

Paddle Trip Attributes

Water Body: Grand Lake & Grand River

Put-in: Culvert on private drive off Sutfin Rd.

Take-Out: Liberty Twp. Hall & Pavilion, (Liberty Rd.)

- 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:

Grand Lake is the natural beginning of the Grand River, the longest river in Michigan. We will put-in at a culvert. Those who wish may paddle upstream a short distance to beautiful Grand Lake which only has two residences and two cottages on it. After a short paddle around its circumference, we will return back to portage the culvert and proceed to Liberty, eventually going through scenic woods before coming to the Liberty Mill Pond take-out. On the way, there will another small bridge to portage around. This area is some of the most pristine land in the Jackson County area.