

## Loretta Crum

### Paddling the Middle Grand River in Michigan with MGROW and LOAPC

With Jay Hanks



After the Grand River Expedition was canceled in 2020, LOAPC took charge in 2021 and offered seven days of paddling on the Middle section of the Grand River from Eaton Rapids to Portland. Overnight camping was offered at the home of a longtime Club member, and LOAPC coordinated shuttle and paddling. Over 40 participants got to experience some part of the Grand River while participating in MGROW GReX 2021.

Loretta Crum and Jay Hanks will present their perspective and experience during the summer of 2021 on the Grand River, as well as during Grand River Expedition 2010, and the summer of 2022. If you have ever been interested in where folks are getting in and out of the river and want to plan your own experience, this presentation is for you. The Grand River is the longest river in Michigan, but you can still experience a healthy share of it in an afternoon.

Loretta Crum has been paddling since 1997 and has served on the board of the Lansing Oar and Paddle Club since 2010. She was a co-founder of the Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds, currently serves as MGROW's treasurer, and helped organize Grand River Expedition 2010. She frequently leads LOAPC-sponsored paddling trips on the Middle Grand and loves introducing people to the beautiful places on her hometown river.

