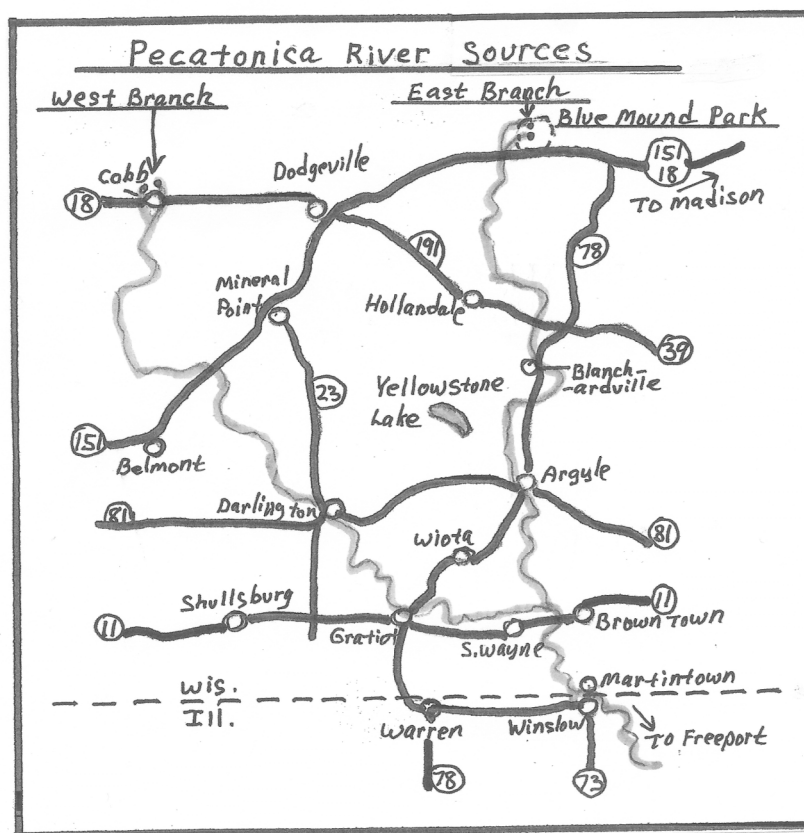

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation

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History

Pecatonica River Starts in Wisconsin!



The origin of every stream is a trickle of water that becomes a gully, which you can jump across, and eventually may develop into a river as wide as the Mississippi. Thanks to the efforts of Tyger Johnson, historian and noteworthy bicyclist, we have first hand pictures of the East Branch origins and the West Branch, origins. The East Branch begins in a field on the north side of Wisconsin highway 18/151 west of Blue Mound Park. This is referred to as Military Ridge and is the part of the northern boundary of the Pecatonica River watershed.

Two springs join, south of Cobb, to begin the West Branch of the Pecatonica River. There are two springs, that start near Dodgeville and join south of Mineral Point, then meet the Cobb streams north of Calimine to become the West Branch of the Pecatonica River. By the time the river reaches County Road G, north of Mifflin, the West Branch is a nice stream with fishing opportunities.

FPRF isn't just about recreation on the Pecatonica River. The people and communities along the river are important to a healthy river. It is helpful to know the history of the communities and they developed along the river. Would you find it interesting to see a booklet, similar to our postcard book, on the origin and communities along the Pecatonica River? Send an email to pecriver@pecriver.org Map by Tyger Johnson.