Learn about the rich history of Floreciente and its special relationship with Sylvan.</p> <p><b>Meet at: St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot at 45th St. and 6th Ave. Rock Island, IL</b></p>	
<p>Wed, August 30 and Sat, September 2</p> <p><b>Creepy Quad Cities</b></p> <p><i>Michael McCarty, Co-Author of "Eerie Quad Cities" and "Ghosts of the Quad Cities"</i></p> <p>From giant Catfish in the Mississippi River to Big Foot, to the Spider Monkey Specter of Sylvan Island. Learn about all the creepy tales from the Quad Cities that are featured in Michael's books.</p> <p><b>Meet at: Sylvan Island, 1st Ave. &amp; 2nd St. Moline, IL</b></p>	<p>If you are curious about the terrain or difficulty of a walk please call River Action for more information at <b>(563) 322-2969</b>.</p>	



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## What is the Explore the River Series?

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



**Channel Cat Talk** participants tour the Mississippi River aboard the Channel Cat Water Taxi, while experts narrate.



**Riverine Walk** participants explore the Quad Cities riverfront and other significant places through guided walks and talks.

### Who We Are

We all have a common history linked to the Mississippi River and with each new trail connection, new public access to the riverfront, and new visual link to the Mighty Mississippi, we become more united.

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.**

Lock 15 for Kids	Steamboating	Raptors
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Ferries	First Residents	Pelicans
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Arsenal Island	Ecology	River Landscape
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Coast Guard	Plastic Pollution	Lock and Dam 15
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### Commercial Fishing

Tues, Aug 29  
Thurs, Aug 31

### Riverine Walks

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Farming	Hampton	Patriots in Prairie
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, May 31	<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, June 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, June 14
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Infrastructure	River Bandits	Monarchs
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Green Rooftops	Butterworth	I-74 Bridge
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