

Floater's Guide *Illinois River Series*

Have a safe and fun time on the Illinois River!

The scenic Illinois River has all of the recreational possibilities you could ask for on your vacation. While vacationing, keep these things in mind to be sure your experience is the best that it can be.

Whether you are an experienced or first-time floater, don't be fooled by the calm, pristine waters. Beneath the 60 miles of scenic waterway runs a strong current that could prove perilous even for an experienced swimmer. Diving from trees, rocks, bridges or bluffs can also spell tragedy for recreationists. Anyone who dives or jumps from a bridge violates the law and is subject to a fine in excess of \$100.

Each time a rented flotation device is launched on the Illinois River a user fee is collected. People using private flotation devices such as canoes, kayaks, rafts and inner tubes, must also

\$1.00 per person, for each separate trip. No airboats, hovercrafts or jet-driven watercraft are allowed on the river. Tying rafts together can create safety hazards and river congestion, and thus is prohibited by law with a fine of \$166. Glass and styrofoam are also prohibited in and along the river and carry a minimum fine of \$166.

Public access areas are available to campers and recreationists, according to the designating signage. A \$7.00 or \$8.00 camping fee is collected daily by OSRC Park Rangers.

Licensed anglers can also enjoy the Illinois River's abundant fish, in over 70 species, including smallmouth bass.

The Illinois River is a wild and scenic stream left in its natural state for the enjoyment of all. Help keep the river beautiful and leave it cleaner than you found it. We want you to enjoy your stay...use common sense and follow these

River Level Guidelines for canoeing and rafting

Call the OSRC at (918) 456-3251 for current river levels

Upper	Lower	Division is at Diamondhead Resort
5'5"	6'	Recommend that children 10 and under not go in canoes and switch to rafts
6'	6'6"	Recommend that all switch to rafts
7'	7'6"	Recommend that children 10 and under not go in rafts
9'6"	9'6"	Recommend that all floating cease

purchase a user fee wristband for

TIPS for safe canoeing

- **Wear life preservers, protective footwear, and other suitable clothing**
- Never swim or boat alone. Stay within sight of companions.
- Do not dive from trees, rocks, bridges or bluffs.
- If you tip over, stay with your boat on the upstream side.
- Tie on food and extra clothing in water-tight containers.
- Camp only in designated areas. Avoid being trapped by rising water against bluffs or on gravel bars.
- Resist the urge to grab a fixed object - do not get pinned between the boat and a rock or tree.
- Pack thirst-quenching drinks like water and lemonade. Alcohol impairs judgement.

safety guidelines and you're sure to have a great time on the Illinois River and return again soon!

Outfitter Services

For Emergency Assistance in Cherokee County Dial 911 Rangers, Fire, and Ambulance

(when dialing out of the area or using a cell phone, please call (918) 456-2583)

* Shuttle Private Canoes: Please pre-arrange with outfitters for this service

	Canoes	Rafts	Kayaks	Inner tubes	Camping	Hook-ups/ RV Park	Motel	Cabins	Bunkhouse	Group Lodge	Meeting Room	Supplies	Food Service	Shuttle Private Canoes*	Gameroom	Outdoor Activities	Nature Center	Showers	Pool &/or Waterslide
All-American Floats	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Arrowhead Resort	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	
Diamondhead Resort	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Eagle Bluff Resort	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Elephant Rock Nature Park	X	X	X		X			X						X		X		X	
Falcon Floats	X	X	X		X				X	X		X	X			X		X	X
Green River Floats	X	X												X				X	
Hanging Rock Camp	X	X	X		X	X	X					X	X	X		X	X	X	
Peyton's Place	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	
Riverside Camp	X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X				X		X	
Sparrow Hawk Camp	X	X	X	X	X	X			X			X	X	X		X		X	
Spencer Ridge Resort	X	X		X	X	X		X				X				X		X	
Town Branch Guest Ranch	X	X			X			X						X					
War Eagle Resort Inc.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X

River Mileage

3.1 WATTS PUBLIC ACCESS

- 10.4 Low Water Bridge*
- 16.2 Flint Creek joins Illinois River
- 16.2 Spencer Ridge Resort
- 16.3 Fidler's Bend
- 23.6 Chewey Bridge
- 27.5 Riverside Camp

27.7 ROUND HOLLOW PUBLIC ACCESS**

28.0 STUNKARD PUBLIC ACCESS

- 32.2 Hanging Rock Camp

32.4 PEAVINE PUBLIC ACCESS

- 32.5 Arrowhead Resort

- 36.1 Combs Bridge

36.2 EDMONDSON PUBLIC ACCESS

- 36.5 Eagle Bluff Resort
- 36.8 Peyton's Place
- 39.4 Green River Floats
- 39.8 War Eagle Resort Inc.
- 40.0 Diamondhead Resort

41.5 NO HEAD HOLLOW PUBLIC ACCESS

47.0 TODD PUBLIC ACCESS

- 50.0 Elephant Rock Nature Park
- 52.2 Sparrow Hawk Camp

53.2 ECHOTA PUBLIC ACCESS

- 53.4 Falcon Floats
- 55.0 All American Floats
- 55.1 Highway 51-62 Bridge

55.3 RIVERSIDE PARK PUBLIC ACCESS

- 59.3 Town Branch Guest Ranch
- 59.3 Town Branch joins Illinois River

62.0 SEQUOYAH CLUB PUBLIC ACCESS

- 62.5 Barren Fork Creek joins Illinois River
- 65.6 Horseshoe Bend
- 68.5 Carter's Landing - Tenkiller headwaters & reservoir

* Dangerous during high water

** Site of summer Campground Programs on Saturday evenings

Outfitters

All American Floats

22398 S. Bald Hill Rd.
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-6949
1-877-2FLOATS
www.tahlequah.com/tlodge

Arrowhead Resort

7704 Hwy.10
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-1140
1-800-749-1140
www.arrowhead-thunderbird.com

Diamondhead Resort

12081 Hwy. 10
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-4545
1-800-722-2411
www.diamondresort.us

Eagle Bluff Resort

9800 Hwy. 10
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-3031
1-800-OKRIVER
www.eaglebluffresort.com

Elephant Rock Nature Park

22049 E. Elephant Rock Rd.
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-4215
www.elephant-rock.com

Falcon Floats

16326 Hwy. 10
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-8058
1-800-OKFLOAT
www.illinoisriver.net

Green River Floats

13063 Hwy. 10
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-4867

Hanging Rock Camp

7453 Hwy. 10
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-3088
1-800-375-3088
www.hangingrockcamp.net

Peyton's Place

10298 Hwy. 10
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-3847
1-800-359-0866
www.peytonspplace.ws

Riverside Camp

5116 Hwy. 10
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-4787
1-800-749-CAMP

Sparrow Hawk Camp

21985 N. Ben George Rd.
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-8371
1-800-722-9635
www.sparrowhawkcamp.com

Spencer Ridge Resort

Rt. 1 Box 222
Kansas, OK 74347
(918) 597-2269
1-877-226-1090

Town Branch Guest Ranch

P.O. Box 368
Park Hill, OK 74451
(918) 456-4548
brianberry@berrynurseries.com

War Eagle Resort Inc.

13020 Hwy. 10
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-6272
1-800-722-3834
www.shopoklahoma.com/wareagle.htm

Other Services

Herrin's Riverside Bed & Breakfast

17899 S. 543 Rd.
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 456-1813
Cabins, river access for fishing and swimming

Flint Creek Waterpark & Campground

Rt. 1 Box 215
Kansas, OK 74347
(918) 597-2667
(918) 640-1899
www.flintcreekpark.com
Waterslide, paddle boats, camping, RV park, ice & vending machines

Bigfoot Floats

16040 Hwy. 10
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 458-5208
Canoe & raft rentals, exotic reptiles, Bigfoot exhibit

Staar Landing & Campground

Rt. 1 Box 968
Watts, OK 74964
www.riverresort.net
(479) 659-8186
Campground, concessions, putt putt, swimming pool

Pine Valley Resort

7687 Hwy. 10
Tahlequah, OK 74464
(918) 458-6445
1-888-458-6445
Cabins sleep up to 14 people

On the Fly

(918) 457-5952 (day)
(918) 431-1136 (evening)
www.tah-usa.net/onthe-fly
Flyfishing instruction, outfitting, guide service, fishing for small-mouth bass

State of Oklahoma

Scenic Rivers Commission

P.O. Box 292
Tahlequah, OK 74465-0292
(918) 456-3251
www.oklahomascenicrivers.net

Boat smart from the start. Wear a life jacket!