

NORTH AND SOUTH SKUNK RIVER

Keokuk to the Mississippi River

THE SKUNK RIVER BEGINS to take on the character of one of Iowa's largest rivers as it flows through Keokuk County where the smaller North Skunk River joins the South Skunk River. The river meanders freely for most of its 100 miles through farmland and wooded



areas into the Mississippi River.

THE SHORELINE OF NEARLY every stretch and bend of the river is littered with fallen trees, creating excellent habitat for a variety of species. Many flathead catfish, weighing more than 50 pounds, are taken each year and channel catfish and carp are in abundance. Other less common species that are of interest to the angler are bullheads and walleyes.

OAKLAND MILLS DAM, a popular recreation area four miles southwest of Mt. Pleasant, is a relaxing place to visit. Camping is provided by the Henry County Conservation Board. Restaurant facilities and a store are located right on the river. The dam is a natural place for fish to congregate, and the tailwaters area provides excellent fishing for carp, catfish and walleye. Often, anglers can be seen fishing from boats, the shore, the dam or wading in the riffles below the dam.

THE SKUNK RIVER, as any river, should be enjoyed with caution and great respect. Be cautious of the river in times of high water. The river can rise as much as five feet or more in a few hours during or after a heavy rain. The strong currents and debris can cause a very dangerous situation. Be respectful of the river, others who use it and the people who live along its shores.

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Distance from Previous Access	Access Name	Location
North Skunk River		
0 miles	1. Checauqua River Access (North Skunk)	2 mi S Sigourney
23.6 miles	4. Skunk River Access	4 mi N Richland
South Skunk River		
0 miles	2. South Skunk River Access	6-1/2 mi S Sigourney
6.6 miles	3. Manhattan Bridge	3 mi N Ollie
13.1 miles	4. Skunk River Access	4 mi N Richland
9.4 miles	5. McKain Access	6 mi NW Brighton
8 miles	6. Brighton Access	1 mi N Brighton
7.9 miles	7. Coppock Access	Coppock
10.5 miles	8. MacCoon Access	4 mi N Lockridge
16.2 miles	9. Waterworks Access	4 mi SW Mt. Pleasant
.5 mile	10. Oakland Mills Access	4 mi SW Mt. Pleasant
1.5 miles	11. Faulkner's Access	1 mi E Oakland Mills
14.3 miles	12. Stephenson Park	Lowell
5 miles	13. Gray's Landing	4 mi NW Denmark
4.8 miles	14. Upper Skunk River Access	1 mi NW Augusta
1.9 miles	15. Welter Recreation Park	Augusta
.5 mile	16. Lower Skunk River Access	1/2 mi E Augusta
3.5 miles	17. Indian Path Park	1-1/2 mi NE Wever
3.3 miles	18. Skunk River Access	5 mi NE Wever

