



Friends of the Rivers, Inc. – Sweet Breeze 3rd / 4th Grade Social Studies Route & Highlights

All river tours are led by a docent who will give the history focused role of our three rivers and describe the sites you will experience. Questions are encouraged. All tours start and finish from our Headwaters West dock.

3rd Grade / 4th Grade Social Studies River Tour – 45 Minute Tour

This route will explore the St. Marys River, St. Joe River and the Maumee River. It will examine the city's history and early Fort Wayne development discussing the Wabash and Erie Canal, the early settlers to our area and the Native American tribes.

The boat will travel west on the St. Marys River coming about at Guildlin Park and returning east to the confluence with the St. Joe River where it forms the Maumee River. We return west to disembark at our dock.

Highlights include:

Wabash and Erie Canal History; Cass Street Passenger Rail Depot – 1889; Well Street Bridge – 1884; Guildlin Park – 1911 (Site of first French Fort – 1682); Wabash & Erie Canal Aqueduct Foundation Discussion – 1840 / Railroad bridge; Return trip;

Early Settlers; Portage Discussion (The Glorious Gate – Late 1600); Spy Run Creek – William Wells; Historic Fort Wayne 1816 replica;

Native Americans; The Confluence; Miami Village – Kekionga; Columbia Street Bridge (First bridge); Pirogue Landing (Johnny Appleseed); Little Turtle Statue in Headwaters Park; Returning to our dock;