



# Little River Water ~ Trail

## Smith Mill

**Description:** Section 2 upstream put in is at the Tom Watson Bridge DNR ramp. This is a cement ramp with a gravel parking area near on the southern side of the bridge. Once you put in and start east you will notice the remains of an old bridge foundation on both sides of the river. About a half mile down there is a narrow channel entering the river from the north, you can paddle into it and it opens up into a natural pond of about 4 acres filled with fish and wading birds. Next is Fish Dam Bend, which has multiple islands, splitting the river in two. The river past that has Upton Creek entering it on the north side. This area is a great spot to observe bald eagles and osprey in flight, roosting, and catching fish. Past this point we turn south, proceed to Busseys Bend, and Broom Creek. Watch along the southern bank for a huge Bald Eagle Nest in a large Pine beside the river. Further down Holliday Park is on the northern bank You will see a large cement ramp located next to the boat dock. Camping is free and offers a covered group shelter, primitive campsites with picnic tables and bathrooms with water up the hill above ramp. Note: This section is great for bird watching. Many heron, ducks, canadian geese, bald eagles, osprey, kingfishers. Other common wildlife are turtles, river otter, beaver, and deer. A great section of river to kayak fish—abundant bream, crappie, catfish, bass.

**Length:** 7.4 miles from Smith Mill Access point to Holiday Park Access point

**Difficulty:** Class I - Flatwater Suitable for Beginners

**Paddling Time:** 4 hours

**Legend**

- Public Access Point
- Camping/Lodging
- Point of Interest
- Clarks Hill Wildlife Management Area

