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Our Aims

PROMOTE canoeing and kayaking as a water sport
TEACH boating techniques and water safety for river travel
PRESERVE our remaining wilderness rivers for future generations

**David Luinstra will share his
experiences from his most recent
Grand Canyon Trip**

The Craft Room

Oak Ridge Civic Center

**Tuesday
April 21, 2009
7:30 pm**

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!!!! Renew Your Club Membership Now !!!!!

East Tennessee Whitewater Club Membership Renewal for 2009

Dues are \$15 per year for family membership. Our dues year is the calendar year, Jan 1 to Dec 31. Please renew early in the year.

Send the membership form on the back of the newsletter with a check (payable to ETWC) to:

ETWC P.O. Box 5774 Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5774

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Presentations

April - David Luinstra will share his experiences from his February trip through the Grand Canyon.

Submissions

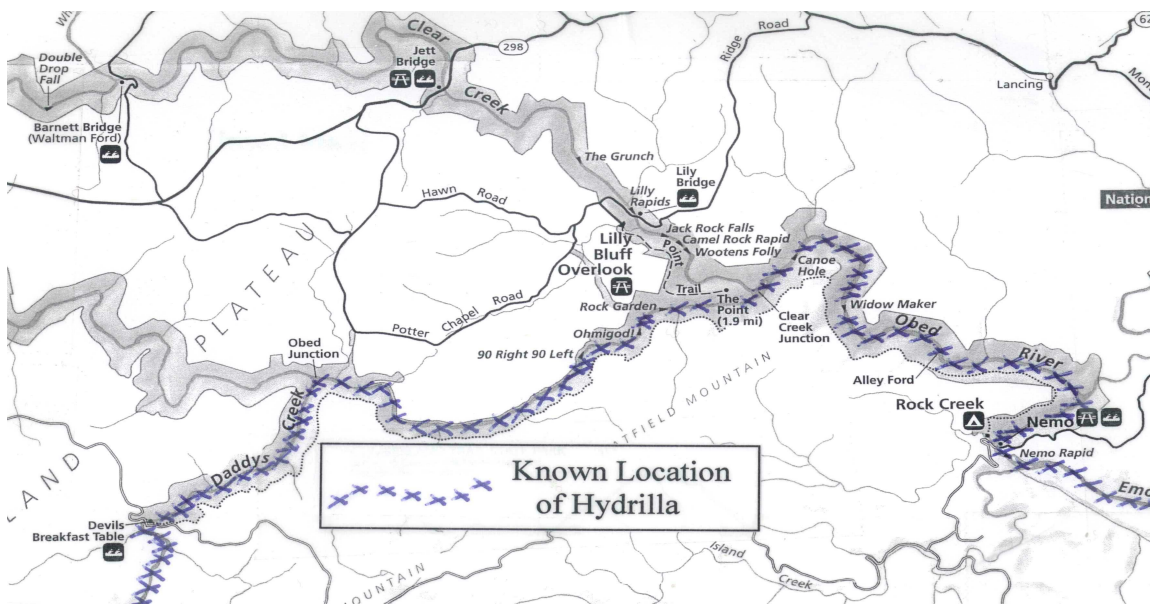
The following submission was taken from Matt Hudson's presentation at the March Meeting.

NPS ASKS FOR PADDLERS HELP: Prevent the Spread of Hydrilla in the Obed Wild and Scenic River

Hydrilla has been found in the Obed/Emory river system. Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) is an aquatic, invasive plant which is adapted to grow in very low light and which is able to tolerate a wide range of temperatures and conditions. Growing rapidly (up to one inch per day), hydrilla can quickly dominate native vegetation. Hydrilla forms dense mats at the surface of the water and can dramatically alter the balance of an ecosystem. Hydrilla can affect water quality and flow patterns. The presence of hydrilla can also have significant impacts on fish. Hydrilla covers spawning areas, impedes predation and can ultimately lead to a decrease in sport-fish populations. Hydrilla can also cause significant reductions in oxygen levels which can negatively impact fish populations, and in extreme cases, result in fish kills. Hydrilla also limits human uses of streams. Hydrilla-choked channels can make swimming or fishing difficult or impossible—not to mention the fact that setting up for your roll in a thick mat of hydrilla will not be much fun!



Although the exact extent of the hydrilla infestation within the Obed/Emory system is not known at this time, field observations have identified hydrilla in Daddy's Creek between Antioch Bridge and the Devil's Breakfast Table, in Daddy's Creek below the Devil's Breakfast Table, in the Obed River below its confluence with Daddy's Creek, and in the Emory River below its confluence with the Obed.



WHAT YOU CAN DO: Humans are one of the main methods of transport for hydrilla. Even very small fragments or seeds which stick to boats, shoes, paddles or other equipment can lead to an explosion of hydrilla in a new segment of a stream or in another stream system. For example, if you paddle from Lilly Bridge to Nemo on one day, and then from Barnett Bridge to Jett Bridge on the next, there is a chance that you might unintentionally introduce hydrilla into Clear Creek. One of the best things that you can do to prevent this is to wash off your boat and all other equipment with river water at the take-out, insuring that all vegetative matter, mud, etc. have been removed. Also, try to avoid paddling or wading through hydrilla, and use special caution at the put-in and take-out and any time that you go to shore. For more information, please contact the Obed Wild and Scenic River at (423) 346-6294.

Roll Practice

The remaining ETWC Winter Roll Practice schedule is shown below. Practice is at the Oak Ridge Civic Center from 8:30 to 10:00 PM on the indicated dates.

April	17	Tris West
	24	Josh Golliher
May	1	Kary Scarborough
	8	Kary Scarborough

Last Meeting Minutes

Matt Hudson, ranger at the NPS Obed Wild and Scenic River (OWSR), gave a two-part presentation on the park: the current status of land acquisition and emergency evacuation routes for whitewater paddlers.

Park Land Acquisition:

Park acquisitions can be to acquire to own or as a scenic or trail easement. Of the 5,195 acres within the park boundary, 2,674 acres are owned by the NPS and 1,081 acres have easements (987 scenic and 93 trail easements).

In 2006 key land on the Lower Clear Creek bluff line was purchased by a consortium of environmental, recreation, and conservation groups spearheaded by TCWP and including ETWC, Chota, ET Climbers Coalition, The Nature Conservancy, and TSRA. In 2008 the NPS acquired 43.7 acres near where Little Clear Creek comes in to Clear Creek. A conservationist purchased the land when it became available and held it until the NPS could purchase it. The number one acquisition priority for the OWSR is a tract at Obed Junction

Evacuation Trails:

Matt reviewed Chota's "Obed Emergency Exit Routes" and mentioned possible alternate routes due mainly to changes that have occurred on the OWSR. He hopes to create a field-tested revision of the escape routes later and share it with the clubs. A couple of the items mentioned were:

Daddy's Creek, DBT to Obed Junction. The Cumberland Trail now runs along river right. You can use it to hike back upstream along the river to your car.

Clear Creek, Below Focus Falls. On river left, don't turn right to go downstream of Focus Falls, the portion of the climbers trail that ascended to the canyon rim is no longer there. You will have to turn left and go upstream.

Special Note: Hydrilla, an invasive water plant probably released from aquariums, has been found in Daddy's Creek and the Obed. It's not in Clear Creek—yet. It spreads easily from small pieces and can become very dense. Please be careful at put ins and take outs by checking your gear and removing and trashing pieces of Hydrilla.

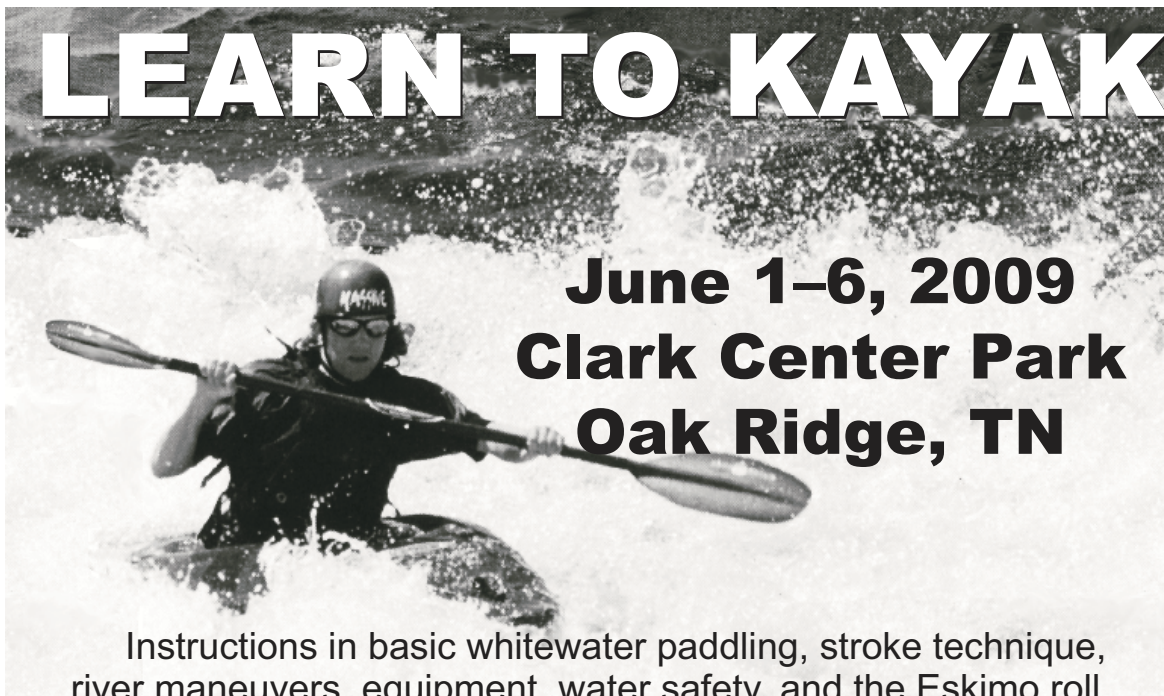
Upcoming Events

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| April 17 | Phil Campbell, Superintendent of the Obed Wild and Scenic River, is retiring. His going away party will be at the Sagebrush Restaurant in Oak Ridge at 6:30 PM. |
| April 18 | Discovery Fest in Wartburg. |
| April 25 | Earth Day in Oak Ridge. |
| May 23 | Obed Wild and Scenic River Clean-up. This date is now official. |
| June 1-6 | The annual ETWC Kayaking clinic. The Application is attached. Feel free to distribute a copy to any interested individuals. More information on the clinic will be in the next news letter. |

Dues: \$15.00 Yearly Family Membership (*January 1 renewal date*)
Send to: East Tennessee Whitewater Club, P.O. Box 5774, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5774

(Parent or guardian if participant is under 18 years of age)

LEARN TO KAYAK



June 1-6, 2009
Clark Center Park
Oak Ridge, TN

Instructions in basic whitewater paddling, stroke technique, river maneuvers, equipment, water safety, and the Eskimo roll.

6:00 p.m. 'til dark during the week,
plus a river trip on Saturday.

Instruction Fee: \$60.00

East Tennessee Whitewater Club

Class size limited / Pre-registration required

For clinic information call: David Fox, (865) 483-5914 or e-mail: oakridgefox@aol.com

See our website at: <http://www.etwcweb.com>

----- Pre-registration form/waiver, cut here -----

Mail form, signed waiver, and instruction fee to: **David Fox, 111 West Lincoln Drive, Oak Ridge, TN 37830**

Pre-registration forms must be received by May 25, 2009.

KAYAK CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM

Minimum age is 12. Children under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Email _____

List any boating or whitewater experience you have. _____

Do you need equipment? (circle) Yes No

Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____

EAST TENNESSEE WHITEWATER CLUB BEGINNER KAYAK CLINIC

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The East Tennessee Whitewater Club offers an intensive one-week course for beginner kayakers. The purpose of the clinic is to teach basic whitewater techniques and safety. Whitewater experience is not required but individuals should be comfortable in water and able to swim.

DATES: Monday, June 1 through Saturday, June 6, 2009

HOURS, MEETING PLACES, AND ACTIVITIES:

MONDAY: 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

Social Room, Oak Ridge Civic Center, Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN.
Registration, whitewater orientation, safety, instructional video, and skills checklist.
IMPORTANT: Bring boats and equipment for fitting adjustments and inspection.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY: 6:00 P.M. until dark

Clark Center (Carbide) Park swimming area.
Personal in-the-water instruction on kayaking techniques, including paddling strokes, Eskimo rescues and Eskimo rolls.

THURSDAY: 6:00 P.M. until dark

Meet at the Civic Center parking lot for trip to Nemo Bridge on the Emory River (water level permitting) for introduction to moving water.

SATURDAY: River trip location, meeting place and time to be announced Friday.
Supervised trip on local whitewater river and party afterwards.

FEES: The cost of the clinic is \$60 (Includes 6-month club membership).

EQUIPMENT: Each student is responsible for furnishing all of their own equipment. Required equipment is: kayak with flotation, spray skirt, life vest, paddle, and helmet. Nose clips are recommended.

Some equipment may be available from the club on a first come basis with a \$15 use fee and a \$40 deposit. Note: Please write a separate check for the deposit.

REGISTRATION: *Pre-registration required, class size limited.*

For information: Call David Fox, (865) 483-5914 or e-mail: oakridgefox@aol.com

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I, _____, desiring to join my fellow paddlers in the East Tennessee Whitewater Club (ETWC), do hereby declare that I fully understand and accept the following facts of life on the river:

1. Canoeing, kayaking, or rafting, particularly on whitewater rivers, exposes the participants to various safety hazards, including but not limited to, water hazards (boulders, undercut rocks, trees, strainers, water formations such as water falls, holes, keepers, hydraulics, and other obstacles), swimming in turbulent water, using paddling equipment, accidents or illness in remote places without medical facilities, and travel in a vehicle not driven by me.
2. No one but I am responsible for my safety when I choose to paddle a particular river or a particular rapid.
3. I further understand that I have no legal duty to assist others, nor does anyone else have a legal duty to render such assistance to me. I certify that I am in good physical condition, that I can swim, and that I have no physical defects or injuries that would prevent me from participating in this activity. I fully understand and agree that, when I participate in canoeing, kayaking, or rafting, there is always the possibility of unknown, uncontrollable dangers and accidental or other physical injury and death. I know I can be killed, and I willingly assume the risks referred to in Paragraph 1 and elsewhere in this release.

Therefore, in consideration for granting me the right to join and participate in ETWC activities, and intending to be legally bound, I hereby release, waive and discharge my right to sue ETWC, its trip coordinators, instructors, leaders, officers, directors, representatives, agents, employees, and affiliates, and also any landowner or governmental unit which may allow ETWC to use its property, for any and all loss or damage on account of injury to my person or property or on account of my death, which may occur during, in preparation for, or in transit to or from an ETWC activity.

I further understand that ETWC carries no insurance for the protection of participants in whitewater activities, and any insurance coverage existing with respect to ETWC shall not alter the terms of this waiver nor impose any liability on ETWC.

This waiver applies only to acts or omissions of ordinary negligence and to any deliberate act intended to promote my safety or well being.

This waiver is signed by me in the interest of permitting ETWC to exist and to serve the paddling community, and to enable me and my fellow paddlers to feel free to donate their services to improving the sport and to help in training those less skilled in the sport without fear of liability.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(Parent or guardian if participant is under 18 years of age)

Date: _____