

A long time friend of those that use the Pecatonica River, the VFW Post 998, 1802 E. Shawnee St. has a boat ramp that is canoe and kayak friendly. For paddlers looking for a short 2.8 mile trip, paddling from Tutty's Crossing to the VFW is a fun trip that will not tire the novice paddler. The ramp is somewhat rough cement and "use at your own risk," as are most private launches. Being able to execute a side-entry launch or exit would be a plus.

To see how to enter or exit a kayak see:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOaSwKGEExOc>

Feel free to use this valuable resource. If the ground is soft, do not drive down to the launch as ruts will make mowing difficult. The VFW facilities, the bar, opens at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The restaurant opens at 4:30. Paddlers should park at the west end of the parking lot, or the left side of the parking lot as you are facing the River.