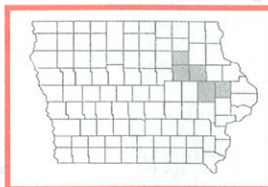


## WAPSIPINICON RIVER

### Tripoli to Anamosa

**T**HE WAPSIPINICON RIVER BEGINS its trek in Mower County, Minnesota and empties into the Mississippi River 255 miles later near Clinton, Iowa. The stretch of river that flows through Mitchell, Howard and Chickasaw counties is too small to support large populations of gamefish or float a canoe during normal water levels.

FROM TRIPOLI TO INDEPENDENCE, the "Wapsi" winds its way through a flat valley with many ponds, marshes and backwater areas along its path.



Some of the last major stands of river birch in Iowa line its banks, making this a scenic stretch of river to canoe. This entire stretch of river has been designated a Protected Water Area by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources because of its outstanding scenic and natural qualities. During the spring and fall, large numbers of waterfowl can be seen in this area due to its proximity to the Sweet Marsh Wildlife area near Tripoli and the extensive backwater areas.

NORTHERN PIKE ARE COMMON in the backwater areas of this river stretch. Channel catfish are very abundant and can be caught near the numerous log jams and trees that have fallen into the river. Smallmouth bass are also common in the rock riffle areas of the Wapsi.

THERE ARE TWO DAMS located on this stretch of the river, one at Littleton and the other at Independence. At Littleton, a portage can be made on the east bank of the river across county blacktop D16 to get below the dam. Due to the lack of a reasonable portage site, it is recommended that float trips are planned to end above Independence or start below Independence.

THE WAPSI, BELOW INDEPENDENCE,

flows slowly through a rough, heavily timbered valley. Its streambed is sandy with a few rocky riffle areas and deep pools. The most scenic stretch of river is between Waubeek, Anamosa and Pinicon Ridge Park north of Central City. Watch for the house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright operated by the Department of Natural Resources.

SMALLMOUTH BASS AND WALLEYE are common below the dams and in the rocky areas of this stretch of river. Channel catfish are common in the numerous log jams and fallen trees. Northern pike are also found throughout this stretch of river.

THERE ARE LOW-HEAD DAMS at Quasqueton, Troy Mills, Central City and Anamosa. Portages should be made on the west banks at Quasqueton, Troy Mills and Anamosa. At Central City, the east bank is the best place to portage.

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Distance from Previous Access	Access Name	Location
0 miles	1. Sweet Marsh	2 mi NE Tripoli
.6 mile	2. Snyders Access	1 mi NE Tripoli
2.5 miles	3. Wapsi Access	1-1/2 mi E Tripoli
4.5 miles	4. Hay Access	4 mi SE Tripoli
11.5 miles	5. Seven Bridges	6 mi SE Readlyn
3 miles	6. Siggelkov Park	5 mi N Dunkerton
2 miles	7. Bruce Childs Area	4-1/2 mi NE Dunkerton
5 miles	8. Bruggeman Park	3-1/2 mi NE Dunkerton
4 miles	9. Wapsi Bluff Access	3-1/2 mi SE Dunkerton
3 miles	10. Cutshaw Area	2 mi NW Littleton
.5 mile	11. Cutshaw Bridge	4 mi N Jesup
5.5 miles	12. Otterville Bridge	5-1/2 mi NW Independence
3.5 miles	13. Wapsi River Access	1/2 mi N Independence
1.7 miles	14. Bathing Beach Park	Independence
2.5 miles	15. Three Elms Area	1 mi SE Independence
11 miles	16. Quasqueton Park	Quasqueton
8.5 miles	17. Troy Mills Co. Access	4 mi NW Troy Mills
5 miles	18. Troy Mills Access	E edge Troy Mills
8 miles	19. Pinicon Ridge Park	1 mi NW Central City
2.5 miles	20. Wakpicada	1 mi S Central City
4 miles	21. Jay Sigmund Area	Waubeek
2.5 miles	22. Matsell Bridge	1/2 mi N Viola
2.5 miles	23. Stone City	Stone City
4.2 miles	24. Wapsipinicon St. Park	S edge Anamosa



