

## HISTORY

Numerous historical points of interest are located along the 193-mile paddling route including trading posts, oxcart trails, treaty signing locations, and steamboat landings.

## VOLUNTEER & PADDLER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed to assist with logistics and to participate as canoeists/kayakers. Paddlers of all abilities will find waters to suit them.

Organizers will help match paddling abilities to suitable reaches of the river.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT



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## TO REGISTER:

[www.redlakerivercorridor.org](http://www.redlakerivercorridor.org)

## SUPPORTERS

- Explore Minnesota Tourism
- International Water Institute
- MN Department of Natural Resources
- NW Regional Sustainable Development Partnership
- Pembina Trails RC&D Council
- River Keepers
- Red Lake Band of Ojibwa
- Red Lake River Corridor Joint Powers Board
- Red Lake Watershed District
- Red River Watershed Management Board

*"Northwest Minnesota Rivers are not just drainage systems to manipulate economic ends; they are the life blood of the land, the home of many species.*

*Their beauty inspires us."*

Jim dale Huot-Vickery

## FUNDED IN PART BY

- Northwest MN Foundation
- International Water Institute
- Red Lake Watershed District

*Promoting Community Watershed Watch*



## Red Lake River Rendezvous Tour

**May 28 - June 10, 2007**

*~A community-based paddling experience celebrating the adventure and wonder of the Red Lake River~*

- **Creating Awareness**
- **Promoting Access and Use**
- **Connecting Communities**



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## BACKGROUND

The Red Lake River spans 193 miles from the outlet of Lower Red Lake to the confluence with the Red River of the North in East Grand Forks. The Red Lake River is truly unique; traversing sweeping vistas of coniferous and deciduous forests and prairie - each with its own distinctive plants and animals. The Red Lake River serves as an important resource that enhances the quality of life of northwestern Minnesota residents.



### RED LAKE RIVER CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS BOARD MISSION

*"To protect and restore the Red Lake River's natural corridor and enhance water quality and fish and wildlife habitat that will provide for educational, recreational, & economic opportunity."*

## THE TOUR

The Rendezvous will celebrate the diverse historical and natural features of the Red Lake River on the **40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its designation as an official MN Department of Natural Resources Canoe Route.**

Tour leaders will begin paddling at the outlet of the Lower Red Lake River on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The public is invited to join in the fun starting on May 30<sup>th</sup> for a day or two or the entire trip. The trip will end with a final rendezvous celebration in East Grand Forks on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Along the route, Red Lake River Communities are planning to meet and entertain participants with special events, community celebrations, and meals.

## COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

- May 28 - Red Lake
- June 1 - Thief River Falls
- June 2 - St. Hilaire
- June 3 - Red Lake Falls
- June 4 - Huot Park
- June 6 - Crookston
- June 8 - Fisher
- June 10 - East Grand Forks

There is no charge for participating in the Tour. However, depending on the reach you are paddling, there may be a small fee for food and/or watercraft.

## TOUR GUIDE

Jim Dale Huot-Vickery has authored several books and journal articles and has participated in many extended paddling trips including a 1,100 mile trip from northeast MN to Hudson Bay. Mr Huot-Vickery grew up along the Red Lake River and brings a wealth of historical background and information to share with Tour participants.

## SPONSORSHIP

If you are interested in helping sponsor this celebration of the Red Lake River, please contact the International Water Institute (701-231-5266). Funds and item donations are needed to cover watercraft costs, PFDs, postage, food, medical kits, and other Tour supplies and expenses. All sponsors will be recognized on printed materials and announcements.

Tour support will promote regional recreational use of our rivers and lakes.

