

WATER TRAIL GUIDE

Paddle Sports



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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	St. 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
<i>River continues – can be too shallow for dependable paddle</i>				
M-51 – N. of Dowagiac	M-62 – W. of Dowagiac	2.0	4.0	F, S, N, O
M-62 – W. of Dowagiac	Peavine Street	2.0	4.0	F, S, N, O
Peavine Street	Arthur Dodd Memorial Park – Sumnerville	2.0	4.0	F, S, N, O
Arthur Dodd Memorial Park – Sumnerville	Pucker Street	2.0		F, S, N, O
Pucker Street	St. Joseph River/Old 31 – Niles	2.0		F, S, N, O
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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	O
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
<i>River continues – route information to be determined</i>				
AEP River Park	Coloma Rd. – Riverside Kayak Park			
Coloma Rd. – Riverside Kayak Park	Graham Ave. Access – Benton Harbor	4.0 – 5.0		N, O
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ST. JOSEPH RIVER

START	FINISH	HOURS	MILES	NOTES
St. Patrick's County 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 River Access – 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	Riverview Park – St. Joseph	3.0		N, S, EZ
Riverview Park – St. Joseph	Benton Harbor Boat Launch – Benton Harbor	1.5		EZ
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ACCESSIBLE LAUNCHES

Carronde Park, [2650-2698 Riverbend Drive, Benton Harbor](#)

Paw Paw River County Park, [650 N. Main St., Watervliet](#).

The Phoenix Kayak Launch, [69237 County Road, South Haven](#)