



## CANOE TRIPS AT IONA ISLAND

**The Rockland Municipal Planning Federation is pleased to announce that it will again be hosting **TWO FREE** canoe trips and educational sessions at Iona Island, led by a naturalist from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Participants will paddle through the freshwater marsh, nestled in the Hudson Highlands, and learn about the importance of the wetland and its flora and fauna.**



**DATES & TIMES:** Wednesday, July 28, 2021 – 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM OR  
Tuesday, August 24, 2021 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**RAIN DATE:** *Rain date for either date is Wednesday, August 24, 2021 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM*

**PLACE:** Iona Island - off Route 9W in Bear Mountain State Park  
**PRESENTERS:** New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Staff

### DETAILS:

Come join us for one of the FREE, fun, educational canoe trips at Iona Island. Learn about tidal marsh ecology, Hudson River research, and challenges facing estuarine habitats. Trips average about 2 hours, including orientation and paddling instruction. No experience is necessary. Canoes, paddles, and safety gear are provided. Heavy rain or thunderstorms will cancel the trip; light drizzle will not. A rain date has been provided.



**To ensure safe social distancing, the number of people able to attend has been reduced - **Space is limited to the first 14 registrants!**** It is recommended that each person bring a snack, drinks, hat, and sunscreen. Casual clothing and water shoes are recommended, as your feet/legs may get wet getting into and out of the canoes.

**AUDIENCE:** All Federation members are welcome to attend. Due to space limitations, non-Federation members or guests will be able to attend only if space permits. This course will count for 2 hours towards the required 4-hour of annual training for planning board and zoning board of appeals members.

**Please RSVP to Adam Carsen at (845) 364-3474; [carsena@co.rockland.ny.us](mailto:carsena@co.rockland.ny.us) of the Rockland County Planning Department. RSVPs are a **MUST** for the trip!**



## DIRECTIONS TO IONA ISLAND



*From the  
Palisades Interstate Parkway:*

**Take the Palisades Interstate Parkway north, and bear right heading towards Bear Mountain Bridge. At the circle, take the first exit to U.S. Route 9W south. Stay on Route 9W south, past the Bear Mountain Inn. Iona Island will be on your left in approximately one mile after the traffic light split to go to the Inn. There is a sign on the left at the entrance to the Marsh for Iona Island Road.**

*From U.S. Route 9W:*

**Take U.S. Route 9W north past Stony Point Battlefield State Park. Continue north for approximately 3 miles after you pass Condon Mountain Road (on your left). Iona Island will be on the right before you reach Bear Mountain Inn. There is a sign on the right at the entrance to the Marsh for Iona Island Road.**

