Use the Water Safely!

- Make sure to bring a wearable personal flotation device (PFD) for each person. It’s the LAW!
- Don’t forget to bring: sun protection and a first aid kit, along with drinking water and snacks.
- Make sure to tell someone where you are going and what your plans are.
- Pay attention to the weather and changing river conditions.
- If canoeing, kayaking or tubing make sure to secure all equipment to your vessel.
- Remember! If you pack it in, pack it out.

YELLOWSTONE LAKE

Yellowstone Lake, which lies within the Yellowstone Lake State Park and Yellowstone Wildlife Area, is a 455 acre man-made lake. The Lake is open year round for boating, canoeing, fishing, swimming, and snowmobiling. A portion of the Lake is no-wake, which makes it perfect for paddle enthusiasts. The lake itself is regularly stocked with game fish.

Yellowstone State Park offers numerous campsites along with boat rentals during the summer. The adjacent Yellowstone Wildlife Area offers an additional 4,000 acres of trails for birding, horseback riding, snowshoeing, hunting and trapping, and even includes a shooting range.

A vehicle admission fee is required when entering the state park and swimming is prohibited.

PECATONICA RIVER

The Pecatonica River starts in Iowa County and flows through Lafayette County into Illinois. Often compared to the more well-known Kickapoo River, the East and West Branches of the Pecatonica River are known for their slow pace and large looping switchbacks. Scenic bluffs tower over some sections of the river while open pastures and wooded vistas host many species of wildlife.

There are only very small rapids in the Pecatonica River, but expect dams on the East Branch in Blanchardville and Argyle. The biggest hazards to be expected are downed trees. Average water speed is 1 mph and water widths vary from 70-100 feet on the East Branch and 40-80 feet on the West. Fishermen will enjoy their luck at catching smallmouth bass, walleye, catfish, and pan fish. Wisconsin fishing licenses are required.

FEVER RIVER

Also known as the Galena River, the Fever is a slow lazy river in western Lafayette County. Upstream the river is rather shallow, so paddling and floating are encouraged closer to the State line. The Fever is known for its smallmouth bass fishing. Numerous public fishing easements exist along its banks.

Fever River

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