



# Clean Rivers Team 2008

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New in 2008! Iowa Whitewater Coalition, as a participant in the [Iowa DNR Streamkeepers Program](#), has adopted Commerce Ledges. IWC has committed to doing annual cleanups in the area just upstream from Walnut Woods State Park in West Des Moines and will help maintain the trails around the swiftwater learning site created by the DNR in 2007. Other outdoor enthusiasts such as bird watchers and anglers are encouraged to visit and enjoy the location and to help maintain the site's environmental integrity.

Don Propst continues to lead the Clean Rivers Team program for 2008. People are already excited and ready to get involved. Confirmed and tentative river cleanup dates appear in the schedule to the right of this page. This year the cleanup focus will be on sections of the Raccoon watershed that were inaccessible during high water last year.

Important note: The Clean Rivers Team receives support from local USDA RC&D Earth Team programs. This important support imposes two restrictions on participation. No children under age 14 are permitted to participate, and all participants aged 14-17 must have written parental consent.

## 2008 CRT Cleanup Schedule

**April 12, 10:00 am -- snowed out**  
Commerce Ledges, West Des Moines  
Meet at boat ramp in Walnut Woods State Park (land only event)

**June 14-21 -- rescheduled August 2-9**  
Sixth Annual Project AWARE 2008, Mason City to Cedar Falls [more info](#)

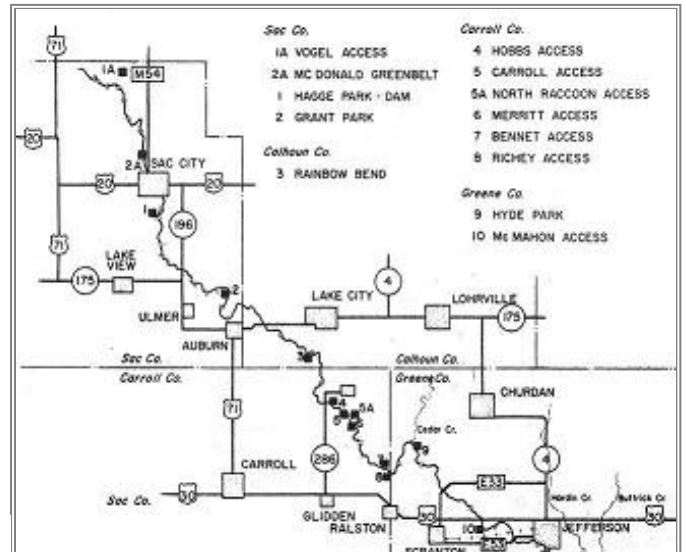
**July 26, 9:00 am -- cancelled high water**  
Raccoon River Cleanup, Richey to Hyde (see map below)

**August 16**  
7th Annual River Run Garbage Grab [more info](#)

**September 13 (tentative)**  
Raccoon River Cleanup, section to be announced



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