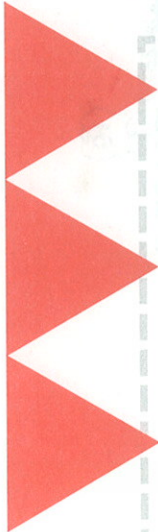


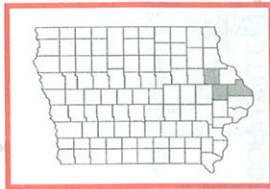
MAQUOKETA RIVER

Strawberry Point to Green Island



THE MAQUOKETA RIVER ORIGINATES in southeastern Fayette County and travels 140 miles to its confluence with the Mississippi River.

FOR THE CANOEISTS WHO DESIRE a colorful and leisurely weekend, the Maquoketa River awaits with one of the most scenic canoe trails found in Iowa. The winding bluffs of the Maquoketa River provide a pleasing background, and the river is alive with brilliant autumn colors in the fall.



THE CANOE TRAIL BEGINS just below the dam in Backbone State Park. Camping, water and restrooms are available at this departure point. The stretch between Backbone and Manchester has some shallow riffle areas that, during low water stages, can require getting out of your canoe for short stretches. There are three property lines in this stretch where fences cross the river requiring canoeists to bend over to navigate under them. The dams north of Manchester and in Manchester are best portaged on the west banks.

THE RIVER BELOW THE BAILEY'S FORD ACCESS begins to become impounded by the dam at Delhi and floating to the dam requires extra time. Weekends and holidays are high-traffic situations, so be cautious. If you are mainly interested in canoeing a river environment, it is recommended you take out at Bailey's Ford and begin a new float trip starting at the Maquoketa River Access near Delhi. The dam at Delhi has a vehicle access road to a boat ramp on the north side of the dam. The dam at Hopkinton can be portaged on the west bank. At the Monticello dam, it is necessary to make a portage of 100 yards on the west bank.

PICTURED ROCKS PARK, LOCATED DOWNSTREAM, is a very picturesque area

of the river. Camping, water and restrooms are available at this site. The next dam is located downstream of the Joinerville Access and can be portaged on the south bank. Camping is also available at the Joinerville Access.

THE RIVER DOWNSTREAM OF THE CITY of Maquoketa begins to widen and slow down as it approaches the Mississippi River. The last take out before the Mississippi is the Highway 52 Access area.

EXCELLENT SMALLMOUTH BASS ANGLING can be found between Backbone State Park and Pictured Rocks State Park. Northern pike and walleye are common from Bailey's Ford Access to the Retz Wildlife Area. Channel catfish can be found throughout the river and largemouth bass, bluegill and crappie are abundant in the impoundments on the river.

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Distance from Previous Access	Access Name	Location
0 miles	1. Backbone State Park	5 mi S Strawberry Point
1.8 miles	2. Dundee Access	Wedge Dundee
2 miles	3. Lindsey Bridge Access	2 mi S of Dundee
9.3 miles	4. Terrill Park	Manchester
.5 mile	5. East River Park	Manchester
2.6 miles	6. Pin Oak Park	2 mi SE Manchester
1.6 miles	7. Bailey's Ford Access	4 mi SE Manchester
3.8 miles	8. Turtle Creek Park	8 mi SE Manchester
3.6 miles	9. Maquoketa River Access	1-1/2 mi S Delhi
2.4 miles	10. Retz Wildlife Area	2 mi SE Delhi
6.4 miles	11. Dunlap Park	Wedge Hopkinton
9.5 miles	12. Mon-Maq Dam	1 mi NE Monticello
7.5 miles	13. Pictured Rocks	4 mi SE Monticello
11.5 miles	14. Highway 136 Access	7 mi S Cascade
14.6 miles	15. Millertown Bridge	3 mi NE Monmouth
2.5 miles	16. Royertown Canoe Access	3 mi N Baldwin
2 miles	17. Chenelworth Canoe Access	4 mi NE Baldwin
1.7 miles	18. Morehead Canoe Access	3 mi NE Baldwin
3.2 miles	19. Joinerville Park	6 mi NW Maquoketa
6 miles	20. Maquoketa City Access	Maquoketa
3.1 miles	21. Bridgeport Canoe Access	1-1/2 mi N Spragueville
8 miles	22. Iron Bridge Canoe Access	5 mi SE Andrew
8.1 miles	23. Spragueville Access	1/2 mi N Spragueville
4 miles	24. Damon Bridge Canoe Acc.	5 mi N Preston
4.5 miles	25. Highway 52 Access	1-1/2 mi NW Green Island

