

# IOWA RIVER

## Tama County to the Mississippi River

THIS STRETCH OF THE IOWA RIVER is characterized by a mixture of wooded areas and farmland with an occasional rock outcropping. The Iowa River has been channelized in Tama and Iowa counties where it enters the Coralville Reservoir. The bottom substrate is predominately mud and sand with numerous downed trees.

AS THE RIVER FLOWS into Tama County, a point of interest is the

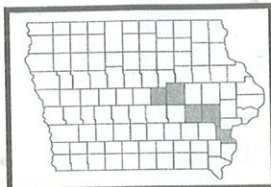
Mesquakie Indian settlement

located downstream of Montour. This is the only major Indian settlement in Iowa. Otter Creek Marsh, below Tama, is a state-owned wildlife area.

THE AMANA SOCIETY owns 23,000 acres adjacent to the Iowa River below Iowa County. The society's dam, approximately five miles below Marengo, diverts water from the river to a canal system which links several villages of the Amana Colonies. The dam makes upstream or downstream travel impossible. The remains of an old Indian fishing pier are located near Amana, but can only be seen at times of low water.

FISHING ALONG THIS first stretch can be exceptional. Walleye, white bass and crappie make annual spring runs up the river from the Coralville Reservoir. The area from Montour to Marshalltown in the rocky areas and springs is usually best. Also, try the creeks for northerns in early spring.

AS THE RIVER ENTERS Johnson County, canoeists enter the Hawkeye Wildlife Area which is located on the upper end of the Coralville Reservoir, just past the I-380 bridge. Coralville Lake is a 5,300-acre flood control reservoir. It is known for its scenic rock bluffs, fishing, camping, skiing and recreation areas. Anglers enjoy catching largemouth bass, crappie, walleye, catfish and white bass.



THE CORALVILLE DAM is located four miles north of Iowa City and is the headquarters for reservoir operations. You can take out at the ramp on the west side of the dam and put back in on the east side below the dam. Fish in the tailwaters for walleye, crappie, northern, white bass and catfish.

THE IOWA RIVER enters the towns of Coralville and Iowa City. The Coralville dam and the Burlington street dam in Iowa City are two low-head dams to portage around. River travel is unobstructed the rest of the way to Fredonia in Louisa County. In Louisa County, it joins the Cedar River which flows into the Mississippi River near New Boston, Illinois.

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Distance from Previous Access	Access Name	Location
4 miles	1. McCoy Access	2 mi N Montour
14.7 miles	2. Manatts Landing	S edge Tama on Hwy 63
9 miles	3. Long Point Landing	4.5 mi NW of Chelsea
17.8 miles	4. Duffus Landing	2 mi W Chelsea
12.8	5. Belle Plaine Access	4 mi S Belle Plaine
2 miles	6. Randolph Access (Canoe only)	3 mi S, 2 mi E Belle Plaine
2.7 miles	7. Koszta Access	1 mi N Millersburg
15 miles	8. Big Bend Area (Canoe only)	1 mi N, 2 mi E Marengo
34.5 miles	9. O'Road Access	6 mi W Tiffin
5.3 miles	10. Curtis Bridge	5 mi NW North Liberty
1 mile	11. Mid River	4 mi NW North Liberty
4.7 miles	12. Sandy Beach	3 mi SE Shueyville
1 mile	13. Jolly Rogers	4 mi N North Liberty
.9 mile	14. Lake Macbride St. Park	4 mi W Solon
3.6 miles	15. Mehaffey Bridge	4 mi NE North Liberty
1.9 miles	16. Sugar Bottom	4 mi NE North Liberty
2.9 miles	17. West Overlook	4 mi N Iowa City
.5 mile	18. GS Marine	4 mi N Iowa City
.5 mile	19. Tailwater East	4 mi N Iowa City
4.5 miles	20. Edgewood Park	NE Coralville
3 miles	21. City Park	Iowa City
2.5 miles	22. Sturgis Ferry	S edge Iowa City
9.3 miles	23. Hills Access	1 mi E Hills
8.7 miles	24. River Junction	6 mi W Lone Tree
22.9 miles	25. River Fork Boat Ramp	W edge Fredonia
13.6 miles	26. Fred T. Schwob Access	S edge Wapello
10.2 miles	27. Cappy Russell Access	N edge Oakville
6.3 miles	28. Ferry Landing Public Use Area (Mississippi River)	3 mi NE Oakville



