Please join us for our free-guided kayak/canoe paddles on Thursdays. **We will shuttle vehicles at 9:30 AM except as noted below.** We will pass various local conservation lands, including some of our own Westerly Land Trust preserves. The paddle times will be between 1½ to 3 hours. Bring your own kayak/canoe, paddle, life jacket, whistle, water, snacks, etc. Some of us will go swimming. Be aware that our trips leave promptly so be on time! We will meet at put in points and carpool to takeout sites unless stated differently in the blurb. This means you will have already dropped off your kayak/canoe at the put in and only drivers will go down to the takeout spot @ 9:30 AM.

**PLEASE NOTE:**
- Ending times are estimated as it difficult to ascertain when it will finish due to number of people, how fast/slow the paddlers are.
- If you wish to get the hiking/kayaking schedule emailed to you contact Lauren Barber, lbarber@westerlylandtrust.org and ask her to put you on the Thursday hiking/kayaking group email list.

**Rhode Island boating safety regulation that went into effect on April 2, 2023:**
All operators & passengers of canoes, kayaks, sailboards, kiteboards, paddleboards, and any other paddlecraft shall wear a US Coast Guard approved PFD at all times while underway regardless of age.
- Inflatable PFD’s are NOT allowed.
- Sound signal (whistle, horn, etc.) is required.
- If weather is questionable, contact leader.
- If you wish to have a free vessel safety check contact Sally Hanson. This can be done before or after a paddle as long as Sally is there.

**Boat ramps can normally be used to launch canoes and kayaks but keep the boat ramp clear for boat trailers.**

**Details:**

**June 22**
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
*Alton Dam to Woodville and back*

No vehicle shuttle. We will meet @ Alton Dam and go upstream to Woodville and back. Leader: Janice Fifer, (401)213-6479, and email: jhfifer@verizon.net
Put in: N 41° 26.274’ W 071° 43.360’

**June 29**
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM  
*Worden’s Pond*

No vehicle shuttle. Meet in parking area on Worden’s Pond Road. This is the largest natural pond in Rhode Island, just past the intersection of Rte 110 and Worden’s Pond Road. From Rte 1: take Rte 110, then turn left onto Worden’s Pond Road (instead of right on Tuckertown Road to go to Tucker Pond). Parking area is about 1/2 mile on the right. From Rte 138 W: turn left onto Rte 110 and after about 3 miles turn right onto
Worden’s Pond Road. Parking area is about 1/2 miles on the right. Leader: Janice Fifer, (401)213-6479, and email: jhfifer@verizon.net  Launch site: ___

July 6  9:30 AM - 1:00 PM  Switch Road to Woodville

Put in on the east side of Switch Road (Hope Valley/Woodville Road) at parking area just south of Rte 95 viaduct. This stretch is wooded and scenic. Be ready for frequent blow downs. Before the dam at Woodville is extensive swampy flat water. Abutment of an old bridge on right offers a good picnic spot in this area. Takeout is by bridge and dam on Woodville Road in Woodville. Co-Leaders: Sue & Geoff Sewall, (401)377-2826

Put in: N 41º 29.601’ W 071º 42.963’  Take out: N 41º 27.573’ W 071º 43.139’

July 13  10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  Wyoming Dam – Wyoming

No vehicle shuttle. Put in at Wyoming Dam and paddle up as far as we can then turn around and head back to the dam. Put in and take out at the DEM parking area on the left before the dam. Leader: David Malchman, (860)535-8185 (h), (860)501-2067 (c) and email: pir8.dave@sbcglobal.net  Launch site: N 41º 30.935’ W 071º 42.171’

July 20  9:30 AM - 1:00 PM  Shannock to Richmond Landing

Put in at the west end of the village, right bank, upstream from Shannock Road Bridge. Easy, pleasant paddling (2.2 miles). Wooded shores become swampy just before you reach Carolina and Rte 112. Take out on right at road. One can continue, but the river is channeled and fast under road followed by 200 yards of Class II rapids. These can be run in high water; check first. There is no portage. After rapids, river is calm to Rte 91 Bridge. The river abuts the Carolina Management Area on right and there is a camping and picnic spot on right just after a large rock in midstream. Takeout is at Richmond Landing, which is off Rte 91 by bridge. Leader: Elly Heyder, (401)322-1121, and email: ellyheyder@yahoo.com

Put in: N 41º 26.891’ W 071º 38.658’  Take out: N 41º 26.705 W 071º 40.889’

July 27  9:30 AM - 1:00 PM  Potter Hill to Westerly Landing

Put in from Rte 3, take River Road North to Potter Hill Road. Turn left on Potter Hill Road, and the new launch will be on the right in a few hundred feet. There is a sign. Turn right onto the small lane which winds down to the launch. Quick water at start is followed by a steady current. After passing under Boom Bridge, it is about 1.5 miles to the old dam site and mill at White Rock. The river runs under White Rock Bridge and it’s about 0.5 mile to Rte 78. The Stillmanville dam is 0.75 mile downstream. A canal on left side is kayakable/canoeable (Class II rapids) in most conditions. River runs through Westerly with interesting views of commercial buildings. Takeout is at Westerly Landing, which is off Main Street, across from McQuade’s Supermarket. Leaders: Co-Leaders: Sue & Geoff Sewall, (401)377-2826

Put in: ___  Take out: N 41º 22.523’ W 071º 49.898’

August 3  10:00 AM - 12:30 PM  Enders Beach at St. Edmund’s Retreat, Mystic, CT (1 Enders Island)

No vehicle shuttle. We will head North around Mason’s Island into Mystic and then South to Bebee Cove (on the West just past Sixpenny Island). Leader: David Malchman, (860)535-8185 (h), (860)5012067 (c), and email: pir8.dave@sbcglobal.net

August 10  9:30 AM - 1:00 PM  Rte 165 to WPWA Headquarters

Put in on south side of Rte 165, 3.5 miles west of Rte 3 where road crosses the river. Here the Wood River is scenic, shallow with some quick water. Arcadia Management Area edges the river and one sees many fishermen. Flat water precedes the dam at Barberville. Takeout is at the WPWA headquarters, which is
off Arcadia Road in Hope Valley. Leader: Elly Heyder, (401)322-1121, and email: ellyheyder@yahoo.com
Put in: N 41° 34.382’ W 071° 43.291’ Take out: N 41° 32.430’ W 071° 41.766

August 17  10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Green Hill Pond

No vehicle shuttle. Greenhill pond is similar to Ninigret, but a smaller body of water, and likewise it is an enclosed bay protected by a barrier beach. Directions: take Rte 1 north for approximately 9 miles (from Connecticut route 78 junction). Take a slight right onto IA N for approximately 1.2 miles. Go right on Matunuck School House Road for 4/10 of a mile, then right on Charleston Beach Road for 1.3 miles. This will terminate at the Charlestown Beach parking lot, where upon entering, turn immediately to the right and follow the dirt road down to the water. We will paddle east underneath the Charlestown Beach Road opposite the kayak center, and enter Green Hill Pond. Leader: David Malchman, (860)535-8185 (h), (860)5012067 (c), and email: pir8.dave@sbcglobal.net

August 24  Need a leader

August 31  9:30 AM – 2:00 PM Alton Dam to Bradford

Put in on south side of Rte 91 at state access area down a steep incline, river right. Wood River shortly joins the Pawcatuck on left. A two-foot drop over a broken dam in Burdickville can be run on right at reasonably high water. Look for fast-moving water just to left of a stony island near shore. For portage, ease boat over dam on left bank. About 300 yards after the first Amtrak trestle, Burlingame Management Area is on left. It provides camping and picnic sites; from here to Bradford the river is wide and scenic. Takeout is Bradford Landing, which is located off Rte 91 in Bradford. Co-Leaders: Sue & Geoff Sewall, (401)377-2826, and email: suemsew@gmail.com
Put in: N 41° 26.274’ W 071° 43.360’  Take out: N 41° 24.363’ W 071° 44.905’

September 7  10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Bradford Landing up stream to Burdickville dam & back, Bradford

No vehicle shuttle. This will be the stretch of the Pawcatuck River starting at Bradford Landing (across from BDA) and going upstream to Burdickville dam. Meet at Bradford Landing, which is located off Rte 91 in Bradford. From I-95, take Exit 1 and go South on Rte 3 for about 2 miles to Ashaway. Turn left (South) onto Rte 216 for about 2.3 miles to Rte 91 (and Rte 216) for about 0.4 mile to the Bradford Fishing Access Area which is on the left after crossing the river and across from Bradford Dying Association. The paddle is EASY and about 5 miles round trip. Leader: David Malchman, (860)535-8185 (h), (860)5012067 (c), and email: pir8.dave@sbcglobal.net
Launch site: N 41° 24.363’ W 071° 44.905’

September 14  10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Point Judith Pond (Salt Pond), Wakefield

No vehicle shuttle. Point Judith Pond is a shallow, four-mile (6 km)-long salt body of water lying behind the barrier beaches and sand dunes that form Point Judith Harbor. It lies immediately west of Point Judith in Narragansett, the southwestern tip of Narragansett Bay. Meet @ Marina Park, 134 Salt Pond Road, South Kingstown. Launch site: boat launch across from the parking lot. There's quite a bit of boat traffic so we need to be very quick into & out of the water. Leader: Chris Jennings, (401) 463-6946 (h) and email: chrisjennings62@yahoo.com

Sunday, October 1 Quonnie Pond – Charlestown – Launch time: 6:30 PM (sunset) FULL MOON PADDLE (Moonrise 7:43 PM). (We will be celebrating Elly’s belated birthday)

No vehicle shuttle. Bring swimsuit for moonlight dip and jacket in case it's cool. Take West Beach Road off Rte 1 in Charlestown. Turn right at end of road
and follow to end. Go right again until you reach the RI DEM boat launching area. Leader: Elly Heyder, (401)322-1121, and email: ellyheyder@yahoo.com
Launch site: N 41° 20.182’ W 071° 43.334’