

“River Critters and Wild Life” with Dr. Jim Pease

Saturday, June 29

Location: To Be Determined

Time: Meet at 9:00 a.m./Leave shore by 10:00 a.m

Must be at least 16 years old to participate, and preregistration is required. Contact the Corps office at (641) 828-7522 or (641) 628-8690 or via email at lakeredrock@usace.army.mil for more information. A small number of kayaks are available for checkout – borrow one from us or bring your own. The program is free of charge.

Paddling Iowa rivers since the age of 12, Dr. Jim Pease is a wildlife and interpretive specialist who will help you find and understand the wild life along Iowa’s rivers. From birds and mammals to trees and shrubs, Jim knows them and knows how to help you understand them and their relationship with the river. We’ll paddle for 1-3 hours, stopping frequently to watch and learn what the river has to teach us. Family groups welcome. Jim has over 3 decades of experience as a front-line interpreter, professor of interpretation, and writer and consultant on many interpretive and environmental education projects. He has taught thousands, from youth through senior citizens, in formal and non-formal settings, written dozens of publications for professionals and lay people alike, and communicated by a regular statewide radio program, TV segments, podcasts, and websites. His experience includes teaching interpretation to undergraduate and graduate students for 24 years, research on impact of interpretive and education strategies, over two decades as an Extension Wildlife Specialist, director of Iowa’s NatureMapping and Master Conservationist programs, and fifteen years in youth development and natural resources. He helped design and coordinate Iowa’s new Master River Stewards Program with Iowa Rivers Revival. Now retired from Iowa State University, he consults on a variety of projects, leads international trips, and can be heard monthly on Iowa Public Radio’s “Talk of Iowa” program.