

Paddle Trip Attributes

Water Body: St Joseph

Put-in: Hillsdale: Fayette Bridge

Take-Out: Jonesville: US 12 Bridge

Water low in some places might require some wading with boat

Significant open lake water paddling with possible wind and wave effects

Combination of river and open lake paddling with some wind and wave effects

Route includes some slow backwater from a dam

Tight bends in river will require maneuvering skills

Portage(s) around: dam(s), low bridge(s), and/or fallen trees

Wide river with more gradual bends

River current mostly slow

Some places with fast current

Some places with class one rapids (very mild)

Some places with class two rapids (moderate; some chance of capsizing)

Upstream paddle on half of the trip route

Route through mostly natural areas

Route through most developed or urban areas

Route has combination of natural and developed areas

Much of route is through wetlands

Much of trip through wooded areas

Water will be somewhat cold; bring extra change of clothes in waterproof bag

Comments: Possible beaver dam to go over or around and one major dam to portage. Extra water to be released from dam upstream from put-in could help avoid possible low water issues in Hillsdale area. Very pristine route.