



Pike's Passage

Mississippi River Water Trail

Trips for Beginners

Saverton, Missouri/Lock & Dam 22 to Clarksville, Missouri/Lock & Dam 24

Ted Shanks Conservation Area - Horseshoe Lake Area:

A safe place to practice paddling strokes and rescue techniques, Horseshoe Lake provides the perfect area for early season exploration and adventure. Ideal paddling times are spring and early mornings in the summer.

Ted Shanks Conservation Area - Salt River Access:

The Salt River Access is typically slow unless there have been heavy rains or water release from the Mark Twain Lake Dam. Put in and take out at the boat launch ramp unless shuttles have been arranged for a paddle to Louisiana.

Calumet Creek Natural Area:

If you are looking for a nice creek paddle with little current this is the paddle for you. Enjoy a leisurely one mile paddle up to the Calumet Creek Paddle-In Primitive Campground and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature. This trip will take 1 to 2 hours.

Gosline Access Area - Gosline Island:

This trip is sure to delight paddlers with diverse wildlife and unique river features. The normally quiet slough is perfect for beginners. After launching at the ramp go right and paddle up the slough until it opens to the main river channel. Return to the launch ramp via the slough. This trip will take 1 to 2 hours. Put in and take out at the boat launch ramp.

Louisiana Riverfront to Noix Creek Paddle:

Paddle one mile downstream staying close to the Missouri shoreline to Noix Creek. Paddle up Noix Creek and experience this beautiful scenic area before returning to the Louisiana Riverfront. This trip will take 1 to 2 hours. Put in at the Louisiana Riverfront.

Louisiana Riverfront to Salt River:

Paddle upstream staying close to the Missouri shoreline to the Salt River. Explore this beautiful Mississippi River tributary before returning to the Louisiana Riverfront. Put in at the Louisiana Riverfront.

Two Rivers Marina:

At the Two Rivers North Access Area and follow the shoreline downstream to Two Rivers Marina. Here you can visit the marina store for supplies. Once you have finished exploring the marina travel across the main channel to Louisiana. This trip will take 1 to 2 hours and will require a short shuttle back to your vehicle.

Note: Paddling times may vary based on river conditions, weather and the paddler's ability.