

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOAT TRIP**

FIELD TRIP OPTION [F] (Saturday AM OR PM)

Start time: 7:30 am

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Boat trip within Pool 20 to view the river shoreline and bottomland forested islands with heron rookery. The boat ride will only involve walking from the car and climbing into the boat with all viewing taking place while on the boat.

*(This trip can be combined with the Cedar Glen Eagle Roost as a full day trip with groups switching off between boat trip and upland hike on Saturday.)*

Western Illinois University (WIU) maintains Alice L. Kibbe Field Station at Cedar Glen where students and faculty conduct various research projects, many of which focus on large river systems. WIU Kibbe Field Station caretaker, Jim Lamer, will take a group of people (up to 20) on a morning and afternoon boat trip within Pool 20 to view the river portions of Cedar Glen Nature Preserve including river shoreline which serves as nesting grounds for the smooth softshell turtle as well as two large islands, one (Mud Island) hosts a rookery of 80-100 Great Blue Herons and a occasionally a few Great Egrets. Jim will also discuss some of the WIU river research projects. Birds expected along the river include: American White Pelican, Double-crested Cormorant, Barred Owl, Pileated and Hairy Woodpeckers, Brown Creeper, Prothonotary Warbler, Wood Duck, and Belted Kingfisher.

*Meet in parking lot of Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites*

*Trip Leader: Dan Moorehouse, Trip Host: Jim Lamer*

*Approximate distance that attendees will cover: 32 miles roundtrip*

**DIRECTIONS**

From Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites travel West then South through Nauvoo and South to Hamilton on Rt. 96; at Hamilton stay to right/West to the stoplight; take left towards Warsaw (do not cross bridge into Iowa); travel on Warsaw Road about 3.5 to 4 miles and turn left up gravel road at sign for Alice Kibbe Life Science Station. There will be a sign directing you where to park.