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## FRIENDS OF THE RIVERFRONT

Through intense collaboration with community partners, government officials, and a diverse volunteer base, our rivers and riverfronts have been transformed from industrial wastelands to international examples of environmental renewal. Whether you bike, hike, rollerblade, or paddle along our beautiful shores, we encourage everyone to take advantage of these assets.

**JOIN OUR  
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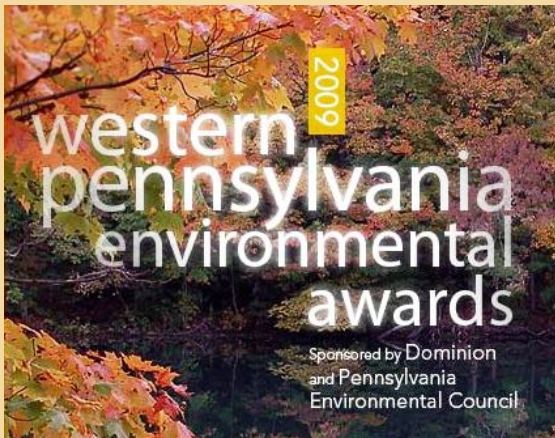


## OHIO RIVER WATER TRAIL ACCESS PLANNED

Friends of the Riverfront has begun planning the development of a new Water Trail Landing on the banks of the Ohio Riverfront adjacent to Brunot Island. The new facility will offer public access for non-motorized boating and include a rack for storing canoe/kayaks as well as directional signage helpful to users navigating throughout the system. A major component of the project will involve restoration of the riverbank with native plants providing a healthier habitat. Funding for the project is being provided in part by the Peaceable Kingdom of [The Pittsburgh Foundation](#) and the [Allegheny Regional Asset District](#). [Click Here](#) for additional information on the Three Rivers Water Trail or to download a paddling guide. Development plans will be posted online for review shortly.

## 2009 NARRP CONFERENCE

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is excited to announce **29th Annual National Association of Recreation Resource Planners Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, April 27th - May 1st, 2009**. DCNR has been selected to host the conference, in close partnership with key conservation and outdoor recreation organizations, to highlight our Commonwealth's outstanding outdoor recreation accomplishments. For more information, please [Click Here](#).



## WPEA DINNER

Save the date! **On Wednesday, May 27th, 2009 at the Westin Convention Center Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh**, the Western Pennsylvania Environmental Awards will be welcoming guests. Featuring the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Linda McKenna Boxx, the Western PA Environmental Awards, Great Allegheny Passage Photo Exhibit by Paul G. Weigman (with photos for sale) and a Silent Auction with such gifts as a rain garden and Great Allegheny Trail packages, this year's awards dinner is sure to be one not to miss! [Click Here](#) for more information.

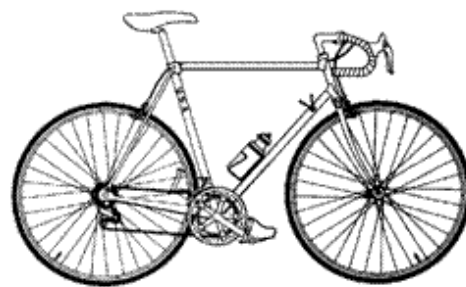


## MON VALLEY CENTURY BICYCLE TOUR

**On Sunday, August 9th; starting between 6:00am and 10:00am in Elizabeth, PA at the intersection of Plum Street and Water Avenue,** the MVC tour is divided into four

tours, a 100 mile, 70 mile, 50 mile or a 30 mile. Tours travel through the upper Mon Valley towns as they follow the Monongahela River as well as several legs back into the country side. The scen-ery varies from indus-trial towns to spectacular views of the river and wooded hill-sides as you

travel over equal portions of hilly, rolling, and flat terrain. A lunch stop is included for all riders as well as snacks stops. SAGs are provided to pick up any who can't finish due to bike prob-lems or fatigue. For more information or to register, please [Click Here](#).



## 2009 RIVERFRONTS NATURALLY CALENDAR

Dates are as follows for the 2009 Calendar:

**Wednesday, April 22, 2009** Earth Day "South Side Trail" 9-12pm

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**Friday, April 24, 2009** "Eliza Furnace Trail" 10:00-1:00pm

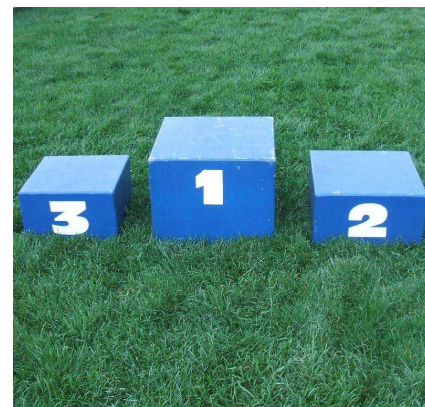
Riverfronts Naturally is a program of Friends of the Riverfront working to restore native vegetation to areas adjoining the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, desolate brownfield areas and other public spaces. Please [Click Here](#) for more information and a complete schedule of volunteer days!

## 2009 PITTSBURGH TRIATHLON & ADVENTURE RACE

Fast approaching is this years Triathlon and Adventure Race!

Registration is now open, so hurry over to [www.pittsburghtriathlon.com](http://www.pittsburghtriathlon.com)

and register now! The Triathlon EXPO will be making its' second appearance on both Saturday and Sunday with exhibits from Friends of the Riverfront, Team In Training, HealthyWorks, REI, Red Bull and more! We hope to see you on July 25th and 26th at North Shore Park for the 12th Annual Triathlon and Adventure Race!





## ARBOR DAY HAPPY HOUR AT OTB BICYCLE CAFE

On April 24, Arbor Day Happy Hour will be running from 5:30 - until last call at Over the Bar (OTB) Bicycle Cafe on the South Side will host their first annual Arbor Day Celebration -- Come over and mingle with other urban tree lovers in this unique Bicycle themed cafe. Conveniently located near the trail and the South Side Works at **2518 East Carson Street Pittsburgh, PA 15203**; expect to mingle with many other Arbor Day celebrators!

Increase awareness and engagement with the Pittsburgh region's rivers and riverfronts through activities, stewardship and expansion of water and land trails.

Sincerely,

*Friends of the Riverfront*

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