



CANOEING-SHELLROCK RIVER
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Recreational Experiences Close to Home!

Safety:

- Always wear your personal flotation device (PFD).
- Be aware of potential hazards such as lowhead dams, snags, rapids, and fences.
- NEVER attempt to run lowhead dams; ALWAYS portage around them.
- DO NOT ATTEMPT FLOAT TRIPS AT HIGH WATER LEVELS. ALL rivers are unpredictable and dangerous at this time. If in doubt, postpone the trip for another day.

Float time:

Most paddlers make 2 to 3 miles per hour with steady paddling on a “normal” river outing. Factors such as water level, wind; stops for lunch, fishing, wildlife watching etc.; and paddling effort will greatly affect float times. Please be sure to plan accordingly.

Access areas

- Strand Park: located just north of Plymouth, access on east side of Shellrock River.
- Wilkinson Park: located on the south edge of Rock Falls.
- Shellrock River Greenbelt and Preserve: located along the Shellrock River from the south edge of Wilkinson Park to blacktop B-30 just west of Nora Springs.

Distances

- Strand Park to north end of Wilkinson Park = 5.5 miles
- North end of Wilkinson Park to south end of Shellrock River Greenbelt = 5.5

Camping areas

- Shellrock River Preserve: on Yucca Ave. between 290th & 280th Streets, this primitive campground and picnic area is a 0.1 mile hike east from the river. There are pit toilets, but no water or electricity. There is no charge for camping.
- Wilkinson Park: A beautiful 80-acre park with complete camping facilities. A covered bridge and rare native prairie remnants are found in the park. This camping area has water, showers, flush toilets, and electrical hookups. Costs are \$7(non-electric) and \$12 (electric).



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