Roanoke River Blueway "Paddle by Bus"

Paddle the Roanoke River Blueway from Salem Rotary Park access to the Wasena Park and utilize Valley Metro, the region's public transit service, as a return shuttle to Salem Rotary Park • Valley Metro Route #: 71 Blueway Access • Route start: 13th Street (westbound) at Cleveland Avenue Hazard/Portage • Route end: Braeburn Drive at Lewis Gale Hospital VDGIF Birding & Wildlife Site • Hours of operation: Monday – Saturday 5:45 am - 8:45 pm Valley Metro Bus Stop • Route 71 stop times: Every 60 minutes at approximately 20 minutes past the top of each hour (8:20, 9:20, 10:20, etc.) Valley Metro Route WILMONT • Bus fare: \$1.50 (exact change required) ROLLING HILL ■■■ Walk Route to/from Bus Stop valleymetro.com River/Stream Stocked Trout Waters Greenway Railroad Local Park Route 71 Bus Stop 3th and Cleveland Back Country Ski & Sport Salem Valley Metro Route 71 Bus Stop Rotary Park Apperson and Keagy Gale Hospital Route 71 Bus Stop Braeburn Drive MEDMONT

Paddle distance/time: 5.5 miles or 2 hours 30 minutes

Return trip time/distance: 5.1 miles or 55 minutes (includes walk time between Valley Metro stops and Roanoke River Blueway access points)

Directions: Park at Salem Rotary Park. Paddle the Roanoke River Blueway to the Wasena Park access (exit river right). Secure boat to sturdy structure making sure not to impede use of park facilities or greenway. From Wasena Park walk across the Roanoke River Greenway bridge to Vic Thomas Park on the north side of the river. Follow the Roanoke River Greenway (or Hannah Circle) to the Vic Thomas Park entrance on 13th Street/Memorial Avenue SW (0.3 miles). Take right (northeast) onto 13th/Memorial and follow sidewalk to Cleveland Avenue (0.1 miles). Cross 13th Street at Cleveland Avenue to Valley Metro Route 71 westbound stop. Exit bus on Braeburn Drive at Lewis Gale Hospital. Continue west on Braeburn Drive to Route 419 (Electric Road) (0.2 miles). Take right onto Route 419 and continue to Salem Rotary Park on left (0.3 miles).

Alternative directions: Park at the Back Country Ski & Sport access (kayak rental available). Paddle the Roanoke River Blueway to Wasena Park. Follow above directions to Valley Metro Route 71 bus stop. Exit bus at the Apperson/Keagy stop. Continue west on Apperson Drive to Back Country Ski & Sport (1931 Apperson Drive) (0.2 miles).

