North Fork Crow River Guide – Rockford Access

Map

Access at Riverside Park, Rockford

Rockford Access – River mile 24
The Rockford access was developed in the fall of 2006. It is now suitable for launching small watercraft. The access is located at Riverside Park on the north end of Main Street, west side of the river.

The river bank is of moderate height here and a fishing pier is also present. Local groups have organized stream-side clean-ups in recent years and the river has benefited from that.

Canoeing and Scenery
A possible day-trip is from the Rockford access to Riverside County Park, a distance of 8.5 miles. Two miles upstream of the Rockford access is the confluence of the South Fork of the Crow with the North Fork.

The river is straight and shallow. There were few downed trees encountered in 2000. Typical substrate is gravel, cobble and boulder. Low head dams, formerly hazards to canoeing, were removed at Hanover (in 1985) and Berning Mill (in 1988).

Fishing
When water quality is improved in the Crow River smallmouth bass should become more abundant in this reach. Smallmouth prefer boulder and rock substrate typical of medium gradient streams. It’s a lot of fun to cast for smallmouth as you float leisurely down the North Fork of the Crow. Walleye and northern pike are common here as well.

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