



# Lincoln Heritage Water Trail

## 5<sup>th</sup> annual Abe's River Race

Petersburg, Illinois

Join us **July 15<sup>th</sup>** to celebrate the anniversary of the Lincoln Heritage Water Trail and the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Abe's River Race!**

Paddlers will explore approximately 13.5 miles of the lower Sangamon River as it flows north from Sangamon County past Lincoln's New Salem Historic Site to Petersburg, Illinois!

- This year, you will choose to paddle in your appropriate racing division or paddle recreationally. Each paddler will receive a paddle packet that includes an Abe's River Race t-shirt. However, only racers will be timed and awarded trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each represented division. *The cost to race or simply participate without being timed is the same: \$30.00 per paddler.*

**\*\*NEW\*\* Cash awards for the fastest overall time in all adult divisions (\$100); fastest youth/youth team in either 18 and under Tandem or Adult and child 12 and under (\$50); and best "Spirit of Abe" team or individual (\$50). YOU MUST RACE TO WIN!**

The approximate Put-in/Start location 39.904351, -89.753330. This launch is located on private property just up river from Irwin Bridge on Irwin Bridge Road. It is rough to improved. Staff will be on site to assist in your launch.

- Registrations can be made online at [www.getmeregistered.com](http://www.getmeregistered.com). Registration may be completed in person on the day of the race; however, your Abe's Race t-shirt may be unavailable in your preferred size.
- Race staff will be at the Irwin Bridge launch site at 7:00 am Saturday to receive your equipment.
- Shuttles depart **Riverbank Lodge at 9:00 am**. Please provide yourself sufficient time to drop your equipment off at the launch site and complete your registration and sign-in before 9:00 am.
- Paddlers should be prepared to launch at 10:00 am and plan to arrive at the finish, Lincoln's Riverside Park in Petersburg (next to Riverbank Lodge) no later 3:00 pm.
- Paddler Packets will be distributed post-race as paddlers check back in to the registration center at Riverbank Lodge. Your bib tag will be collected and used for prize drawings after the awards are presented.
- Unique awards will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in all represented racing divisions (11). Target time for announcement of race results is 1:00pm but is depended upon the finishing times for all racing divisions. As places are determined by division, results will be announced and posted. Awards will be held and be available through 9:00pm race-day. Please present your race bib or photo-ID to pick up your award after the results announcements.
- Please check <http://www.riverbanklodge.com> and the sites listed below for more information on local events and tie-ins with this year's Abe's River Race, including pre and post race options for lodging, dining, and entertainment for the Memorial Day Weekend.

The approximate Take-Out/Finish location 40.005782, -89.843003. This site is within a newly designated City of Petersburg Park. Depending on water levels there may be a sandbar leading to an improved ramp to an equipment loading area, which is about 200 yards from the Riverbank Lodge, your race headquarters.

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### Racing Divisions

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Canoe Any length or configuration	C1m	Canoe Men Solo
	C1w	Canoe Woman Solo
	C2m	Canoe Men Tandem
	C2w	Canoe Women Tandem
	C2mx	Canoe Mixed Tandem
Kayak Any length or configuration	K1m	Kayak Man Solo
	K1w	Kayak Woman Solo
	K2	Kayak Mixed Tandem
OPEN Tandem Canoe/Kayak	YT18	18 and under
OPEN Tandem Canoe/Kayak	YT12	One adult with child 12 and under
Wooden Boat Any configuration	WB	Open



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