

Yahara River Questions & Answers

1) Q: How many acres are there in the Village's environmental corridor?

A: 300+

Enjoy 300+ acres of environmental corridor as you travel the entire travel the entire trail system. The corridor is made up of 6 natural communities all along a 3 mile stretch of the Yahara River.

2) Q: What is the name of the wetlands that either slope to the river or filled with sedge hammocks?

A: Sedge Meadows

3) Q: What are the small rock-bottomed stretches of the river that are critical habitat for many aquatic insects and spawning area for many fish?

A: Riffles

4) Q: What do you call the water forced out of the ground year-round by natural pressure?

A: Spring water

5) Q: In 2010, the WI DNR performed an electrofishing survey at 11 locations, how many different species of fish and how many fish were identified?

A: 25 species/3,040 fish

A wide range of species were identified including but not limited to: Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Green Sunfish, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Mottled Sculpin, White Bass.

For more information on fish populations in the Yahara River, view the List of Yahara River Fish Populations from the WI DNR survey at the bottom of the Yahara River Page.

6) Q: What lake does the Yahara River drain into?

A: Lake Mendota

The Yahara River feeds into Lake Mendota. From Lake Mendota the river travels south into the Rock River, into the Mississippi Basin and ultimately finds its way to the Gulf of Mexico!

7) Q: What plant having pungent leaves is used in salads as a garnish, can be found growing in freshwater springs and streams within the Corridor?

A: Watercress

8) Q: What is the range of depth of the Yahara River through the Village?

A: 1-5 feet

As the trail reaches stretches of the river, take time to discover the Yahara River at various points. It may surprise you!