

CHANNEL CAT TALKS

\$20 Per Session | 9 - 10:45 a.m.

All Talks take place on the Channel Cat Water Taxi located at:
2951 River Drive, Moline, IL 61265

August 5th & 7th (Make up date - now Monday & Wednesday) Quad City Pelicans

Tim Murphy, QC Audubon Society

Learn about the big white birds found along the Mississippi River in our Quad Cities region. Twenty years ago this was not the case. Explore possible reasons the American White Pelican population has boomed recently.

August 6th & 8th (Tuesday & Thursday) Our River Landscape Mosaic

Professors Reuben Heine & Norm Moline

Pool 15 from Arsenal Island to Hampton reveals how physical geography and human actions combine to shape a landscape. Why does the river flow east-west here? What are key river processes and how have humans changed them? What are the current waterfront uses and environmental issues? Enjoy this river journey with us.

August 13th & 15th (Tuesday & Thursday) Plastic Pollution on the Mighty Mississippi River

Lori McCollum, PACG

Learn about the plastic pollution and contamination of our most important local water resource. Did you know that 40% of the plastic pollution in the Gulf of Mexico flows down the Mighty Mississippi? Find out what you can do as a Quad Citizen to help keep our waters clear of plastic waste.

August 19th & 21st (Make up date - now Monday & Wednesday) Quad Cities "First Residents"

Beth Carvey, Ret. Black Hawk State Historic Site

Learn about the many cultures of indigenous people that have occupied this region of the Mississippi River Valley over the last 10,000 years. Special emphasis will be given to the Meskwaki (Fox) and Sauk tribes who were the last two indigenous nations to occupy this portion of the river from 1740 to 1831.

August 20th & 22nd (Tuesday & Thursday) Commercial Fishing on the Mississippi

Mike Schafer, Schafer Fisheries

Come for a ride on the Channel Cat and listen to a commercial fisherman tell stories of how they make a living on the Mississippi River. Stick around to enjoy a fresh-caught snack afterwards!

August 26th & 28th (Second Presentation - Monday & Wednesday) Fantastic Voyage on the Mississippi

Dana Starkell, Adventurer

At age 19 Dana and his father paddled a canoe from central Canada to the mouth of the Amazon River in Brazil. The Mississippi River was a memorable part of this 2-year Guinness World Record Breaking trip. Listen as Dana shares entertaining stories from their adventure, giving a unique perspective of life on the river.

August 27th & 29th (Tuesday & Thursday) Gongoozling with USACE - 200 years of operation, maintenance, and inspections on the Mississippi

Anthony Heddlesten & Josh Hendrix, USACE

Lock through the first lock constructed in the 1930s for the 9-foot channel system and learn 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 over 90 years.

September 3rd & 5th (Make up date - Tuesday & Thursday) Steamboating on the Upper Mississippi River

Karen Anderson, Historian

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.

RIVERINE WALKS

\$10 Per Session / FREE for River Action Members

All Riverine Walks take place at the specified meeting location.
Wed. Walks: 6:30 - 8 p.m. | Sat. Walks: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

July 31st & August 3rd Exploring the Marsh

Amy Loving, Director of Education, Nahant Marsh

Hike the trails at Nahant Marsh and discover the unique flora and fauna found in our region's largest urban wetland. Dress according to weather.

Meet at: Nahant Marsh: 4220 Wapello Ave. in Davenport, IA

August 7th & 10th Before Rock Island, There Was Farnhamsburg

Gena Schantz, Historian

Hear the exciting history of 'the Man Who Walked Around the World,' Russel Farnham, and learn how his fur trading post evolved from a few settlers' cabins into an inn and eventually became the first temporary courthouse where electors established the county seat of Stephenson, now known as Rock Island County.

Meet at: Schwiebert Park Pavilion in Rock Island, IL (bring a lawn chair)

August 14th & 17th Quad City National Weather Service Office Tour

John Haase, Meteorologist/Forecaster

Learn about weather, climate change, and the history of the NWS and its mission as you take a tour of the operations area and see how they forecast & create weather warnings.

Meet at: NOAA/NWS, 9040 Harrison St. in Davenport, IA (near Davenport airport)

August 21st & 24th The South Branch of the Mississippi: Small but Important

Dr. Norm Moline

South of Arsenal Island is the Mississippi's South Branch, often called Sylvan Slough. Getting less attention than the main north channel, it was the key factor for the development of industries in Moline, eastern Rock Island, and the arsenal's location. This branch is now used for recreation. Enjoy this feature's story and scenery.

Meet at: Bass Street Landing, Moline, IL

August 28th & 31st This is a Farm

Sonja Kinser, Hydroponics Mgr., Tapestry Farms

Tour a 320 sq. ft. hydroponics farm that harvests up to 12,000 lbs. of fresh and nutritious produce annually - the equivalent of a 2-4 acre farm! The food stays local, directly benefiting the communities we call home. Innovative solutions like a self-contained Freight Farm reduce land use and help conserve precious resources like water.

Meet at: Botanical Center: 2525 4th Ave. Rock Island, IL

September 4th & 7th Hiking Smith's Island & Lock & Dam 14

Mike McKean, Park Ranger, USACE

Join a Corps of Engineers' Park Ranger for a guided hike around Smith's Island near Lock & Dam 14. Explore local river history and the Corps' pivotal role in how the river looks today.

Meet at: Smith's Island: 22549 182nd St in Pleasant Valley, IA (lower gravel lot)

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