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## Potomac Basin News Release

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Please spread the word about an exciting canoe trip of discovery on the Potomac open to the general public!

**JUNE 6-10 Potomac Ramble canoe trip, Shepherdstown, W.Va, to Tarara Winery, near Leesburg, Va.**

**MEDIA NOTE:** Come with us! We would welcome media to come paddle for a day and learn about the river and citizens who care about it. Meet local officials along the way as we explore the river as a valuable resource that all must care for.

The Potomac River Rambles are a series of weekend canoeing and kayaking expeditions that feature educational programming, riverside camping, restoration projects, festive meals, meetings with elected officials, and much more. Novice and experienced paddlers alike enjoy a unique on-the-water experience that builds a strong environmental ethic, while having a lot of fun in the process. The Rambles aim to elevate awareness of the Potomac River's importance to the region and to encourage local residents to play an active role in its restoration. Experience with boats is not necessary. Ramblers are responsible for their own clothing, canoeing, and camping gear. Campsites will have water and portable toilets. We take care of the guides, food, and transportation of your gear from campsite to campsite. You enjoy the scenery, presentations, camaraderie, and paddling.

The 2007 Potomac River Rambles Series will begin with a four-day voyage from National Conservation Training Center near Shepherdstown, W.Va., to the Tarara Winery near Leesburg, Va. The group will assemble in Shepherdstown on the evening of Wednesday, June 6, begin the following morning, and arrive at Tarara Winery on Sunday afternoon, June 10. Ramblers can tour and taste at the winery after the Ramble's conclusion.

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## POTOMAC RAMBLE-2

This Ramble will travel through a very scenic segment of the river, and includes some whitewater in the Harpers Ferry area. The group also will meet up with members from the Shenandoah Sojourn trip in Harpers Ferry, and take in the Potomac River Family Festival at the campsite in Brunswick, Md. Along the way, Ramblers will learn about the river's ecology, culture, and history at lunch and evening presentations. The range of experiences during the Ramble can include water quality monitoring, streamside lectures on fisheries and stream assessment, cleanups, informal get-togethers with local officials or stream groups, cleanups, and living history presentations.

There is a fee for attending this event.

Details are posted on the ICPRB website at [www.potomacriver.org/ramble.htm](http://www.potomacriver.org/ramble.htm),

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