Route Description of the Des Moines River

NOTE: (L) and (R) represent right and left banks of the river when facing downstream.

RIVER MILE

68.0 Talbot Lake. Talbot Lake County Park is at the south end of Talbot Lake. Trailer access and camping in park.

68.0 (L) Carry-in access, west of County Road 7. Talbot Lake Wildlife Management Area.

53.1 County Road 6 bridge.

62.2 State Highway 62 bridge.

61.7 Township road bridge (160th Avenue).

60-56.6 Winkler W.M.A.

59.3 County Road 6 bridge.

57.5 State Highway 62 bridge.

55.7 Township road bridge (190th Avenue).

55.3 Park Grove County Park carry-in access, picnic area. Not directly on the Des Moines River, located upstream on the Heron Lake outlet.

52.7 County Road 15 bridge.

48.8 County Road 14 bridge.

46.3 (L) Confluence of Schollhoff Creek.

43.7 County Road 16 bridge.

40.8 County Road 15 bridge.

40.4 (L) Dynamic County Park rest area (a little distance from the river).

38.5 (L) Island Park carry-in access. City campground (fee) with rest area. Self-registration with no reservations. Drinking water. Rock dam with class I-II rapids. Portage left, 150 yards.

37.0 Former site of Windom Dam, now Class I rapids. Portage left, 150 yards. City of Windom. Island Park, carry-in access, drinking water, picnic area.

36.4 Small rapids.

36.3 (L) Mayflower Park carry-in access and drinking water.

35.5 State Highway 71 bridge.


30.2 (L) Des Moines River Prairie S.N.A.

29.1 (L) Christianson (County Road 30) Bridge trailer access and picnic area.

28.7 (L) Christianson Bridge campsite.

25.0-24.6 Kitan Woods State Park on right (north segment).

24.9-24.6 Holthe Prairie S.N.A. on left.

23.5 Reservoir.

23.3 Kitan Woods State Park. Drinking water and camping in park. Woods and virgin prairie along the river provide a contrast to the surrounding agricultural area.

23.1 County Road 24 bridge.

22.1 Small Rapids.

22.8 (R) County Road 19 bridge and Belmont trailer access.

21.7 Powukawa crossing.

21.4 (L) Belmont County Park watercraft campsite.

20.1 Small rapids.

19.8 County Road 16 bridge.

17.2 Powukawa crossing.

16.1 Small rapids.

15.6 State Highway 71 bridge.

14.8 Interstate 90 bridge.

13.0 State Highway 71 bridge.

12.8 (L) Ashley City Park, carry-in access, picnic area, drinking water. Small rapids.

12.4 (L) Memorial Park rest area.

12.3 Former site of Jackson Dam, class I rapids.

10.8 Powukawa crossing.

7.3 Confluence of Stony Brook.

6.9 County Highway 25 Bridge.

6.1 Wire across the river, may be impassable in high water.

3.1 (R) Petersburg carry-in, campsite and rest area. County Road 23 bridge.

0.0 Minnesota-Iowa border.