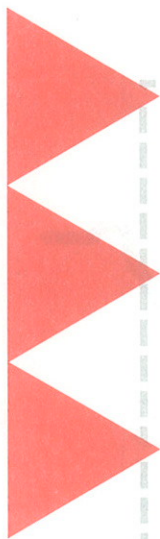


WEST FORK CEDAR RIVER

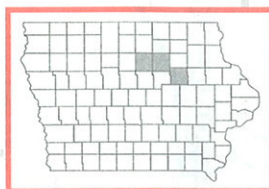
Franklin to Black Hawk



THE WEST FORK RISES in northern Franklin County and flows in a southeasterly direction for 42 miles before joining the Cedar River in Black Hawk County. The West Fork joins the Shell Fock near Finchford and flows through a relatively flat floodplain surrounded by a lowland timber greenbelt.

THE WEST FORK IS VISITED by large numbers of waterfowl during the spring and fall migrations due to its close proximity to the Big Marsh Wildlife Area.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS LOG JAMS in the West Fork



that can make it difficult to traverse. A temporary dam is located approximately 1-1/2 miles downstream of the Big Marsh Access. This dam is in place from the first of September through November. It is used to divert water into the Big Marsh Wildlife Area.

THE NUMEROUS LOG JAMS are havens for channel catfish. Local anglers catch large numbers of catfish and northern pike in or near these log jams and associated backwater areas of the West Fork. Walleye are often taken near, as well as below, the West Fork's confluence with the Shell Rock River.

THE LAST ACCESS AREA is located on the Cedar River immediately downstream of the West Fork's confluence with the Cedar River.

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Distance from Previous Access	Access Name	Location
0 miles	1. Thorn Apple Woods	4 mi N, 2 mi E Hansell
2.5 miles	2. West Fork Access	3 mi N, 4 mi E Hansell
11.5 miles	3. Considine Park	5 mi SE Dumont
6 miles	4. Big Marsh	5 mi N Parkersburg
14.6 miles	5. West Fork Forest Access	5 mi N New Hartford
7.6 miles	6. West Fork Access	NE edge Finchford
.4 miles	7. Thunderwoman Park	N edge Finchford
5.3 miles	8. Washington Union Access	4 mi N, 2 mi W Cedar Falls

