

River adventurers wind down their six-day trip along the Youghiogheny River with stops in local communities.

A six-day adventure along the Youghiogheny last week attracted river enthusiasts, who paddled and pedaled from Confluence to McKeesport, navigating through the local waterways and stopping at

nearby communities in celebration of the "Year of the Yough."

"It's wonderful," said Wayne and Peggy Rocchia of Zelienople, after their morning leg on day five from Dawson to Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Township. It was the couple's first sojourn along the Youghiogheny River, although the two have traversed parts of the

Rowing through

Allegheny River by canoe. "It's a whole different country out here," said Wayne, who was also impressed with the hospitality

shown by the groups and organizations that provided the travelers with food, entertainment and lodging sites.