



Accident Database

Report ID# 110

Help

1984-06-11

Date

Man, 25, Woman, 23

Victim

20

Victim Age

Fox River

River

Section

Fox River Dam near Algonquin, IL United States Illinois, US

Location

Gage

Medium

Water Level

N/A

River Difficulty



Cause Code(s)

- Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic

Injury Type(s)

- Heart Attack / Heart Failure

Factors

- Inexperience
- One Boat Trip

Inexperienced

Victim Experience Level

Private

Trip Type

Raft

Boat Type

Group Info

Other Victim Names

Reported

Status

Accident Description

An attempt by three people to run the Fox River Dam ended in tragedy on June 11, 1984. The group ignored posted warning signs, feeling that their inflatable raft could "punch" the hole at the bottom. Instead, they became caught. A 23 year old woman jumped out of the boat and her 25 year old fiancée jumped in to help her. Both drowned in the hydraulic. The third man stayed in the boat and was rescued by firefighters using a hose rescue device.



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