

RACCOON RIVER

Sac County to Des Moines

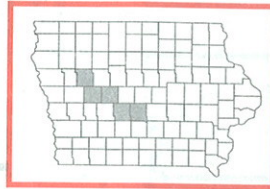
THE RACCOON RIVER, FROM THE northern part of Sac County to Des Moines, offers canoeists the leisurely get-away-from-it-all atmosphere of a slowly meandering prairie stream and good angling as well.

THE UPPER HALF OF THE RACCOON RIVER is characterized by shallow, braided chutes comprised of sandbars, snags and pools. During normal

water levels, this stretch is easily floatable. During low water levels, canoeists may have to put their craft through the shallow riffle areas. The lower half of the Raccoon River is a slower, wider stream with fewer sandbars and deeper pools. Except for occasional rock fishing riffles, which may require portages, the lower half of the Raccoon River can be easily navigated.

THERE ARE MORE THAN 30 publicly-owned accesses on the Raccoon River beginning north of Sac City and continuing to Des Moines. Many of these accesses have camping areas and boat ramps available.

THE RACCOON RIVER OFFERS the angler a great selection of sport fish. Channel catfish is the most widely distributed and commonly caught sport fish. These fish inhabit the deeper pools, log jams and cut-banks present in the entire stretch of



the Raccoon River. Flathead catfish are common in the river and present an opportunity for catching trophy-sized fish. Flatheads weighing more than 40 pounds have been taken from deep pools and log jams in the Raccoon River. Due to an aggressive stocking program, walleye are available in good numbers in the upper portion of the Raccoon River, particularly in Sac, Calhoun, Carroll and Greene counties. Smallmouth bass are also available in the same area of the river but in very low numbers. These classic sport fish should be limited to catch-and-release angling. Carp and suckers round out the angling opportunities in the Raccoon River.

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Distance from Previous Access	Access Name	Location
0 miles	1. Vogel Access	3 mi E, 2-1/2 mi N Nemaha
11 miles	2. McDonald Access	2 mi N Sac City
5 miles	3. Sac City Access	1 mi N Sac City
1.9 miles	4. Hagge Park	1-1/2 mi S, 1/2 mi E Sac City
13.6 miles	5. White Horse Access	1/2 mi S, 1 mi E Lake View
2.8 miles	6. Grant Park	1 mi N, 1/4 mi E Auburn
12.6 miles	7. Rainbow Bend	2 mi S Lake City
8.6 miles	8. Hobbs Access	1 mi E, 1 mi S Lanesboro
1.3 miles	9. Carroll Access	1-1/2 mi S, 3/4 mi W Lanesboro
.8 miles	10. North Raccoon Access	2 mi S Lanesboro
3 miles	11. Merritt Access	1/4 mi E, 1/2 mi S Lanesboro
1.1 miles	12. Buttrick's Bluff	4-1/4 mi S Lanesboro
2.5 miles	13. Benet Access	4 mi E, 2-1/4 mi N Glidden
1.6 miles	14. Richey Access	3 mi N Ralston
3.7 miles	15. Wright Access	4-1/2 mi N, 1-1/2 mi E Ralston
2.8 miles	16. Hyde Park	1 mi W, 5-1/2 mi N Scranton
5.4 miles	17. Brown Bridge Access	3 mi N Scranton
5 miles	18. McMahon Access	5 mi W Jefferson
8.5 miles	19. Henderson Park	1 mi S Jefferson
7 miles	20. Squirrel Hollow Park	3 mi E, 5 mi S Jefferson
4 miles	21. Adkins Bridge Access	5 mi SW of Rippey
17.7 miles	22. Perry Boat Ramp	1 mi W Perry
3.7 miles	23. Spring Valley Access	3 mi S Perry
4.8 miles	24. Snyder Access	3 mi SW Minburn
4.3 miles	25. Highway 44 Access	4 mi W Dallas Center
5.3 miles	26. Kinnick-Feller Park	N edge Adel
.2 miles	27. Adel Island Park	N edge Adel
7.5 miles	28. Puckerbrush Access	2 mi N Van Meter
2.2 miles	29. Two Rivers Access	NW edge Van Meter
5 miles	30. Booneville Access	W edge Booneville
15.5 miles	31. Walnut Woods State Park	W edge Des Moines

