

Sac River

The Sac River has an extensive drainage, floatable tributaries, fairly clear water, and some good fishing. However, two factors complicate float planning on the Sac River: river level fluctuations related to the release of water from the Stockton Dam during times of power generation and the lack of public accesses along the river and two of its main tributaries, Bear and Cedar creeks.

While the Sac River is floatable beginning at the Highway 32 Bridge (floating is restricted by USACE between the dam and the bridge for safety concerns), the first access meeting *A Paddler's Guide to Missouri* standards is Blackjack Access, nearly 32 miles downstream of Stockton Dam. Similarly, none of the access points listed in previous editions for Bear and Cedar creeks meet these standards, so those two entries have been removed from the guide.

Difficulty: I, occasionally II.

Gradients: general — 2; Hwy. 32 to Route J — 2.2; to Caplinger Mills — 1; to Hwy. 54 — 2.2; to Osage River — 0.9.

Counties: Cedar, St. Clair, Polk.

- 0.0 **Blackjack Access.** West of Collins on Hwy. 54 to Route J, continue three miles to Route W, and two miles west to the area. ▲
- 0.3 Brush Creek on right.
- 1.1 Good takeout above bridge.
- 1.2 Hwy. 54 Bridge. Good riffle just above bridge. River bigger and less interesting beyond this point, eventually becoming a lake.
- 5.0 Buzzard Bluff on right.
- 8.0 Rockhouse Cave, on left, is a well-known archeological site that once yielded many artifacts. It is not a true cave but rather a many roomed "apartment house" weathered out of the soft rock. Rockhouse Cave is on private property. Floaters need permission to access the site. Truman Lake backs water to just below here; still some current to Coon Creek.
- 10.6 Piper Ford reached by private road from both sides.
- 13.2 Coon Creek on right.
- 17.3 Hwy. 82 Bridge. Truman Lake. USACE Sac River Access.

