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Floating into fall on the Looking Glass

Several adventurers and a Jack Russell terrier named Gracie set out in kayaks recently on a five-hour ride on the Looking Glass River for the annual Friends of the Looking Glass River float trip.

The kayaks launched from Babcock Landing in Clinton County to observe the beauty of fall. Participants saw a 6-point buck, turkeys, sandhill cranes, blue herons and an assortment of other birds and wildlife. Along the way, members of the group picked up trash and cut through two logjams. The float ended at Riverside Park in DeWitt.

Participants included Gloria Miller, Larry and Peggy Arbanas, Mike Gray, Bob Bishop, Diane Matsumoto and Iris Lancaster (Gracie's owner).



Below, Matsumoto, Gray, Peggy Arbanas, Miller and Lancaster float down the river. Gracie and Lancaster ride a Verlin Kruger Sea Winds kayak on loan from Miller.



Bob Bishop photos



A day on the river: Friends of the Looking Glass River rendezvous (right) at DeWitt's Riverside Park prior to a trip down the river. From left are Mike Gray, Larry Arbanas, Gracie the dog and Iris Lancaster, Peggy Arbanas, Bob Bishop, Diane Matsumoto and Gloria Miller.