

South Fabius

The “Fabby” system is made up of three stream forks. The South Fabius converges with the North just east of Hwy. 61, north of Palmyra. Because the lower part South Fabius hasn’t been altered as much as the other two forks, it is the only one mentioned here, although the other two are worth checking out. Stream segments to Hwy. 61 are seasonably floatable, and canoes usually must be walked through riffles. Picturesque bluffs, clean gravel bars, and lots of wildlife, including otters, makes the Fabby a good place to float.

Difficulty: I.

Gradients: general — 2.

Counties: Knox, Lewis, Shelby, and Marion.

- 0.0 **White Oak Bend Access.** From Hwy. 156 north on Knox County Road 387. Seasonally floatable from here to Hwy. 61 Bridge. Access is moderately difficult due to 6-foot bank. ▲
- 5.3 Hwy. 156 Bridge.
- 5.9 Little Fabius River on right
- 6.0 Route E Bridge. Next 8 miles are channelized.
- 6.8 Myers Branch on left.
- 8.8 Spees Branch on left.
- 9.4 Severs Branch on left.
- 9.6 Lewis County Road 273 Bridge.
- 10.3 Lewis County Road 272 Bridge.

- 12.5 Shelby County Road 177 Bridge.
- 15.7 Marion County Road 103 Bridge.
- 17.8 Marion County Road 117 Bridge.
- 20.0 **Dunn Ford Access**, fair canoe/kayak access. Marion County Road 123 off Route J. ▲
- 21.8 Route D Bridge.
- 27.5 Marion County Road 159 Bridge.
- 29.0 **Black Hawk Access**, concrete boat ramp. Marion County Road 134 about 4 miles west of Route A, west of Palmyra. ▲
- 23.2 Marion County Road 153 Bridge.
- 39.2 Route A Bridge.
- 42.0 Troublesome Creek on left.
- 42.8 Grassy Creek on left.
- 43.0 Marion County Road 304 Bridge.
- 48.0 Marion County Road 315 Bridge.
- 51.5 Hwy. 61 Bridge.
- 52.1 Confluence of North and South Fabius.
- 53.0 **Soulard Access**, on Marion County Road 344 off Hwy. 61. Caution: Large trucks entering and departing rock quarry. ▲
- 54.0 Railroad bridge.
- 56.0 Mississippi River.

