

River



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JUNE
& JULY
1985
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SILETTI LEADS CANOE CLUB INTO JERSEY DEVIL'S LAIR!!!

(As told to that paper you looked at while they rang up your groceries... -Ed)

EGG HARBOR, NJ-Even though nobody saw it, eight members of the Hackensack River Canoe Club paddled right into the heart of Jersey Devil territory! "There they were!" exclaimed Dr. Heinrich Regelmässig, Professor of Unfounded Phenonema, and leading expert on New Jersey's official State Demon. "Some of them even cooked French Toast!"

It seemed like an ordinary enough trip for a canoe club: a pleasant paddle down the winding Mullica River in New Jersey's uninhabited Pine Barrens. But maybe they should have known that something was a foot from the start...

Inside!

"HOW TO DO IT"

Skipper Karen Siletti led a Scouting Party of two down the night before to secure a camping permit - a permit which she promptly locked in the trunk of her car!! (Later, the Park Ranger would remember "the group without a permit...") The rest of the crew* was to leave at 8:00 the next morning. At 8:05, the Mullica River

Boat Basin was called, and explicitly clear directions were taken down and given to the drivers. At 8:59, all but two of the canoeists were driving toward Egg Harbor on rain-swept roads under grey and forboating skies. (The other two would venture forth an hour or two later.) At 9:01, Karen called to inform the crew that they should really be heading for the Mullica River Marina!

Yet, amazingly, the "Better-Late-Than-Never Canoe Club" arrived at the right place anyway, were sent to the wrong place, and went back to where they should've been in the first place. Not only that, but the grey skies had turned to a deep, sun-splashed blue - AS IF BY MAGIC!!

"It was astounding!" commented Regelmässig, who is also a UFOlogist.

At first glance, it was nothing more than a sundrenched day of paddling on a beautiful, rain-swelled river. The two late-comers caught up, and together the group canoed over beaver dams in a wilderness which is bigger than Yosemite. But soon night would fall, and the hapless canoe club would

strange noises coming from perimeter! "Where are those Loch Ness Monster, or "Nessie"

amazing! observed Regelmässig pod-bay doors, Hal." sorry, Dave. This mission gin joints in the wor

WHERE WAS JD?

"That question can only be answered by more questions"

-H. Regelmässig

"What's the juice for?" -Eyewitness



Artist's Conception

NEXT WEEK!!

"How you paddle reveals your true personality!"

ENOUGH!
ENOUGH ALREADY! IT WAS
A GREAT TRIP- WHAT
MORE CAN
WE SAY?

-ED

*Marian Z, Lisa RT, Bill M, Sue P, Eric N, Paula ?, & Fearless Phil R.

SCHEDULE FOR JUNE - JULY 1985

June 15, SATURDAY

TRIP: Upper Passaic River

For details, see Page ii.

SKIPPER: Michael Musante (201) 432-8597

June 29 - 30 Sat.-Sun.

"Hackensack River Festival" at Stueben Haus and Lyndhurst Environment Center.

June 30, SUNDAY

TRIP: Stueben South

For details, see Page iv.

SKIPPER: Eric Nelsen (201) 569-6213

June 30, SUNDAY

NO REGULAR MEETING!

INSTEAD, meet for a bar-b-q at Allison Woods Park, right around the corner from Flat Rock Brook. (From Rt.4, take "Jones Road" exit (Englewood), turn right off ramp, go thru 4-way stop, and picnic area is about ¼ mile down on right. Bring food & drink.

July 7, Sunday

"Hackensack River Canoe Races" at Florschini Park, across from Sears. Come down to race, to watch, to be there. We'll have more definite info the week preceeding the event.

July 12, 13 & 14 FRIDAY thru SUNDAY

TRIP: Lake George

More info provided with registration.

SKIPPER: Eric Nelsen (201) 569-6213

July 28, SUNDAY

*Bring
your slides!*

REGULAR MEETING at Flat Rock Brook Nature Center in Englewood. (Rt.4 to "Jones Road" exit, right off ramp, right at 4-way stop (Van Nostrand Ave.), to top of hill and thru gate. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

For more information on trips, please call Skipper. General info please call 569-6213.

POSSIBLE TRIP to Kearny Marsh in July, pending a Skipper (call 569-6213 to volunteer).

ADIRONDACK ADVENTURE TRIP is now scheduled for August 22-27.
SKIPPER: Eric Nelsen (Please register as early as possible.)