

TrekEast's Davis to take "hometown" trail break in Lexington Wilderness explorer reaches halfway point in 6,000-mile cross- country journey from Florida to Quebec



LEXINGTON, KY (May 31, 2011) – For the past 16 weeks, he’s spent almost every night—rain or shine— sleeping in his tent in some of the East’s most spectacular wild locations. But this week, adventurer John Davis will get to spend a few well-deserved nights in the comfort of his parent’s home in Lexington, KY before hitting the “TrekEast” trail once again.

That doesn’t mean that Davis—who is hiking, paddling, and cycling more than 6,000 miles to promote awareness of the need to protect and connect eastern landscapes for wildlife movement—won’t be busy while in town. He’ll be interviewing with local media (6/6-7), participating in events like the Kentucky River Water Trail Kickoff Event (6/4), and visiting conservation project sites with the Fayetteville Alliance (6/8). See his full schedule below.

Davis, who now lives in the Adirondack Mountains of New York, attended Scott County High School and Georgetown College, where his father, Bob, was a teacher. His mother, Mary Byrd Davis, was a well-known local author and conservationist and was in the process of writing “A Green Guide to Lexington” when she passed away earlier this year. “It’s great to be back here, especially as part of a never-before-attempted conservation project that my mother was able to see unfold before she died,” says Davis. The adventurer’s fondest memories from his youth are of



hiking, climbing, and camping in Red River Gorge and Daniel Boone National Forest.

Davis arrives in Lexington after a long trek through the Southern Appalachians and Cumberland Mountains. His goal—attaining a protected, restored and connected mosaic of public and private lands stretching from the Florida Keys to Quebec’s Gaspé Peninsula, a wildlife pathway he calls the “Eastern Wildway.” Davis says there are great threats to healthy landscapes throughout the region, but that reconnecting people with nature is the first step in finding a solution.



Davis is documenting his journey daily through various means designed to make his adventures accessible to a growing number of viral wildlands trekkers. Follow him on Twitter, Facebook; blogs , and through other website updates. To see a map of Davis’ progress along the TrekEast Trail, see: <http://www.box.net/shared/080onz561d><http://www.box.net/shared/080onz561d>

Wilderness explorer John Davis is taking a Trail Break in his hometown! Media is invited to any of the following events and to set up interviews with John throughout his six-day visit. As John's schedule is still in progress, requests will be accommodated as best as possible:

Friday, June 3rd, 8:30pm - 11 pm - Al's Bar welcomes John back to Lexington (601 North Limestone)

Saturday, June 4th, 11am - 2 pm - Kentucky Riverkeeper Association Water Trail Kickoff Event @ Riptide on the River (@ the old Clay's Ferry Bridge); 9079 Old Richmond Road, Lexington, KY 40515

Monday, June 6th, all day - open for media in-studio interviews or on-location interviews

Monday, June 6th, 11am - 1pm - Shorty's Urban Market (163 West Short Street), Exploring a market with a purpose.

Tuesday, June 7th all day - open for media in-studio interviews or on-location interviews

To schedule an interview with John either at one of the above listed events, or in-studio or on-location while he's in Lexington, contact Kelly Diedring Harris, <mailto:kdharrispr@gmail.com>, 727.264.7970.

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