



RIVANNA RIVER STEWARD REPORT

River Stewards: Dan Triman Date: 06-23-17
Starting Location and Time: Darden Towe Park (12:45 PM)
Ending Location and Time: Milton (4:15 PM)
Weather: Mostly cloudy Recent Precipitation: Mostly Dry
USGS Gauges: Earlysville 2.15 ft (130 cfs), Palmyra 3.20 ft (375 cfs)
Water Color: Clear Water Odor: None Air Temp: 80° F
DO: 5 ppm PH: 8 Turbidity: 10 JTU Water Temp: 28° C
Water Testing Location: Milton River Left (38°00.3'N 78°23.9'W)

Land Use:

Residential mainly, with some commercial use and park property

Wildlife Sightings and Plant Life:

Turtles, Swallows, Green Heron, Great Blue Heron, Fish, Cat, Dragonflies, Spiders, Eagle. Very green and thick vegetation along the banks. Several large downed trees from recent storms, but none causing safety hazards.

People Interactions:

We saw a couple of other people out kayaking and Stand Up Paddleboarding today on the Rivanna River. RCA was accompanied on this paddle by 4 members of the Albemarle County Water Rescue Team (Matt Ascoli, Todd Southard, Gerald Perry, and Cody Main).

Litter and Pollution:

Collected 1.5 bags of trash, mostly comprised of plastic and glass bottles, but also some sports balls, a bucket, a cooler, and some Styrofoam.

Overall Summary:

It ended up being a nice day for a paddle with the cloud cover overhead, and the water levels still just high enough to avoid scraping the boats on too many rocks. RCA was showing the Albemarle County Water Rescue Team some of what we do and what we look for during our paddles on the Rivanna. We plan to do several more paddles together in the near future.

Actions Needed – level of priority (1 highest/5 lowest):

None.



Figure 1: Sediment on Darden Towe Boat Ramp



Figure 2: Getting started at Darden Towe



Figure 3: Turtles resting on a log



Figure 4: One of the many Mimosa trees



Figure 5: View of Woolen Mills looking down river



Figure 6: New signage installed at Riverview Park



Figure 7: Great Blue Heron at water's edge



Figure 8: Great Blue Heron taking off



Figure 9: Albemarle County Fire Rescue Team members



Figure 10: Eagles nest on power line tower



Figure 11: Young eagle perched on power line tower



Figure 12: Flowers growing on vine on fallen tree



Figure 13: Trash collected during the paddle



Figure 14: Finishing paddle at Milton