



# Join Us for the Ribbon Cutting & Launch of the Union City Heritage Water Trail Sunday, July 3rd, 12:30 p.m.



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## J.P. Palmer Launch on the Coldwater River

Trace Union City's rich water history by floating from the Coldwater River into the St. Joe and through our Village as it celebrates its 150th birthday with a 3-day free fest, July 1-3, 2016. Please join us for the ribbon cutting and inaugural paddle on the Union City Heritage Water Trail. Paddle and float craft of all types (SUP, canoe, kayak, tubes, non-motorized, etc.) are welcome. Drop your craft off at the J.P. Palmer Launch (village compost site south of Coldwater Rd bridge). See map on back. Spot your transport vehicle at your preferred take out in time to board a school bus shuttle provided free of charge. The bus will leave takeout/parking points PROMPTLY at the listed times. See the descriptions below for length and paddlecraft suitability. Ribbon cutting will be a brief ceremony at the J.P. Palmer launch site at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 3rd. Lee's in Kalamazoo(269-381-7700) has boats to rent you can go pick up. Any event/weather updates will available at [UCHWT.com](http://UCHWT.com) and Facebook Event: Union City Heritage Water Trail Ribbon Cutting and Paddle (QR code above)

***Like most rivers, there are deep spots and strong current in places. All boaters under Michigan law must have a PFD with them. We highly recommend wearing them including those planning to tube. Children should wear life jackets and be accompanied by a responsible adult. Some type of water footwear is recommended-you will get your feet wet entering/exiting the river. Don't forget your sunscreen and water bottle.***

***Launch, paddle & float at your own risk.***

**Determine Your Take Out Point and Shuttle Pick Up From Information Below.  
Detailed map and directions are on the back.**

Exit Point	Shuttle Departure Time	Paddle Dist.	Appropriate For:	Notes	Historical Markers
1. Riverview Park	No shuttle. Park at J.P. Palmer Launch. Walk back to the car after exiting river at park.	.75 mile river current	tubes and floats. Children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult.	Some deep spots and strong current	1 to 16
2. Park St. Bridge/Bus Garage	12:15 PM	1 mile river current	tubes and floats. Children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult.	Some deep spots and strong current	1 to 19
3. Carp Rodeo/Sycamore Bend	12:05 PM	1.75 miles river current	tubes, floats, beginning kayakers. Children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult.	Some deep spots and strong current. <u>This is private property and we have been granted permission for this event only.</u>	1 to 24
4. Tuttle Rd. DNR Public Access	12:10 PM	4 miles (2 mi. river current/2 mi. lake.. Wind possible and no current)	Not appropriate for tubes, floats. Paddling 2 miles across lake can be challenging for younger children & inexperienced paddlers. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.	Paddling west on Union Lake can be challenging in wind, especially west wind conditions. Follow north shoreline.	1 to 26
5. Riley Dam	12:00 PM	5 miles (2 mi. river current/3 mi. lake. Wind possible and no current)	Not appropriate for tubes, floats. Paddling 3 miles across lake can be difficult for younger children & weaker paddlers. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.	Paddling west on Union Lake can be challenging in wind, especially west wind conditions. Follow north shoreline. Portage is right (north) side of dam.	1 to 28