

For Immediate Release

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Creek Freak Club Float Trip
August 23, 2008
8:30AM
Smith River, VA (Meet at Dam)

The Creek Freaks of Franklin County invite the Dan River Basin Association, the Smith River Valley Canoe Club, the Float Fisherman of Virginia, and the Coastal Canoeists to join us for a float on the beautiful and scenic Smith River on August 23rd, 2008.

The Dan River Basin Association and the Creek Freaks of Franklin County have negotiated with the Army Corps of Engineers & Dominion Power to have a special water release on Saturday August 23.

Dominion will be releasing 650 cu ft. from 8am-12pm. Meet at put-in at 8:30AM and plan to put on water at 9AM. Please shuttle your vehicles ahead of time, directions to put-in and take-out are listed on the Creek Freak website message board. If you need assistance shuttling, please meet at the put-in at 8AM.

Log onto the Creek Freak Message Board for all updated information on this float at:
<http://www.creekfreaks.org>.

The Run: Philpott Dam to Bassett: approximate run time = 1.5 hours.

Please check in at the river access point on the south side of the river just below the dam (Henry County).

For More Information on the Release Contact:

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The Smith River is cold with water temperatures typically 42 degrees. For a fun, and comfortable trip, it is best to wear warm breathable gear and splash wear. A lifejacket (and helmet for whitewater boats) is mandatory for all boaters who participate. We will have a couple Creek Freak members guiding trips down the river. If you plan to travel in these guided groups(optional), you will be asked to sign a liability waiver before entering the river. Rapids on this section at full release(1300 cu ft.) range from Class I to II. This release will be half of the normal release and therefore will make it a slower moving current and easier float, although fun for all levels of paddlers. Please contact one of us above if you have ANY questions about the river. There will also be a demonstration by the Franklin County Swift Water Rescue Team. The Edible Vibe Restaurant will be providing nature bars and refreshments at the take-out. The Dan River Basin Association will have a booth at the Take-out. DRBA will also have a member taking pictures at a particular point on the river. Creek Freaks will be at the Put-In. It should be a great day!