

Paddle Trip Attributes

Water Body: Grand River

Put-in: Vandercook Lake DNR Access

Take-Out: Sharpe Park

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 or debris 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 mostly 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:

Enjoy the great variety of this route as paddlers will experience two medium size lakes with some outstanding homes & cottages, one very natural lake with only two buildings on it, a winding river through natural woods and wetlands, and finally the backyards of many interesting properties before arriving at the City of Jackson's premier park, Ella Sharp. Possible portages around some low dams, depending upon water level. Prior to the put-in, as joint Dahlem Conservancy-GREAT event, GREAT will host and provide the food for a cook-out, no charge, at the Vandercook Lake County Park facilities.