

ARKANSAS

Mulberry River

Info at southwestpaddler.com

Best fishing gauge height is < 2.0

Extended forecast at accuweather.com for Oark, AR

Water flow & gage height at waterdata.usgs.gov/ar/nwis/current/?type=flow

Look at river location gage heights or click on station number!

Once at the river website, enter 365 days to get a history of the river levels & character of the river.

River level & gauge current & history at turnerbend.com

Water level history at <http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Gauge2/detail/id/23949/>

Winter fishing info arkansasonline.com/news/2011/feb/20/outdoors-arkansas-great-winter-smallmouth-fishing/

When **Gauge Height** is below 1.9 feet expect dragging and slower current. Optimum float is 2.0 to 4.0. Over 4.0 require open canoes to have flotation and/or spray covers to prevent swamping in standing waves. Best time to float is in the 3.0-5.0 range (recording at 501-324-5150 has daily report). At 5.0 the stream is dangerous.

The Mulberry, runs southwest to the Arkansas River. It's in northwest AR, in Johnson & Franklin Counties, & part of the Arkansas River drainage basin. It originates near Fallsville & flows mostly through the Ozark National Forest. It rises in southwestern Newton County & initially flows generally westward. The river flows northeast-to-southwest on the north side of the Arkansas River & west of Big Piney Creek. In Franklin County it turns south & joins the Arkansas about 3 miles south of Mulberry.

At low water the river is placid & barely flows. Water quality is excellent. Fishing for Smallmouth Bass & Green Sunfish is popular. The clean, clear waters of the Mulberry are almost always very cool, & get very cold from late fall through early spring.

In 1922, it was included in the National Wild & Scenic Rivers program & today is federally protected. The river is free-flowing (un-dammed), & only one of its tributaries (Hurricane Creek at Shores Lake) is controlled by a dam.

Rt 215, which parallels the river on the north side, is a paved road offering a very scenic view of the river & the opportunity to 'road scout' most of the rapids, as well as low-water crossings & access points.

Motel 6 or Expedia or Priceline or Trivago or Tripadvisor, then call hotel

Overnight at the Oxford Inn or Americas Best Value Inn in Ozark or O'Bannon Inn in Brownsville on way to Tennessee.

Access Points (northeast to southwest)

Carry some bug repellent with DEET.

MulB 1 Rt 34 Low Water Bridge at 0.0 miles **35.68259 -93.57306.**

MulB 2 Rt 103 Bridge at 1.8 miles **35.68372 -93.59909.**

MulB 3 Wolf Pen Access & Rec Area at 4.4 miles **35.67421 -93.63204.**

Fee required on space available, first come basis.

Little Mulberry Creek confluence **35.66875 -93.66435.**

Access to Mulberry River off Rt 215 0.8 miles above this point at 6.5 miles.

MulB 4 High Bank Access at 8.3 miles **35.67884 -93.68914.**

MulB 5 Indian Creek Access at 10.3 miles **35.68362 -93.71045.**
Commercial outfitter/campground at 12.7 miles.

MulB 6 Rt 1504 Low Water Bridge at 13.7 miles **35.68504 -93.7531.**
High water hazard, hard access.

MulB 7 Redding FS Rec Area at 16.5 miles **35.68166 -93.78724.**
Fee space available, first come basis.

MulB 8 Turner Bend Store at 20 miles **35.66788 -93.82825.** (479-667-3641) offers
tent camping, cabin rentals, canoe/kayak/raft rentals, shuttles, river access, restrooms with flush
toilets, hot showers, a camp store, & river info.

MulB 9 Big Eddy FS Public Access at 18.0 miles **35.65436 -93.85839.**

MulB 10 Milton Ford Access at 28.6 miles **35.62642 -93.88755.** Off Upper Jethro Rd
(follow Rt 451 / Jethro Rd west from Rt 23 3.0 miles to dirt road that veers to the left to river.

MulB 11 Campbell Cemetery Access at 30.5 miles **35.62343 -93.91105.**

MulB 12 FS Shores Lake Rec Area & Camp **35.64016 -93.95998.**
Fee space available, first come basis.

MulB 13 Mill Creek Access at 43.2 miles 35.56920 -94.02071. End of Plymouth Road east from Rt 215. Very limited
parking. Looks like minimum wading available.

MulB 14 Beneux Bottom Access at 43.3 miles **35.56746 -94.02000.**
0.1 miles south of #12. West of Rt 23 off Wire Road (SH 67).

MulB 15 Old Silver Bridge at 46.3 miles 35.53030 -94.04092
On Wire Road (Rt 67) west from Rt 23 or east from Mulberry(difficult access)

I-40 Bridge at 47.0 miles **35.52797 -94.03697.** NOT an access - reference ONLY.

MulB 16 Bluff Hole Park at 49.1 miles **35.50024 -94.03548.**
Just east of Mulberry off Rt 64.