



May on the Missouri: Cleanups, World Records, & New Faces from Great Places

Hello,

The river is calling this May! With cleanup efforts and exciting community events ahead, there are plenty of ways to get outside, get involved, and celebrate the Missouri River.

What's New On The River?

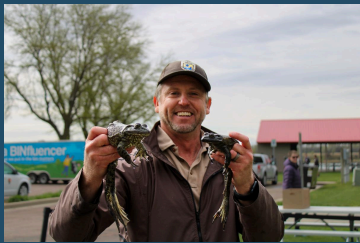


2026 Missouri River Watershed School Festival

On April 30th, MNRR welcomed 429 students from 10 schools to Riverside Park for a morning of learning all about the Missouri River Watershed.



Throughout the morning, 29 amazing volunteers lead groups of students to different presentations led by local biologists, historians, conservation officers, and more.

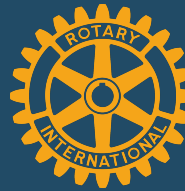


Students learned about native and invasive species, responsible recreation, habitat conservation, nature journaling, glaciers, steamboats, fossils, and more!

Thank you to all 27 presenters who volunteered their time and expertise!

[Read More about the Watershed Festival](#)

Please join us in thanking the generous sponsors who made the event possible!



New Faces from Great Places

The FOMNRR Board of Directors elected four new members in April: Hanna DeLange, Tom Noecker, Tom Stengrim, and Charlie Stevenson.

Each brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to FOMNRR, and we are very excited to welcome them aboard.

Upcoming Events in May



Missouri River Cleanup

May 2nd, 8am-12pm | Riverside Park Boat Ramp, Yankton, SD



Meet the Missouri River Speed Record Paddlers

May 7th, 6-7:30pm | Riverside Park Amphitheater, Yankton, SD

Roll up your sleeves and help clean up the Missouri River. Donuts, coffee, T-shirts, and a lunch will be available for volunteers thanks to the support of the Sacred Heart Monastery. Volunteer registration will be open from 7:30-8:15am. Volunteers have the option to take a boat ride to cleanup sites or stay on land.

[Learn more on fomnrr.org](http://fomnrr.org)



SD State Park Open House and Free Fishing Weekend

May 15-17th | South Dakota State Parks

The annual Open House and Free Fishing Weekend includes free entrance to all South Dakota state parks and recreation areas statewide. A number of parks will also host special events to kick off the summer.

[Learn more from Missouri River Tourism](#)

Four guys in one canoe, paddling 2,341 miles, 24/7, in less than 33 days!

Learn about the epic journey these four paddlers are embarking on to break the WORLD RECORD for fastest paddle on the Missouri River! This event is co-sponsored by the SD Canoe & Kayak Association.

[Learn more on fomnrr.org](http://fomnrr.org)



pARTy in the Park

May 26th, 5-7:30pm | Riverside Park, Yankton, SD

Kids Art Fest, Summer Reading Kickoff, and Kids Summer Series all unite for a family-fun evening at Riverside Park. The National Park Service will be there with crafts and the Mobile Ranger Station!

[Learn more from Yankton Area Arts](#)

A Sneak Peak at June

- **June 6 in Yankton, SD** - Paddle with a Purpose with Missouri National Recreational River
- **June 13 in Yankton, SD** - Homestead Day at Pierson Ranch Recreation Area
- **June 14 in Wagner, SD** - [605 Unity Jam](#)
- **June 14 in Vermillion, SD** - [River Honoring Ceremony](#) at Clay County Park

- And more! The MNRR will start their FREE kayak clinics, Jr. Ranger fishing programs, kayak floats, and more in June.



Follow MNRR on social media to learn more about upcoming programs!

Become a Member Today

Becoming a Member of FOMNRR helps sustain and expand events like the Missouri River Watershed School Festival, Missouri River Cleanup, and more.

With your support...

- We can help more students build awareness of the river and its resources
- We can organize more efforts to clean up the river
- We can promote and provide more opportunities to explore and make memories along the Mighty Mo

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