

Paddle Trip Attributes

Water Body: South Branch Kalamazoo

Put-in: Homer (Bridge M-60)

Take-Out: Albion (prior to Dam, M-99)

- Water low in some places might require some wading with boat
- Significant open lake water paddling with possible wind and wave effects
- Combination of river and open lake paddling with some wind and wave effects
- Route includes some slow backwater from a dam
- Tight bends in river or debris in river will require maneuvering skills
- Portage(s) around: dam(s), low bridge(s), and/or fallen trees
- Wide river with more gradual bends
- River current mostly slow
- Some places with fast current
- Some places with class one rapids (very mild)
- Some places with class two rapids (moderate; some chance of capsizing)
- Upstream paddle on half of the trip route
- Route through mostly natural areas
- Route through mostly developed or urban areas
- Route has combination of natural and developed areas
- Much of route is through wetlands
- Much of trip through wooded areas
- Water will be somewhat cold; bring extra change of clothes in waterproof bag

Comments:

Trip is through very natural areas. Look for beaver dams and other forms of wildlife.

The length is longer than average. Many will take 3 to 3.5 hours after put-in to paddle to the take-out.