



# The Paddler's Gauge

May 2011

**Remind your paddling friends: Renew your TRPC membership for 2011.**

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## 2011 Slip Clinic

**!!!!Mark your calendars for the weekend June 3, 4, & 5, 2011for this year's 2011 SLIP CLINIC!!!!**

The Slip Clinic is a great opportunity for beginners, practiced beginners, intermediates and youth to improve their paddling skills and techniques. It is also a great opportunity for more experienced paddlers to get involved. We are asking every experienced boater to help by instructing, assisting, safety boating or just coming out for dinner and fun on Saturday night, June 4! **EVERYONE** can be involved!

The clinic's philosophy is to teach paddlers on water where they feel totally comfortable, with progression to more difficult skills and water after mastery of basic skills has been demonstrated.

Forms for the 2011 SLIP CLINIC will be provided in the April TRPC NEWSLETTER. Ralph Minto is coordinating the Adult Clinic this year. In the interim please direct all inquiries to Ralph at [rminto@mintolaw.com](mailto:rminto@mintolaw.com).

All students, instructors and assistants must be members of the Three Rivers Paddling Club to participate. Again, all of the forms and paperwork for the 2011 SLIP CLINIC will be included in the April Newsletter.

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## Ohiopyle Falls Access Update

By Barry Adams

As most of you know Ohiopyle State Park got a new Park Manager last year, James Juran. John Hallas who was instrumental in obtaining limited access to Ohiopyle Falls was promoted to Regional Manager out of the Bureau of State Parks (BOP) western office in Prospect PA so he still oversees Ohiopyle State Park. If you happen to be paddling Slippery Rock give him a call.

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On March 24, 2011 The DCNR issued the following press release.

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Commonwealth News Bureau  
Ohiopyle State Park  
Ohiopyle, PA 15470  
CONTACT: James Juran(724)329-8591

#### OHIOPYLE STATE PARK ANNOUNCES FALLS ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM EXTENSION

OHIOPYLE – The Bureau of State Parks in cooperation with the American Whitewater Association assessed the pilot program granting private boater access to the falls during a three week period from August 22, 2010, through September 12, 2010. Six hundred ninety nine (699) boaters took advantage of this access. During this time, there were no visitor accidents or injuries associated with running the falls. James Juran, Park Manager, stated, “I believe the pilot program was a success and should be extended during the 2011 summer season when the Lower Youghiogheny Launch is staffed seven days a week.”

Beginning Saturday May 21, 2011, and closing Sunday September 11, 2011’ the falls will be open for runs between 8:30am and 2:30pm, with the last permits being sold at 2:15pm. “Just like in 2010, boaters wishing to run the falls this season must adhere to the Private Boater Falls Access Guidelines and sign a waiver at the Lower Youghiogheny Launch booth,” Juran said. “The Ohiopyle Falls and the related rapids upstream and downstream are considered to be Class III-IV rapids and it is up to each individual to judge whether they have the skills to competently run these rapids.”

The park has received positive feedback from the boating community and from park visitors watching from the falls observation decks in anticipation, as the boaters negotiate the waterfall.

For more information about this pilot program, contact the Ohiopyle State Park office at (724) 329-8591 or visit [www.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us). End

The guidelines are basically the same as last year and you can read them on American Whitewater’s web site or on the Falls Festival Web site at: [www.FallsRace.com](http://www.FallsRace.com) They did shorten the sign in from 2:30 to 2:15pm which we voiced our concerns over but it was done primarily to give the Launch staff a little more time.

It is important that everyone realize that running this waterfall should be for experienced boaters only. Running this class IV waterfall has all the potential hazards involved with any other class IV rapid. Safety at the base of the falls is limited and other boaters can only offer assistance when you wash out from under the falls. In some cases paddlers have been held under for a long time. It is important to note that after watching numerous runs over the falls there can be a significant difference in a level of 1.7 and 1.8. As with some rapids, a small change in CFS can make a significant difference--and that is the case with Ohiopyle Falls. As with any whitewater activity, you are responsible for judging your own capabilities and for your own safety. If you do not have the experience to run the Falls, please do not attempt to do so and make sure the water level is appropriate for your ability.

Remember: this is still considered a pilot program by the BOP. PLEASE abide by the guidelines and DON'T mess this up for everyone.

AW and others have not given up on gaining more access. We continue to communicate with the Park and BOP officials to gain additional access.

Make sure you mark your calendars for this year's Ohiopyle Over the Falls Festival on August 20, 2011. More information can be found at [www.FallsRace.com](http://www.FallsRace.com) as it becomes available.



## SLIP CLINIC DETAILED INFORMATION

DETAILS (INCLUDING ALL FORMS, DIRECTIONS, CUTOFF TIMES, INSTRUCTOR MATTERS, FEES, ETC.) FOR THE CLINIC WILL BE ON THE TRPC WEBSITE STARTING MAY 1. IT WILL ALSO BE IN THE MAY NEWSLETTER.

### CLINICS

#### ADULT CLINIC:

The adult clinic is offered to all adult members of TRPC and nonmembers of the TRPC who submit their dues and application with the 2011 SLIP CLINIC forms.

#### YOUTH CLINIC:

The Youth clinic will be offered for children of TRPC member families who are at least six years old. It runs concurrently with the adult clinic. Children 16 years old or older may participate in the adult 2011 Slip Clinic.

### INSTRUCTORS AND ASSISTANTS

Instructors and assistant instructors are needed! Remember the way you felt when someone taught you to paddle? Remember the way they cheered as you did your first wobbly eddy turn and smiled when you swam the last two rapids? Even if you haven't taught before, you can help! We can put you with an experienced instructor. We also encourage you to participate as instructors prior to the event. All instructors must be 18 or over. You can even request a level to teach.

### SATURDAY DINNER

This year, we are planning a Saturday evening dinner beginning around 6:00p.m. at Breakneck Campground, which is located across the road from Betsy's Barn. Accommodations can be made to have Vegetarian Lasagna on an as requested basis. Dinner was great last year and we expect the same this year. There will be a charge of \$15 per adult and \$9 per child (ages 8 & under) if you want to join us. Alcoholic beverages will not be available, but BYOB. Everyone is invited to come out for dinner, even if you're not attending the 2011 SLIP CLINIC.

#### Menu:

- Pig Roast/ Veggie
- Vegetarian Lasagna (as requested)
- Cheese Potatoes
- Green Bean casserole
- Linguine Salad
- Salad- Ranch & Italian dressing
- Dessert
- Cold drinks
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### BREAKFAST

Once again, the Cheesemans will be providing breakfast both Saturday and Sunday morning at the campground lodge. Cost will be \$7 (pay at door). This has been a big hit since it began; you will get plenty to eat. It cannot get any more convenient than this!

### CAMPING

Camping this year will again be at Breakneck Campground located on Cheeseman Road. The cost for camping is \$7 per person for the grassy or gravel sites, payable upon arrival. The 10X10 wooden decks are \$15 per night, the 3-sided hut is \$25 and the "deluxe" cabin with electricity is \$60 per night.



## CPR Can Save A Life

CPR class for anyone interested (member or nonmember) will be held Tuesday June 14th. With the unfortunate circumstances involving paddlers in the past couple years, it's a good idea to keep refreshed on lifesaving skills.

Completion of the course, you will get a CPR certification card. This is the lowest cost CPR class and the most entertaining CPR class around! You will leave the class informed and very well entertained. Yes, a CPR class can be fun!!!!

Space is limited.

Date: June 14th (Tuesday)

Time: 6pm till 10pm (probably much earlier than 10)

Location: Carnegie United Methodist Church (club meeting location)

Cost: \$25/participant

The instructor for the class is Dave Macher from [www.cprpgh.com](http://www.cprpgh.com)

Please contact me if you care going to participate in the class. I need to let the instructor know how many students will be attending. Bob [bkilbert@gmail.com](mailto:bkilbert@gmail.com) 412-335-9748



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## Mark Hanna and Carl Schneider Memorial Swiftwater Clinic

Charlie Walbridge, American Whitewater's Safety Guru, will be conducting the Mark Hanna and Carl Schneider Memorial Swiftwater Rescue Clinic for KH and TRPC members during the weekend of June 11/12, 2011.

This Clinic will cover the full gamut of safety instruction from group dynamics, self rescue, pin/broach recovery, strong swimmer rescue, etc. Charlie's Web Site is listed above so you can check out the complete course details. The dry land portion of this 2 day Clinic will be held at Teter's Campground in Albright, WV and the on water portion will be held at an appropriate nearby river. The group will have reservations at Teter's Campground and if time/energy permits, we'll try to get a run in on the Cheat or Sandy during the weekend. Based on 10 people the cost will be about \$80 per person. There might be an extra \$5 for insurance if you're not an ACA member.

Because this course is limited to 10 participants, you need to sign up as soon as possible. There are only a few openings left. It's really a great idea when people who paddle together take a safety clinic together. They can be better prepared to work together as a team in a rescue situation. Any extra proceeds from the event in the past were donated to Friends of the Cheat. If we can do that again this year the donation will be made in the name of Mark and Carl.

Instructor: Charlie Walbridge

When: June 11 and 12, 2011

Where: Teter's Campground in Albright, WV.

Further Course Info: <http://www.charliewalbridge.com/>

Contact: [joemarksz@gmail.com](mailto:joemarksz@gmail.com) or 216-533-0604 (before May 20)

Contact: [jmac221@gmail.com](mailto:jmac221@gmail.com) or 724-331-7873 (after May 20)

Class Size: Limited to 10

Cost: \$80 per person.



## 2011 Trips and Events Schedule

### May

4-29 to 5-1 TRPC S. Branch Potomac, Blackham Memorial Trip II-III+ Donna Egbert, Judy Polczynski C 412-719-6637, C 724-448-1602

5/1 (3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD) II-III Needs organizer

5/1 KH (5) Cheat River Race Clinic (WV) 26 Cliff Wire

5/6 KH Cheat Mass-Occurrence Team Race (WV) 26 Cliff Wire

5/6 TRPC Cheat Mass-Occurrence Team Race (WV) III-IV Jeff Macklin

5/6,7,8 KH Upper Yough (MD) or Big Sandy or Tygart (WV) 32 John Kobak

5/7 KH Cheat Fest Weekend (WV) 18-26 Cliff Wire

5/7 TRPC Cheat Narrows II-III Gary McCormick

5/7 Upper Yough, 1st Saturday Release, <http://boatingbeta.com/releases/uyough>

5/8 KH (3) Cheat Narrows or (5) Canyon(WV) 18 Phil/Jen Raber

5/8 KH (2) Slippery Rock Creek (PA) 13-19 Judi Fordyce

5/13,14,15 (4) Stonycreek Rendezvous (PA) 21 Needs organizer

5/13,14,15 TRPC Black, Moose Fest (NY) Jeff Blood

5/14 TRPC Lower Stonycreek Beginners' Trip II Kent Reigel

5/14 KH RiverDay 2011 Friends of the Crooked River (OH) Dave Hill

5/14,28,29 All Lehigh Releases for May, <http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Projects/...r/wwrs.htm>

If folks want to run the Lehigh, call a week in advance to check if I will be available. Richard Dabal, H 201-389-3007, C 201-414-0801, [rdabal10@hotmail.com](mailto:rdabal10@hotmail.com)

5/14,15 KH (5) Intro to the Cheat Canyon (WV) 26 Jim Hunt

5/14,15 KH (3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD) II-III Cliff Wire

5/14,15 Cheoah Release, <http://boatingbeta.com/releases/cheoah>

5/20,21,22 KH (1) Clarion River (PA), in Cook Forest State Park FW/SK Gene Baker

5/21,22 KH (3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA) 13-19 Ann Corey

5/21,22 KH (4) Lower Yough (PA) 23 Michael Duvall

5/21,22 KH (5) Cheat Canyon/Little & Big Sandy (WV) 26 Dave Herron

5/21,22 Cheoah Release, <http://boatingbeta.com/releases/cheoah>

5/28, 29 (3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD) II-III Needs organizer

5/29 TRPC In Search of the Silver Beaver, Slippery Rock Creek II-III Mark Konopasek

5/29,30 KH Upper Yough (MD) 32 Jim Hunt

### June

6/3,4,6 KH Upper Yough (MD) and/or Big Sandy (WV), No UY release on Sat 32 John Kobak

6/4 KH (4) Lower Yough (PA) 23 Sabine Iben

6/4 KH (1) Cuyahoga River, Peninsula to Boston Mills (OH) SK/FW Ann Corey

6/4, 5 TRPC Slippery Rock Clinic- Breakneck Campground II-III Ralph Minto

6/5 Savage River Release III-IV Needs organizer

6/7 to 13 KH Middle Fork Salmon (ID) Fully Outfitted - Sold Out 24 Happy

6/11,12,25,26 All Lehigh Releases for June, <http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Projects/...r/wwrs.htm>

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6/11 KH Walk Fernwood State Forest (OH) near Stubenville. Dennis Plank

6/11, 12 KH/TRPC Mark Hanna and Carl Schneider Memorial Swiftwater Clinic (WV), Limited to 10, Joe Marks

6/12 KH (1) Vermilion Water Trail portion SK/FW Chuck Singer

6/17, 18 KH Upper Yough (MD), First Saturday Release 32 John Kobak

6/18, 19 KH (4) Lower Yough ? permits (PA) 23 April Hollis  
 6/18, 19 KH (2) Middle Yough (PA) 12/SK Gene Baker  
 6/18,19 Cheoah Release, <http://boatingbeta.com/releases/cheoah>

### **July**

7/1,2,4 KH Upper Yough (MD) 32 John Kobak  
 7/2,3,4 KH (4)Savage & Asci (MD) or Lower Yough (PA) 23 Brent Hendren  
 7/3 TRPC Savage River Release III-IV Mike Bailey H 412-881-2244 [baileybuild@verizon.net](mailto:baileybuild@verizon.net)  
 7/8,9,10 TRPC Coasters & Kayaks II-III Judy Polczynski C 724-448-1602 [jpolczy777@aol.com](mailto:jpolczy777@aol.com)  
 7/9,10,23,24,30,31 All Lehigh Releases for July, [http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Projects/ ... r/wwrs.htm](http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Projects/...r/wwrs.htm)  
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 7/12 KH Club Picnic at Silver Lake SK/FW Dennis Dukeman  
 7/15 TRPC Kids New River Trip Jeff Knechtel  
 7/16,17 TRPC New River Jeff Knechtel  
 7/22,23,25 KH Upper Yough (MD) - Race & Festival Saturday, 6 hr release - Race & Festival Info 32 John Kobak  
 7/23, 24 KH (4) Lower Yough Intro weekend ? permits (PA) 23 Fran Hoven  
 7/23 KH (2) Middle Yough (PA) 12 Carl Kudrna  
 7/23 KH (1) Upper Cuyahoga Eldon Park to Camp Hi (OH) SK/FW Dennis Plank  
 7/23,24 KH (4) New River (WV) 26 Cecil Tickamyer

### **August**

8/5,6,8 KH Upper Yough (MD) - Friendsville Days - Fri 6:00-10:00 PM, Sat 12-10 PM 32 Doug Smith  
 8/5,6,7 TRPC TRPC Turkey Bash Clinic at Yough 23 TBA  
 8/6,7,13,14,20,21,27\*,28\* All Lehigh Releases for August, [http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Projects/ ... r/wwrs.htm](http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Projects/...r/wwrs.htm)  
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 8/13,14 KH (5) New River Gorge or Lower Gauley (WV) 27 Joe Marks  
 8/13,14 TRPC Dog Days Slalom, Bellefonte, PA  
 8/18 KH (4) Lower Yough - Skip Work Day (PA) 23 Pat Guzowski  
 8/18 KH (4) Lower Yough - Ladies Only Day (PA) 23 Sherie Sanzenbacher  
 8/19,20,21 TRPC New and Other Rivers Greg Dick  
 8/20,21 TRPC Coasters and Kayaks, Lehigh River & Dorney Park Judy Polczynski  
 8/20 TRPC Lower Yough Hand Paddle III Steve Kroser  
 8/20 Ohiopyle Falls Festival & Race (PA) IV Barry Adams  
 8/20, 21 KH Family Weekend on the Cheat or Yough (WV)(PA) FW Terry Markoff, Sabine Iben  
 8/20, 21 KH (4) Lower Yough ? permits available (PA) Call before Thursday at noon. 23 Karl Nelson  
 8/20,21 KH (2) Middle Yough (PA) 12/SK Gene Baker  
 8/26,27 KH Upper Yough (MD) 32 John Kobak  
 8/27,28 TRPC Riversport Clinic & Slalom, Confluence, PA

### **September**

9/1 to 16 KH Grand Canyon (AZ), 26 Judi Fordyce  
 9/3,4,5 KH Raquette/Beaver (NY) 27-35 Matt Muir  
 9/3,4,5 TRPC Raquette/Beaver (NY) IV-V Mike Bailey H 412-881-2244 [baileybuild@verizon.net](mailto:baileybuild@verizon.net)  
 9/3\*,4\*,16\* All Lehigh Releases for Sept, [http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Projects/ ... r/wwrs.htm](http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Projects/...r/wwrs.htm)  
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 9/9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30 All of September Gauley Releases,  
<http://boatingbeta.com/releases/gauley>

9/9,10,11 KH Upper Gauley (WV) - Camp at Battle Run 33 John Kobak  
9/10,11 KH (5) Lower Gauley (WV) 27 Phil & Jen Raber  
9/16,17,18 Gauley Festival  
9/16,17,18 KH Upper Gauley (WV) 27-33 Cliff Wire  
9/16,17,18 KH (5) Lower Gauley (WV) 27 Terry Markoff  
9/17,18 KH (4) Lower Yough (PA) 16 Dave Roush  
9/17 KH (2) Middle Yough (PA) 12/SK Gene Baker?  
9/23,24 TRPC Gauley River Richard Dabal H 201-389-3007, C 201-414-0801 [rdabal10@hotmail.com](mailto:rdabal10@hotmail.com)  
9/25 TRPC Savage Release (MD) III-IV Richard Dabal H 201-389-3007, C 201-414-0801 [rda-bal10@hotmail.com](mailto:rda-bal10@hotmail.com)  
9/30 KH Upper Yough (MD) 32 Elliott Drysdale

### **October**

10/1,2,3,7,8,9,10,15,16 All of October Gauley Releases, <http://boatingbeta.com/releases/gauley>  
10/1 KH Upper Yough, Last Saturday Release (MD) 32 Elliott Drysdale  
10/1 Cheoah Release, <http://boatingbeta.com/releases/cheoah>  
10/1 KH Bike Cuyahoga Valley National Park Towpath Trail, (OH) Dennis Plank  
10/1,2 KH Upper & (5) Lower Gauley (WV) 27-33 Bill Miller  
10/8,9 KH Upper & (5) Lower Gauley (WV) 27-33 Dave Herron  
10/14,15,16 KH MooseFest (NY) 27-30 Matt Muir  
10/15,16 KH (4) Lower Yough (PA) 23 Sherie Sanzenbacher  
10/22,23 KH Russell Fork Fest paddle above Breaks (WV) 26 Cecil Tickamyer

### **November**

11/5 KH (3) Slippery Rock (PA) 13-19 Pat Guzowski?  
11/5 Cheoah Release, <http://boatingbeta.com/releases/cheoah>  
11/5,6,12,13,19,20 Tallulah Release, <http://boatingbeta.com/releases/tallulah>  
11/23 TRPC Top Yough, Day Before Thanksgiving Paddle IV-IV+ Steve Bloskis  
11/25 TRPC/KH Slip, Day After Thanksgiving Paddle II-III Eric Marksz & Annelies Layton

### **December**

12/3 KH (3) Slippery Rock (PA) 13-19 Cliff Wire  
12/13 KH Holiday Party at Middleburg Hts Community Center Dennis Dukeman

### **January 2012**

1/1/12 TRPC Good Karma Trip III-IV Greg Dick  
1/1/12 KH 11th Annual New Year Paddle at Edgewater Beach Stuart Warner  
1/14 TRPC Holiday Party Rose Prycl

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Submissions**

We welcome and invite articles, trip reports, information about upcoming trips and releases, opinions, reflections, poems, photos or anything else you would like to see in the Paddler's Gauge. This is YOUR newsletter. Please note, however, that the Editor reserves the right to edit all articles submitted for length or appropriateness. Please submit articles via email to [bkilbert@gmail.com](mailto:bkilbert@gmail.com) and [rjgst31@yahoo.com](mailto:rjgst31@yahoo.com)

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**TRPC Meetings**

Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. (Except December and January)

**Meeting Place**

Carnegie United Methodist Church  
415 Washington Ave., Carnegie.

Directions: If you are traveling on the parkway heading to the airport, get off at the Carnegie/Heidelberg exit #2. The ramp splits. Take the left lane (Heidelberg). This turns into Lydia Street. Less than ¼ of a mile, you will see a large parking lot on the right. On the left is a business called Xi-tech. Park in the lot on the right. The church is the last building on the right, next to the parking lot. Lydia Street ends at Washington Ave. If you are coming from the parkway towards downtown, take the Carnegie exit again. Directions are the same because that ramp drops onto Lydia Ave.

