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## Paddle and Pedal Southeast Michigan's Huron River Water Trail

With David Moran



Huron River 104! Paddle and Pedal Southeast Michigan's Huron River Water Trail. Take a visual tour of a section-by-section trip of the entire river completed in a single summer. A protective designation as a "Country Scenic Natural River," and its route through ten Metroparks, three state parks and countless small community parks give the Huron an "up north" feel with the convenience of a short drive-time and nearby amenities.

Last summer, Kris Olsson and Dave Moran of Ann Arbor, Michigan decided to add some goals to their summer recreation; they would complete the "Huron River 104" (<https://huronriverwatertrail.org/huron104/>) trip along the entire 104-mile Huron River Water Trail (<https://huronriverwatertrail.org>) in a single year. The river's state designation as a "Country Scenic Natural River," and its route through ten Metroparks, three state parks and countless small community parks give the Huron an "up north" feel with the convenience of a short drive-time and nearby amenities. So, they could complete each stretch with, at most, a 40 minute drive to their launch site. To add some exercise for their legs, they decided to bicycle back to their cars for each stretch, as well, taking advantage of the miles of dedicated pathways (and some country roads) along the Water Trail. Kris and Dave will share their experiences with pictures, maps, and stories.

Kris is an avid bicyclist, cross country skier, paddler, and all things outdoors. She works at the Huron River Watershed Council, where she specializes in GIS analysis, landscape ecology, and code and ordinance development. Kris earned two Masters of Science (resource ecology, natural resource policy) degrees at the University of Michigan. She lives in Ann Arbor with her husband and co-paddler, David Moran, and their two daughters and 3 dogs.



