

## **Chippewa River Water Trail**

The Chippewa River flows 80 miles from Barryton to Midland where it joins forces with the mighty Tittabawassee. The most popular and accessible section of the river runs 24 miles from Lake Isabella to Island Park in downtown Mt. Pleasant. Whether you like to kayak, canoe or tube, here

is a fun, scenic, leisurely adventure we think you will thoroughly enjoy.

On our paddling adventure, we put in at Majeske Landing and took out at Meridian County Park, wishing we had made arrangements to go further that day. What a beautiful river. The upper section of the Chippewa River is fairly shallow, clean and clear with a swift current flowing over a gravel and rocky bottom. Most of the shoreline is shady undeveloped woodland. Keep a look out for bald eagles, great blue herons, kingfishers and

other wildlife as you float down the river. After Deerfield County Park, you'll pass through stretches of deep, lazy water and some brisk shallow flats. Overnight, riverside camping is available at Deerfield County Park. There are two top notch outfitters that offer spotting services and kayak, canoe and tube rentals. For more information about local outfitters, camping and lodging, visit:

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