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## **Paddle the Emiquon Preserve on September 14**

LEWISTOWN, Ill. – The annual “Paddle the Preserve” event is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Emiquon Preserve in Fulton County, hosted by the Emiquon Partnership-Dickson Mounds Museum, The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Chautauqua, Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon, and the Illinois River and Forbes Biological Stations.

Participants are invited to enjoy wildlife viewing and learning about wetland restoration efforts and current scientific research. Participants may bring their own canoe or kayak (including paddling gear, life jackets, sunscreen, etc.), reserve a two-person canoe, or reserve a seat in one of three large Voyageur canoes that can hold over a dozen people.

Participants should bring their own water in a reusable container, as well as a snack if needed. Dress appropriately for the weather. Meet at the Emiquon Preserve Lakeside Observatory Public Use Area off of Illinois Rt. Hwy 97/78 at least 30 minutes prior to the event. Participants will be asked to sign a liability waiver and a photo release.

To register or for more information about this event, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by calling 309-535-2290 or emailing at [illinoisriver@fws.gov](mailto:illinoisriver@fws.gov).

The Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds is located between Lewistown and Havana off Illinois Routes 78 and 97. The museum is open free to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day. Tours and special programs are available for groups with reservations. For more information call 309-547-3721 or TTY 217-782-9175. Also visit us on Facebook at Illinois State Museum-Dickson Mounds or online at the Dickson Mounds link on the Illinois State Museum website at [www.illinoisstatemuseum.org](http://www.illinoisstatemuseum.org).

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