

## Paddle Trip Attributes

Water Body: Grand River

Put-in: Liberty Dam (Liberty Rd.)

Take-Out: Jefferson, near US127 Bridge

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:

Put is at private park maintained by the local general store, just below the scenic dam, the first and oldest on the Grand River. Also note the stone on Liberty Rd. bridge and the rock by the road with the plaque commemorating Expedition 1990, the first of the every ten year organized paddles to Lake Michigan. The headwaters of Michigan's longest river here are very clear, passing through land with little human impact. If water is low, the first mile might require some sections to be walked. The route is only 2.4 miles, but tight bends contribute to slower paddling.