

World Rivers Day Huron River Cleanup

Argo Park
Saturday, September 25
9:00 – 10:00 am

Thank you for joining our River Cleanup to celebrate World Rivers Day, and for supporting Rotary's mission to support our environment. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated, and we are hoping this becomes an annual event.

The Huron River Watershed Council (thank you HRWC) has provided suggested locations and resources for our DYI cleanup, and I am including some links and important information below.

If we have inclement weather on Saturday (more than a drizzle) our rain date will be Sunday, September 26 from 3-4 pm. I will send an email by 8 am on Saturday if we are moving to Sunday.

Location and parking:

Argo Park

1055 Longshore Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Map located [here](#)

Directions [here](#) (add your starting location)

*There is a lane closed on Broadway so budget some extra time.

Drive down Longshore Drive and end at Argo Park and Canoe Livery, turn to the right and park in that dirt lot (between the river and Longshore, you will also see Longshore Park on the other side of the road). We will meet at that lot. The Canoe Livery is closed for the season and parking should be ample.

What to Expect:

Light cleanup work along the Argo Park and Canoe Livery trails and pathways. There are primarily paved walkways around the park and cascades with a dirt trail option. There are options to include a longer walk distance and along different routes are Bandamere Park and Riverside Park (we could accomplish the trifecta!). I will have maps and guidance when you arrive.

- We are doing a shoreline pick up, cleanup in the water requires different equipment and precautions. As you know the land garbage eventually makes its way to the water.

- After scouting potential locations, I have found that the Ann Arbor parks are in good shape, and we should be able to do our cleanup in an hour.
- There are public bathrooms available, and I will have a first aid kit and supplies.
- If the garbage cans are full at the site, I will take our garbage/recycling out.

The following will be provided:

- Bottled water
- Snacks
- Garbage bags
- Insect repellent
- Hand sanitizer
- Some extra gloves
- First Aid Kit

What to Wear:

- Long pants and closed toed shoes (above ankle socks if you are going to choose the dirt trail)
- Waders (if you have them and plan to do some wading) – not suggested in water with strong current (no wading in the cascades).
- Weather appropriate layers –jacket in case of rain
- Hat

What to Bring:

- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent (I will have some extra)
- Phone (charged)
- Pair of gloves to protect your hands (preferably a garden glove with some rubber protection)
- Good walking shoes
- Cleanup energy and good spirits!

Important additional information:

Shoreline cleanup safety

General safety guidelines

- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Cleanup in pairs of two, and one must have a cell phone.
- Call 911 if experiencing an emergency in the field.
- Do not enter or wade in fast moving water that could sweep you off your feet. When in doubt, don't get in the water.

Do not pick up!

- Dead animals.
- Items that are too heavy for you to move; use caution when picking up sharp objects like metal or glass.
- Hazardous waste, including needles or suspicious containers. Contact your local police or sheriff department if you come across concerning items.

Huron River Watershed Council

<https://www.hrwc.org/>

HRWC Cleanup

<https://www.hrwc.org/volunteer/huron-river-clean-up/>

Thank you so much for joining us – I look forward to seeing you this weekend.

To register and/or for additional questions, please contact me.

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