



Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission

# Floater's Guide

## Illinois River Series



**Welcome to the Illinois River!** Enjoy the many recreational opportunities available on the Illinois River and please leave the area even cleaner than you found it.

**Illinois River information:** Floaters and anglers can check water levels via the OSRC's website at [www.oklahomascenicrivers.net](http://www.oklahomascenicrivers.net). For current fishing regulations, visit the OK Dept. of Wildlife Conservation's website at [www.wildlifedepartment.com](http://www.wildlifedepartment.com). While visiting the area, keep in mind the laws and regulations that pertain to Scenic Rivers - fines are assessed for littering, possession of glass or styrofoam, and tying rafts together. Also, children 12 and under are required to wear a flotation device when in a water vessel.

**Public Access Areas:** The Public Access Areas maintained by the OSRC are available for fishing, camping, and swimming. Camping fees are \$12/night, and subject to change in accordance with the OK Tourism & Recreation Dept.'s rates. Fees are collected daily by OSRC staff. Several of the OSRC-maintained Public Access Areas are also now alcohol free, which are designated on the map inside.



### River Level Guidelines for Canoeing and Rafting

Upper*	Lower*	Recommendation
5.5'	6'	Children 10 & under not go in canoes and switch to rafts
6'	6.5'	Everyone switch to rafts
7'	7.5'	Children 10 & under not go in rafts
9.5'	9.5'	All floating cease

\*Division between Upper and Lower Illinois is at Diamondhead Resort

### Safety Tips

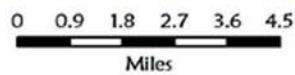
- Wear life preservers, protective footwear and other suitable clothing.
- Never swim or boat alone. Stay within sight of companions.
- Do not dive from trees, rocks, bridges or bluffs.
- If you tip over, stay with your boat on the upstream side.
- Tie on food and extra clothing in water-tight containers.
- Camp only in designated areas. Avoid being trapped by rising water against bluffs or on gravel bars.
- Resist the urge to grab a fixed object - do not get pinned between the boat and a rock or tree.
- Pack thirst-quenching drinks like water and lemonade. Alcohol impairs judgement.

NOTE: AT NORMAL FLOWS, THE ILLINOIS IS A CLASS II RIVER. CLASS II-EASY RAPIDS WITH WAVES UP TO 1 FT. AND WIDE, CLEAR CHANNELS THAT ARE OBVIOUS WITHOUT SCOUTING. SOME MANEUVERING IS REQUIRED.



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# Illinois River



# Outfitter Services

For  
Emergency  
Assistance  
in  
Cherokee  
County  
DIAL  
911  
Rangers,  
Fire, and  
Ambulance

	Canoes	Rafts	Kayaks	Inner Tubes	Camping	Hook-ups/RV Park	Motel	Cabins	Bunkhouse	Group Lodge	Meeting Room	Supplies	Food Service	Shuttle/Private Canoes	Gameroom	Outdoor Activities	Exhibit	Showers	Pool &/or Waterslide
All American Floats	X	X	X	X	X							X	X			X		X	X
Arrowhead Resort	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X						X	
Diamondhead Resort	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	
Eagle Bluff Resort	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	
Elephant Rock Nature Park	X	X	X		X			X				X	X		X			X	
Falcon Floats	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X		X		X	X
Green River Floats	X	X											X					X	
Hanging Rock Camp	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X		X		X	
Peyton's Place	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X		X		X		X	
Redneck Yacht Club	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X	X		X		X	
Riverside Resort	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X				X		X	
Sparrow Hawk Camp	X	X	X	X	X	X			X			X		X		X		X	
Town Branch Guest Ranch	X	X			X			X					X						
War Eagle Resort	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X

# River Mileage

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|------|--|------|---|
| 0.0  | State Line                             | 39.8 | War Eagle Resort                                    |
| 3.1  | <b>US HWY. 59 BRIDGE PUBLIC ACCESS</b> | 40.0 | Diamondhead Resort                                  |
| 5.1  | Red Neck Yacht Club                    | 41.5 | <b>NO HEAD HOLLOW PUBLIC ACCESS</b>                 |
| 10.4 | <b>CARNES FORD PUBLIC ACCESS *</b>     | 47.0 | <b>TODD PUBLIC ACCESS</b>                           |
| 16.2 | Flint Creek joins Illinois River       | 50.0 | Elephant Rock Nature Park                           |
| 16.3 | Fidler's Bend                          | 52.2 | Sparrow Hawk Camp                                   |
| 23.6 | Chewey Bridge                          | 53.2 | <b>ECHOTA PUBLIC ACCESS</b>                         |
| 27.5 | Riverside Camp                         | 53.4 | Falcon Floats                                       |
| 27.7 | <b>ROUND HOLLOW PUBLIC ACCESS</b>      | 55.0 | All American Floats                                 |
| 28.0 | <b>STUNKARD PUBLIC ACCESS</b>          | 55.1 | Highway 51/62 Bridge                                |
| 32.2 | Hanging Rock Camp                      | 55.3 | <b>RIVERSIDE PARK PUBLIC ACCESS</b>                 |
| 32.4 | <b>PEAVINE PUBLIC ACCESS</b>           | 59.3 | Town Branch Guest Ranch                             |
| 32.5 | Arrowhead Resort                       | 59.3 | Town Branch joins Illinois River                    |
| 36.1 | Combs Bridge                           | 62.0 | <b>MURRELL HOME RD. PUBLIC ACCESS</b>               |
| 36.2 | <b>EDMONDSON PUBLIC ACCESS</b>         | 62.5 | Barren Fork Creek joins Illinois River              |
| 36.5 | Eagle Bluff Resort                     | 65.6 | Horseshoe Bend                                      |
| 36.8 | Peyton's Place                         | 68.5 | Carter's Landing - Tenkiller headwaters & reservoir |
| 39.4 | Green River Floats                     |      |   |

\* Dangerous during high water

# Outfitters

## All American Floats

17170 Hwy. 10  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-6949  
1-877-2FLOATS  
www.allamericanfloats.net

## Arrowhead Resort

7704 Hwy. 10  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-1140  
1-800-749-1140  
www.arrowhead-thunderbird.com

## Diamondhead Resort

12081 Hwy. 10  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-4545  
1-800-722-2411  
www.diamondheadresort.us

## Eagle Bluff Resort

9800 Hwy. 10  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-3031  
1-800-OK-RIVER  
www.eaglebluffresort.com

## Elephant Rock Nature Park

22049 E. Elephant Rock Rd.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-4215  
www.elephant-rock.com

## Falcon Floats

13063 Hwy. 10  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-8058  
1-800-OKFLOAT  
www.illinoisriver.net

## Green River Floats

16516 N. Spears Rd.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-4867  
(918) 456-1366

## Hanging Rock Camp

7453 Hwy. 10  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-3088  
1-800-GORIVER  
www.hangingrockresort.com

## Peyton's Place

10298 Hwy. 10  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-3847  
1-800-359-0866  
www.peytonspplace.com

## Redneck Yacht Club

River Rd.  
Watts, OK 74964  
(479) 549-2197  
suzydonn@yahoo.com

## Riverside Resort

5116 Hwy. 10  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-4787  
1-800-749-CAMP (2267)  
www.riversideresortok.com

## Sparrow Hawk Camp

21985 N. Ben George Rd.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-8371  
1-800-722-9635  
www.sparrowhawkcamp.com

## Town Branch Guest Ranch

P.O. Box 368  
Park Hill, OK 74451  
(918) 456-4548  
brianberry@berrynurseries.com

## War Eagle Resort

13020 N. Hwy. 10  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-6272  
1-800-722-3834  
www.wareagleresort.com

# Other Services

## Natural Falls State Park

58035 S. 682 Rd.  
Colcord, OK 74338  
(918) 422-5802  
RV hook-ups, camping, hiking,  
playground, waterfall, covered  
shelter, event/meeting room

## On the Fly

(918) 931-1052  
www.onthefly-ok.com  
flyfishing instruction, outfitting,  
guide service, fishing for small  
mouth bass and trout

## Flint Creek Waterpark

58115 CR 658  
Kansas, OK 74347  
(918) 597-2667  
(918) 640-1899  
waterslide, camping, RV park

## Herrin's Riverside Bed & Breakfast

17899 S. 543 Rd.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-1813  
cabins, river access for  
fishing and swimming

## Illinois River Store

11594 Hwy. 10  
Tahlequah, OK 74464  
(918) 456-2248  
fishing & camping supplies,  
river information, fishing  
licenses

*Notes:*