



Welcome to Henry Schuette Park

on the Manitowoc River



OUR MISSION
to create, support and protect a thousand-mile
footpath tracing Ice Age formations across
Wisconsin – the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.



Express your
love for healthy
watersheds

Explore



Start your next paddle
adventure here at the
Schuette Park accessible
kayak launch

Restore



Lend a hand at
the next habitat
restoration project

Advocate



Join us for
river and beach
clean up days



Celebrate!

Celebrate life along the river

Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed

Providing a unified voice
to enhance the Manitowoc River
and its watershed

Our Vision

Connect people to the river:
individuals, businesses, organizations,
and government.

Increase awareness of the river's
history and ecosystem.

Show that people care about the river
and desire to enhance the watershed.

Join Us

Become a Friends Member Today!

- Give your time
- Share your talents
- Donate toward special projects
- Participate in river events



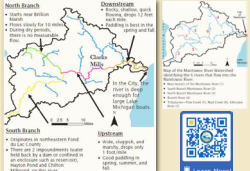
MOONLIGHT PADDLE
Sponsored by the Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed

WHAT IS A WATERSHED?
An area of land and its outcrops of rivers, streams and groundwater that drain to a common outlet.

How we maintain our cities, towns, roads, farmland, and parkland all determine the quality of this watershed.

YOUR MANITOWOC RIVER WATERSHED | by the numbers

542 square miles, 7 rivers, 12 lakes across 4 counties
4 main sub-watersheds: the Lower Manitowoc River, North Branch of the Manitowoc River, South Branch of the Manitowoc River and the Branch River.



Join us in the protection and stewardship
of this dynamic and beautiful river system

Learn More!



1875 Manitowoc Savings Bank



1849 & 1859
Schuette Bros. Co. Store



1878 Schuette Oriental Mills



Early
RIVER HISTORY



The earliest photos
showed along these
waterways, pursuing
ways of the only
mode of travel by
large boats.

THE SCHUETTE LEGACY

A FAMILY HISTORY DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE GROWTH AND SUCCESS OF MANITOWOC

HENRY SCHUETTE (1903-1981)

Henry's great grandfather John Schuette, a German immigrant, opened the first company store in 1849 when Manitowoc county was just being settled and Wisconsin had recently received statehood.

The small store was "built between stumps and surrounded by virgin forests of stately pines". The business kept pace with the growth and advancement of the city so was handed down from father to sons to grandsons.

Henry was the grandson of John Schuette Jr. – who sold his interest in the company store in 1884 to found the Manitowoc Savings Bank and the Oriental Mills.

After his father's retirement, Henry became president of the bank in 1947 at the age of 44.

GEOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES Influence Early Settlement and shape the economy of Manitowoc

A protected bay and natural river harbors created the ideal setting

TREES AND FISH AROUND
A tremendous fishery and
abundant forest lands
gave the first European
settlers an early foothold
in the economy of the
day. Homesteads are
built, stores open,
industries are developed.

SHIPS AND SAILS
Commerce to Western Europe
With a deep river and reliable
outlet on the Great Lakes,
Manitowoc would become a
major shipbuilding center.

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- AT A GLANCE
- 6 miles of hiking trails
- Scenic views of the river
- ADA kayak launch
- River access
- Ice Age Trail segment

In 1978 the Schuette family donated
this land to the city of Manitowoc;
65 acres of rolling hills and forests along
the river. Today, we know it as Henry
Schuette Park.

Ice Age Trail Alliance Join the Lakeshore Chapter



Fond du Lac,
Sheboygan,
Manitowoc,
Kewaunee,
and Door
Counties

We promote, plan, build and maintain
the Ice Age Trail from Fond du Lac County
to the Eastern Terminus in Sturgeon Bay.

WALK THE TRAIL ALONG OUTCROPPINGS OF THE NIAGARA ESCARPMENT
present and former Lake Michigan shorelines, the crest of eskers, and
the edges of bogs, rolling uplands, river valleys and marshes, hilltop remnants
of prairie oak, maple beech forest and the occasional urban stretch of trail
that passes through many vibrant communities.

Explore a Landscape SCULPTED BY ICE AND WATER

THE STORY BEGINS WITH THE GLACIERS
More than 12,000 years ago, an immense flow of
glacial ice sculpted a landscape of remarkable beauty

Some of the best evidence of this glacier is found right
here in Wisconsin! The route of the Ice Age National
Scenic Trail traces the glaciers edge, meandering for
one thousand miles through unique glacial features,
forests, prairies, lakes and rivers.

The Ice Age Trail began in the 1950's with an idea by
the late Ray Zilmer of Milwaukee; to develop an Ice
Age Glacier National Forest Park in Wisconsin that
would follow along the entire edge of the last glacier.

Ray's idea led to the creation of a nine unit Ice Age
National Scientific Reserve in 1964 and National
Scenic Trail designation in 1980.



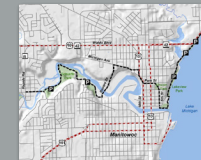
Be a Trail Volunteer

Behind the scenes, a strong community of volunteers
across the state work to build and maintain the Trail,
making it one of the country's best hiking experiences.

ICE AGE TRAIL MANITOWOC SEGMENT

TAKE A HIKE

The City of Manitowoc segment
Provides scenic views of the Manitowoc river,
highlights the rich maritime history of the area and
includes a lengthy stretch of Lake Michigan shoreline.



LAKESHORE CHAPTER PROJECTS IN THE REGION INCLUDE
Having a great time while fixing erosion issues on gravel trails,
re-routing trails to waterbars, cornfields and boardwalk work along
the lake and river. Bird hikes, Tyke hikes, Cold Cache hikes and more!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?
Join the Ice Age Trail Alliance

THERE ARE MANY MILES LEFT TO GO
Help build and maintain the Trail

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Join Us!