

## Rock River Water Trail Section E

### Jefferson to Fort Atkinson to Indianford 26 Miles (Jefferson, Dane and Rock Counties)

A short distance downstream of the Milwaukee Street Dam at Riverfront Park is the confluence with the Crawfish River. The Crawfish is a designated water trail within the Glacial Heritage Area. The river section from Jefferson to the City of Fort Atkinson is through developed and rural landscape, with a small rapids and a long island owned by the US Bureau of Land Management that is available for public use. The island is in proximity of CTH K that runs along the west river bank most of the distance to Klement Park in Fort Atkinson. The river is about 100 feet in width. There is no dam in Fort Atkinson, so the trail from Jefferson to Groeler Road downstream of Fort Atkinson is unrestricted and the two segments provide over 11 miles of river at the gateway skill level. The Bark River enters the Rock River just before the downtown area and paddling is available on the Bark.

North Water Street West in downtown Fort Atkinson is a developed ramp and boat launch. Paddlers can take out at this site for food and restrooms and enjoy the amenities of the city, including access to the Glacial River Bike Trail. Cultural attractions within easy reach of downtown include the Panther Intaglio Mound, a replica of Fort Koshkonong and the Hoard Historical Museum and National Dairy Shrine. Five miles south of the city is the state Koshkonong Wildlife Area and 10,000-acre Lake Koshkonong. Paddling on the lake is a challenge segment due to frequent recreational boat traffic and expanse of open water; travel on the lake is not advised during approaching storms and high wind conditions. A number of access sites and camping facilities are available on the lake and near the community of Newville. Near the Vine Ha Ha Road access is the Koshkonong Indian Mounds. The river channel reforms at Newville and 3 miles downstream is the Indianford Dam, which impounds water as far upstream as Jefferson. The river is about 200 feet wide at this point and passes through rural and developed landscape along the river and near the City of Edgerton. Recreational motor boating is popular on the river so paddling skill level is recreational. Portage just before the dam at either river right or left with put-in across the road at the county park.

	Length of Segment	Segment Skill Level	Segment Type	Access Sites
Jefferson to Klement Park Fort Atkinson	5 miles	Gateway	Rural	4
Fort Atkinson To Groeler Road	6 miles	Gateway	Urban	4
To Lake Koshkonong to Newville	11 miles	Challenge	Rural (lake)	7
To Indianford Dam	4 Miles	Recreational	Rural	1