

The Osage Fork of the Gasconade

The Osage Fork is a fine floating and fishing stream. In normal seasons, there is enough water to float it from Hwy. 5 down, a distance of about 40 miles. Maples, redbuds, dogwoods, and other flowering trees and shrubs make it a pretty stream in both spring and fall. Although the valley is well dotted with farms, there are numerous gravel bars for camping, and fishing is excellent. There is some tendency for short sections of the stream to be log jammed, but this slight inconvenience is a small price to pay for a little-floated stream.

Difficulty: I, II where log obstructions occur.

Gradients: general — 4.8;
Route ZZ to Hwy. 5 — 5.8; to Hwy. B — 4.9; to Drynob — 4.7; to Gasconade River — 4.3.

Counties: Webster, Wright, Laclede.

- 0.0 Rader Access on Route ZZ.
- 1.8 Panther Creek on left.
- 2.4 Low-water bridge on Auburn Road.
- 4.3 Low-water bridge on Orchid Drive.
- 6.8 Smith Branch on right.
- 9.0 Route J Bridge.
- 11.3 Spring branch on right.
- 14.2 Low-water bridge on Atlanta Road, connecting Hwys. J and 5.
- 15.0 Brush Creek on left.
- 17.0 Hwy. 5 Bridge.
- 21.5 Orla Bridge on Skyline Drive. No access.
- 21.7 Stean Creek on right.
- 28.2 Spring on left.
- 28.7 Route B Bridge. **Long Ford Access.** Good gravel canoe/kayak access.
- 29.7 Spring branch on left.
- 31.9 Lambeth Bridge. Iron bridge on Tulsa Road between Lyons and Hwy. 32. No access.
- 32.1 Cobb Creek on right.
- 38.9 **Drynob Access** on Hwy. 32. ➡

- 43.8 **Davis Ford Access** on Route AC. ➡
- 49.3 Good rift over rock ledge near Abo.
- 51.5 County bridge at Hull Ford on Garrett Drive.
- 52.5 **Hull Ford Access** on Route N. Last access on Osage Fork. Gravel ramp.
- 54.0 Island. Possibility of log-jammed channels. Check.
- 57.0 Gasconade River.
- 57.8 **Hazelgreen Access** on Gasconade River. Off Route N on South Outer Road. ➡

