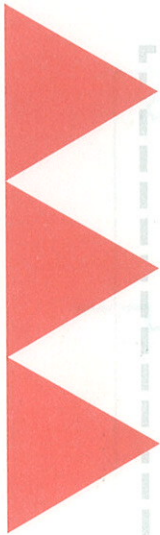


SHELL ROCK RIVER

Rockford to Janesville



THE SHELL ROCK BEGINS a transformation below Rockford. The Winnebago River flows into the Shell Rock one mile below the Rockford dam, doubling the size of the river. The narrow, coarse rock river bottom is interspersed with sand, mud and gravel.

UPON REACHING THE DAM at Marble Rock, take out on the east bank and put back in on the west bank below the dam. Old bridge pilings are located mid-stream, just below the water surface past the

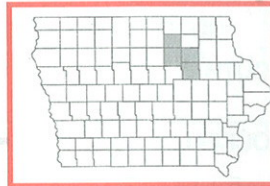
dam. The river to Greene is broad and slow with a small impoundment being formed by the old electric dam at Greene.

AT GREENE, TAKE OUT for the dam portage on the east side of the impoundment at Perrin Park. A portage of four city blocks, crossing Highway 14, takes you to Greene Recreational Park just below the dam. Water and camping can be found at this access.

BELOW GREENE, THE RIVER becomes narrow with numerous sandbars, bends and riffles. As you approach the Camp Comfort Access, the river runs through wooded, high banks with increased stream velocities. The remnants of a rock boulder dam are located at the Camp Comfort Access. Take out above the dam on the south side and put back in below the dam on the south side. Camping is available at this access.

A SMALL LOW-HEAD DAM IS located near Heery Woods Park and can easily be portaged on the east bank. The river becomes fast with a coarse rock bottom becoming more prevalent again.

THE LAST DAM ON THE SHELL ROCK is located in the city of Shell Rock. The



take-out point at this dam is on the east bank a few feet above what is left of an old mill dam. The old, five-story mill is one of the few wooden frame mills still in existence.

THE RIVER BELOW SHELL ROCK has a coarse rock substrate. The Shell Rock ends its journey east of Finchford where it joins the West Fork Cedar River. It is a short float from this point to Falls Access located immediately below the confluence of the West Fork and Cedar rivers.

THE ROCKY STREAM BOTTOM found throughout much of the Shell Rock provides excellent habitat for several species of gamefish. Smallmouth bass are numerous in the rocky stretches of the river. Walleye are common and are often caught in large numbers below the dams in the spring.

NORTHERN PIKE ARE COMMON from Greene to the river's confluence with the West Fork. The largest concentrations of northern are found near the city of Shell Rock.

CHANNEL CATFISH ARE ABUNDANT in the deep pools of the river and in numerous log jams throughout the river's course.

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Distance from Previous Access	Access Name	Location
0 miles	1. Rockford Park	Rockford
10 miles	2. Marble Rock Access	W edge Marble Rock
2.6 miles	3. Gates Bridge	2 mi SE Marble Rock
5 miles	4. Perrin Park	Greene
.5 mile	5. Greene Recreational Park	Greene
5.4 miles	6. Camp Comfort	4 mi SE Greene
10.5 miles	7. Heery Woods State Park	SW edge Clarksville
.5 mile	8. Butler County HQ	.5 mi S Clarksville
8.1 miles	9. Shell Rock Park	N edge Shell Rock
1 mile	10. Shell Rock City Park	S edge Shell Rock
9.1 miles	11. Shell Rock Access	2 mi W Janesville
3 miles	12. Wshington-Union Access	3 mi SW Janesville

