

Adventure for Wilderness celebrates Alberta's wild water and raises awareness about the threats it faces



What

Adventure for Wilderness: Paddling the Oldman River in support of water
conservation in Alberta

When

Monday July 11 - Wednesday July 13, 2022

Where

Oldman River

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Jim Campbell and Bob Patterson have been adventure buddies for a long time.

It's what keeps them young, or as they like to say, "***Don't let the old man in.***" This year they are celebrating Jim's 70th birthday with a 100km paddle down the Oldman River. A celebration for Jim, but also the water that gives us all life -- but is also threatened here in Alberta. Campbell says, "The aim of this adventure is to prompt more people to ask, 'What are the threats to my water supply?' and take effective action to ensure that supply continues unspoiled for all who surround them." This adventure will take them through some of the most drought-threatened areas of Alberta, where they will look into the pros and cons of the irrigation systems that have been overlaid on this landscape.

"Given the predicted impacts of the climate crisis, we need to ensure we are protecting the quality and quantity of our rivers for all those who depend on it, including aquatic and riparian ecosystems," says Alberta Wilderness Association Conservation Specialist Phillip Meintzer, who will join them on the adventure.

The adventure is also a fundraiser for the Alberta Wilderness Association, whose work protects Alberta's wild lands, waters, and wildlife for future generations. "All our local relations, plant and animal, are similarly dependent for life on abundant, clean water. A first step in good conservation work in Alberta is to ensure the water supply remains healthy for all. It is no exaggeration to say our rivers, lakes and streams are our lifeblood," says Campbell.

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