

Recreation Around USACE



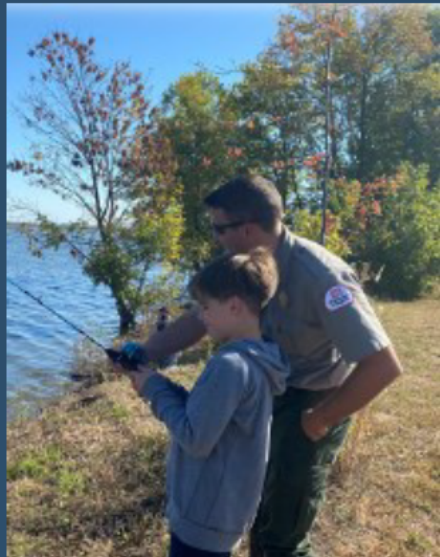
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1 Paddle Your Park—St. Louis District. The Paddle Your Park program is a collaborative effort between the St. Louis district, National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Missouri State Parks, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Audubon Center at Riverlands, and other organizations. The partnership aims to increase public awareness of watershed issues, increase public safety, and get kids outside to learn as part of the national Every Kid Outdoors initiative.

This successful event took place at the Audubon Center at Riverlands in West Alton, Missouri, on Oct. 6, 2022, with over 200 4th-grade students participating. The day consisted of a series of on-land activities to introduce students to issues affecting water quality, various aquatic species, concepts of pollution and bioaccumulation, and wetland science, as well as an opportunity to get on the water in canoes. Paddle Your Park's mission is to supplement classroom learning with a field experience that motivates the next generation to take action to restore and protect natural habitats.

Key takeaways of the program:

- The continuation of fostering partnerships with numerous state and federal agencies.
- The interpretation of the significance and importance of natural resources conservation.
- Promotion of water safety.
- Share and display the national value of USACE projects.



Photos Left to Right: 4th-grade students and teachers experience safe paddling by Big Muddy Adventures. A USACE St. Louis District Park Ranger assists a student while fishing. Students engaged in birding activities as part of a nature walk.