About The Rogue River

A Brief History...

The Rogue River was formed some 12,000 to 15,000 years ago by a glacier and was the outlet of a large lake in Newaygo County. Originally slated to be named the River Rouge, the Rogue River was given its name on accident when in the 1800's its original surveyor misspelled Rouge…Rogue.

The Hopewell Indians lived in this area 2,000 years ago and are known for burying their dead in mounds. Keep your eyes peeled, as on your trip today, you will pass a large mound on the right (sometimes hidden by trees). This could be one of their mounds.

The French explorer, La Salle, explored this area in 1683. He would have been the first white man to view the Rogue River. As you pass the large boulders in the river and on its banks, imagine that these very rocks were in the river as both La Salle and native Indians passed with their furs to be traded.

Please enjoy the river as they did for it is now our legacy…