

Paddling Guide



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Christiana Creek

START	FINISH	HOURS	MILES	NOTES
Juno Lake Access – Edwardsburg	Paddle 3 lakes and get out in same spot	2.0	6.0	EZ
Juno Lake Access – Edwardsburg Creek leaves S. end of the lake	Redfield Access – S. of Edwardsburg	2.0	5.0	N, S, EZ
Redfield Access – S. of Edwardsburg	Saint Joseph River in Elkhart, IN	4.0		F, N, O
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Dowagiac River

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Wetlands at head of river — Dowagiac Dutch Settlement Rd.	In and out in same location	1.5		N, S	
Mill Pond Access – Dowagiac	In and out in same location	1.5		EZ	
River con	River continues – can be too shallow for dependable paddle				
M51 – N. of Dowagiac	M62 — W of Dowagiac	2.0	4.0	F, S, N, O	
M62 – W. of Dowagiac	Sink Rd.	2.0	4.0	F, S, N, O	
Sink Rd.	Arthur Dodd Memorial Park — Sumnerville	2.0	4.0	F, S, N, O	
Arthur Dodd Memorial Park – Sumnerville	Pucker St. Dam — N.E. of Niles	2.0		F, S, N, O	
Pucker Street Dam – N.E. of Niles	Saint Joseph River/Old 31 — Niles	2.0		F, S, N, O	
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You never have to go bar to paddle down our scenic rivers, through lush wetlands or along Lake Michigan's breathtaking shores.



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Galien River

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Galien River Access – Red Arrow Hwy., E. of New Buffalo	In and out in same location – paddle river, wetlands and out into Lake Michigan	2.5 – 4.0		N, S, EZ
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Paw Paw River

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Kalamazoo St. near Warner Vineyard	Maple Lake		.5	F, N	
Maple Lake Access	Across Imons Pond and Maple Lake (Also could go in and out at access and just paddle the pond and lake)		3.0	0	
Maple Lake – below dam	CR665		2.6	N, O	
CR665	40th St.		3.0	N, O	
40th St.	44th Ave.		3.5	N, O	
44th Ave.	45th/46th St.		2.4	N, O	
River continues – route information to be determined					
Coloma Rd. – Riverside	Graham Ave. Access – Benton Harbor	4.0 – 5.0		N, O	
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Saint Joseph River

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Saint Pat's Park – South Bend, IN	French Paper Dam – Niles	2.0	5.0	N, S, EZ
Niles Boat Ramp – Niles	Buchanan Dam – Buchanan	3.0		N, S, EZ
Buchanan Dam – Buchanan	Berrien Springs Dam – Berrien Springs	3.0		N, S, EZ
Berrien Springs Access – Berrien Springs	Jasper Dairy Rd. Access – N. of Berrien Springs	3.5		N, S, EZ
Jasper Dairy Rd. Access – N. of Berrien Springs	Riverside Park – Saint Joseph	3.0		N, S, EZ
Riverside Park – Saint Joseph	Paw Paw River Access – Benton Harbor	1.5		EZ
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