Landmark Information Guide Sheet Question Key

Describe what the landmark is.

(The landmark is the Wisconsin River, a major river of WI and runs from northern WI, down through central WI, and into the Mississippi River at Prairie du Chien in the southwest corner of the state.)

Is the landmark natural (like Niagara Falls) or human-made (like the Liberty Bell)? (natural)

What surrounds the landmark?

(The river flows through farmlands, cities, and several regions of WI.)

For whom or what purpose does the landmark serve?

(The river served early peoples for food and transportation. Today is serves as transportation and recreation)

When was the landmark used?

(The WI river was first used by Native Americans and then early settlers and is still used by people today.)

What else was the Wisconsin River used for during the lumberjack days?

(Transportation for the fur traders, for pioneers travel, to transport other goods, for fishing, irrigation, recreation, bathing)

How has this landmark changed over time?

(The river has been changed by nature over time as well as by man adding dams and bridges. When the railroad system came through Wisconsin it wasn't as important to use the river systems. Eventually the lumber was harvested and the river was no longer used for that purpose. The Wisconsin River is used for recreation, fishing, and beauty in all seasons.)

What is special or important about the landmark?

(The WI river is a major water highway that linked people from river systems to the great lake system. It provided transportation and a way to make a livelihood by taking goods from place to place.)

How is this landmark used today?

(The WI river is used for recreational purposes and fishing in all seasons.)

What is located on the Wisconsin River now that would prevent it from being used as in the days of the lumberjacks?

(dams)