



The Chunky River

Canoeing is a great way to experience the outdoors. It is also a wonderful activity for families to enjoy. This canoeing guide offers access points along the Chunky River. This river is part of the Chunky–Okatibbee Watershed. A watershed is the region draining into a river, river system, or other body of water. All of us live in a watershed. Each of us is responsible for a portion of the pollution entering our waterways. Common tasks like washing our cars and fertilizing our lawns end up impacting our water quality. We are committed to improving our water quality through a series of outreach programs. If you are interested in joining, please contact: Tommy Vincent at 601.484.2564 for more information on how you can help keep our waters clean and safe.



CANOEING

Spend some time in the Chunky-Okatibbee Watershed



Access Points– Chunky River

Hwy. 80 Bridge #1 at Chunky Access – On I-20 between Jackson and Meridian, take Exit 121 to Chunky. Go 1 mile south from I-20 on Chunky–Duffee Road towards the Town of Chunky. Turn left onto Hwy. 80 East and go 0.5 miles to the first Hwy. 80 bridge over the Chunky River. Go across the bridge and an additional 0.3 miles and turn right onto Pine Forest Road. Go 0.2 miles and turn right onto dirt road that leads to the access area. River access is fair to good and parking is good.
GPS Location: N32°19'34.8" W88°55'14.5"

Hwy. 80 Bridge #2 at Chunky Access – On I-20 between Jackson and Meridian, take Exit 121 to Chunky. Go 1 mile south from I-20 on Chunky–Duffee Road towards the Town of Chunky. Turn left onto Hwy. 80 East and go 1 mile to the second bridge over the Chunky River. Turn right prior to crossing the bridge onto the access road that leads down to the river. River access is good and parking is good.
GPS Location: N32°19'34" W88°54'35.4" 10

Wanita Lake Road Bridge Access – On I-20 between Jackson and Meridian, take Exit 121 to Chunky. Go 1 mile south from I-20 on Chunky–Duffee Road towards the Town of Chunky. Turn left onto Hwy. 80 East and go 2.2 miles, cross both bridges over Chunky River, and turn right onto Point Wanita Lake Road. Go 1.3 miles on Point Wanita Lake Road to the bridge over the Chunky River. Turn left prior to crossing the bridge and follow this gravel road for about 150 yards to an access area near the river. River access is fair to good and parking is fair to good.
GPS Location: N32°18'36.8" W88°53'21.6"

Stuckey Bridge Road Access – From the Wanita Lake Road Bridge at the Chunky River, go south for 5.6 miles and turn left onto Stuckey Bridge Road (no sign at this intersection). Go 1.7 miles on Stuckey Bridge Road to the bridge over the Chunky River. Parking is on the left side of the road prior to crossing the bridge. Access is on the left side directly under the bridge. River access is fair to good and parking is fair.
GPS Location: N32°15'21.2" W88°51'20.3"

Dunn's Fall Water Park Emergency Access – From the Wanita Lake Road Bridge at the Chunky River, go southeast for 10.5 miles, cross under I-59 and continue to the stop sign at Hwy 11. Turn left onto Hwy. 11 North and go 1.1 miles and turn left at the sign for Dunn's Fall Water Park. Go 2.4 miles on Dunn's Fall Road to the Water Park on the left side of the road. Phone number at Dunn's Fall Water Park is 601/655-8550. River Access is very poor here due to climbing up steep stairs so this should be considered an emergency access only.
GPS Location: N32°13'36.6" W88°49'18.8"

Dunn's Fall Road Access – From Dunn's Fall travel Dunn's Fall Road for about 1 mile. Pull off onto the right side of the road prior to crossing a small bridge. Follow the well worn trail to the river. River access is fair to good and parking is fair.
GPS Location: N32°12'28.2" W88°49'16.6"

Hwy. 11 Bridge Emergency Access – From the Wanita Lake Road Bridge at the Chunky River, go southeast for 10.5 miles, cross under I-59 and continue to the stop sign at Hwy 11. Turn left onto Hwy. 11 North and go 0.5 miles to the bridge over the Chunky River. Turn left after crossing the bridge onto the access road that carries you to under the bridge. River access is very poor and parking is good.
GPS Location: N32°11'29.9" W88°49'29.8"

WHILE YOUR OUTSIDE:

Take some time to enjoy our beautiful watershed area. Our watershed serves the Chunky and Okatibbee Rivers and impacts 5 counties. As it rains, the water seeps into the ground and flows across the watershed area into these and other water bodies. Ultimately, this "stormwater" travels down through the Pearl River Basin and into the Mississippi Sound. As it travels it picks up pollutants and silt from the ground. Because of this, our impact on ground water quality is much greater than you might expect. Simple things like washing your car can contribute greatly to groundwater pollution. Here are some things you can do to help out the environment:

- Recycle used motor oil.
- Inspect your septic system regularly.
- Don't litter!
- Fertilize less often.
 - Wash your car/boat over a grassy area which provides filtering.
 - Spread the word:
 - Stenciling Programs
 - River/Creek Clean-ups
 - Adopt-a-stream
 - Adopt-a-Stormdrain

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.ms canoeclub.org>

