

Corn Belt Power Dam

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River/Stream: Des Moines River

Location: S of Humboldt and Dakota City, Humboldt County

Latitude: 42.6741281731682

Longitude: -94.1900668510907

Click here to view an aerial map of the former dam. (<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=42.6741281731682,-94.1900668510907+%28Corn+Belt+Power+Dam%29&z=15&ll=42.6741281731682,-94.1900668510907&t=h>)

Built: 1949. Removed 2016.

Owner: Corn Belt Power Cooperative

Height: formerly 5 ft.

Length: 200 ft.

Hazards (HazardDefs.html): formerly drowning, portage, varying, visibility

Warning Signs: no longer needed

Portage:

Comments: The river is open from below the dam at Humboldt down to the Fort Dodge Hydro Dam.

Fatalities 3

- May 23, 1985, canoeists Reggie, Ronald & Stacy Tate

Incident Report: Two brothers and their nephew drowned after their canoe went over the Corn Belt Power Dam on the Des Moines River near Humboldt, Iowa. All were wearing life vests. No one saw what happened, but the river is flat above and below the dam. All bodies were recovered within sight of the dam; the canoe was spotted and picked up near Fort Dodge, fifteen miles downstream.



Looking west over former dam site pending final cleanup - December, 2016.



Pre-removal archive photos (at very low flow) courtesy of Dave Hillman

Promoting river safety, education, and recreation

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