

**Rock River Water Trail Section F**  
**Indianford to Janesville to Beloit Section 29 Miles (Rock County)**

River access below the Indianford Dam is at Indianford County Park located on both river banks. The confluence of the Yahara River flowing from the four lakes in Madison is less than 2 miles downstream of Indianford. An alternate access site for a rest stop or emergency is near CTH H and Gibbs Lake Road less than a half mile from the Yahara confluence. The river passes through relatively undeveloped rural areas and farmland over 8 miles from Indianford to a boat launch and access near the STH 14 Bridge. Two miles downstream of STH 14 is beautiful Riverside Park of Janesville and the beginning of urban paddling segments. Riverside Park has two access sites on river right: a carry-in site on the northern edge and a developed boat launch 0.8 miles downstream. The carry-in site has full amenities and is less than 200 feet from the Devil's Staircase Segment of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail that passes through Janesville.

Developed launch sites and gateway experiences are available in the two large urban areas of Janesville and Beloit. Janesville has two dams and Beloit one dam. Paddlers near Traxler Park in Janesville may encounter boating activity from the local water ski club. The Kiwanis Bike Trail and the Rock Trail in Janesville run along the river from Riverside Park through the downtown to the Afton boat launch downstream of the Monterey Dam. The 11-mile rural river segment from the Monterey Dam to Preservation Park in the Town of Beloit just north of the City of Beloit is a recreational segment due to its length and presence of power boats. A river island owned by the Bureau of Land Management is near Afton at river mile 172.2 and is available for public use. Camping is available at Happy Hollow County Park. Near the Beloit Dam are large industrial murals on walls of Beloit Ironworks that front the river; the murals are illuminated at night. Just downstream of the Beloit Dam is the specially-designed and accessible John Rose Canoe & Kayak Launch on the river, with the Beloit Bike Path nearby. Janesville and Beloit have rich cultural heritages and attractions for the paddler who may wish to spend time in the cities. The urban access sites in both cities are within proximity of restrooms, food and amenities. Beloit College is a short walk after take out at Riverside Park before the Beloit Dam.

|   | Length of Segment | Segment Skill Level | Segment Type | Access Sites |
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| Indianford to Janesville Town Park Hwy 14 | 8 miles           | Recreational        | Rural        | 3            |
| To Janesville Centerway Dam               | 4 miles           | Gateway             | Urban        | 4            |
| Between Janesville Dams                   | 2 miles           | Gateway             | Urban        | 2            |
| Monterey Dam to Preservation Park         | 11 miles          | Recreational        | Rural        | 4            |
| To Beloit Dam                             | 4 miles           | Gateway             | Urban        | 3            |