

Grab your paddles on Saturday, April 9th:

PADDLING EXCURSION ON THE LEMON FAIR

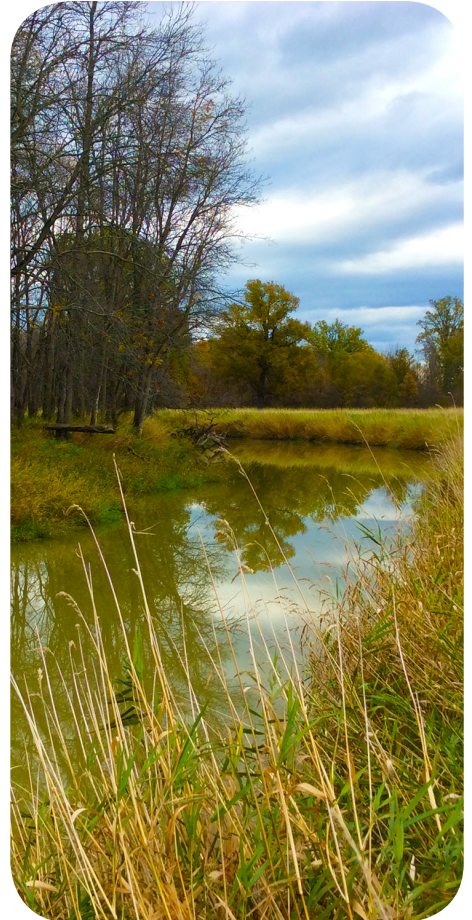
Join the Cornwall Conservation Commission for an exploration of the woodlands that border the Lemon Fair downstream from the Route 125 Bridge. We will visit a mix of clayplain forest, red/silver maple-green ash swamp forest, and marshes rewilding after pasture abandonment.

Identified by the 2015 Ecological Inventory as one of Cornwall's important natural areas, it is a wildlife haven and a strikingly beautiful place with stunning large bur oak. In spring, the Lemon Fair usually widens during flood stages into what appears to be a lake, part of what locals refer to as "Lake Lemon Fair." Because forest is now rare along the Lemon Fair, these remnant woodlands are critically important for wildlife and ecological diversity of the river valley. We may encounter migrating waterfowl, so binoculars would be useful.

Ecologist Brett Engstrom, who completed the natural resources inventory, and CC's Marc Lapin will lead the excursion.

Participants need to have their own canoe or kayak. We will depart from the pull-off area next to the bridge on Route 125 at 9:00 a.m., paddle north to the woods, and then back upstream against the light to moderate current. Our anticipated return time is noon. If possible, we will dock along the way to explore the wetlands and woods, so dress appropriately for water and mud. Bring a snack and water!

Questions: contact Marc Lapin (lapin@middlebury.edu) or Mary Dodge (mdodge@middlebury.edu, 462-2899.) Rain date: Sunday, the 10th.



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