North Fork Crow River  – Albright’s Mill Access

Map

Albright’s Mill Park Access – River mile 63
The access at Albright’s Mill Park is part of the Wright County Parks system. It is located four miles north of U.S. 12 on CSAH 5. Features of this park include picnic area, toilet and primitive canoe campsite.

The access is very steep and only canoes may be launched. Water levels at 500 cubic feet per second make for fairly easy canoeing. Mean monthly flows for 10 years are above this level so canoeing should be possible during the summer months in most years.

Canoeing and Scenery
A possible day trip is from Albright’s Mill to Anderson Park, a distance of 7 miles. The North Fork of the Crow flows through flood plain forest with associated wetlands. Sand and silt are common substrates. When the river is high in the fall, wood ducks are attracted to the flooded timber. It’s easy to paddle quietly downstream. On one trip an eagle took flight as I rounded a bend into view.

Fishing
Carp and redhorse are commonly caught in the river near Albright’s Mill. The Minnesota Department of Health recommends no more than one meal per week of fish caught from the North Fork of the Crow. This advisory has become the standard for all the area lakes and streams. Albright’s Mill is a favorite shore fishing site. A pleasant afternoon can be spent catching river fish while the kids romp in the park.

More information:
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