# **CLEAR YOUR SCHEDULE FOR A TRIP YOU'LL NEVER FORGET**

You just can't beat a relaxing float trip down the river. Basking in the warm sunshine as your toes glide through the pristine water, the sounds of nature surrounding you as you serenely drift through the unspoiled Ozark landscape... Better leave your phone on mute for this unforgettable getaway with the whole family — and even your four-legged best friend!

With waterways that vary in views and experiences, Pulaski County, MO, truly is a premier float trip destination. Whether you travel by canoe, kayak, inner tube, or paddleboard, the scenic views and wildlife make a Pulaski County float trip a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

# YOUR TRIP?

Visit PulaskiCountyUSA.com for itineraries, lodging, dining, and more incredible attractions in the heart of the Ozarks!

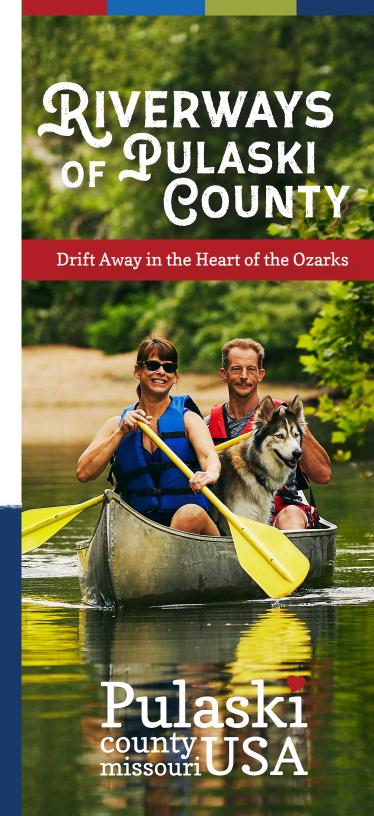


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## A RELAXING TREK THROUGH THE SHOW-ME STATE

#### The Waterways of Pulaski County

Whether you crave a peaceful, relaxing float or something a little more fast-paced and adventurous depends on your choice of waterways.

The wide and swift Gasconade River twists and winds through 100 miles of Pulaski County landscape, with the Northern-Eastern section slicing through majestic bluffs and the Western section gliding through farmlands and Historic Route 66.

The Big Piney River meanders along 33 miles of the county's Eastern border, cutting through Ozark landscapes and nourished by natural springs that keep the water level consistent year-round.



You're here to enjoy yourself, not deal with the hassle of gathering your gear and worrying about getting from Point A to Point B. Thankfully, the friendly outfitters around Pulaski County can plan your trip right down to the equipment, providing your choice of vessel, shuttle services, and equipment such as life vests and trash bags (or old potato sacks for that especially rustic feel).

For the landlubbers in your party, many outfitters also offer cabins, camping, and RV parking with full electric and water hookup. Some sites also feature hiking and walking trails and onsite stores with all the incidentals you may have left at home.

#### **TIPS FOR FIRST TIMERS**

Floating down our waterways for the first time? While our outfitters provide many amenities to make your trip less stressful, you're still responsible for a few must-haves on the river.

Some essential items you'll want to bring include the following:

- River shoes (water shoes or old tennis shoes)
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Water and small cooler
- Snacks
- Fishing pole and tackle (if you're looking for your next trophy)
- · Waterproof bag for phone, keys, wallets, etc.

### **CHOOSE YOUR VESSEL**

Vessels may vary from one outfitter to the next, but common vessel choices include the following:

- · Canoe Double or triple
- · Kayak Single or double
- Rafts Can seat four to 10 people
- · Inner tube or river tube
- Paddleboard
- Jon boat

#### Be Safe & Respectful

You're here to have fun, but that doesn't mean safety should take a backseat. Although the riverways of Pulaski County are generally peaceful and gentle, please be mindful of the following safety precautions and recommendations:

- 1. Float trips are not recommended for children younger than 5 years old.
- 2. Watch for trees, limbs, and branches.
- 3. Keep an eye out for bugs, snakes, and other creepy crawlies.
- 4. Keep your vessel in the middle of the river.
- 5. You are welcome to use sandbars to grab a snack or lunch, skip rocks, or swim, but be mindful of landowners. Remove your trash, don't venture onto private property, and keep the noise level down.
- 6. Listen to your outfitters regarding water levels.

  Remember, they know the river better than you

   if they say it's not safe, don't risk it.
- 7. Although you may bring alcoholic beverages on your float trip, the State of Missouri strictly prohibits glass bottles, Jell–O shots, and Styrofoam containers in any river–bound vessel aluminum cans may be brought along, but please keep our waterways pristine and take your trash with you.
- 8. Finally, stay hydrated with water.

