

Sipsey River Facts

Major Physical Features

◆ Relief (m)	229
◆ Basin area (km ²)	2,044
◆ Mean discharge (m ³ /s) (1929-1999)	23
◆ River order	5
◆ Mean precipitation (cm/yr)	139
◆ Physiographic provinces	Southeastern Coastal Plain

Major Biological Features

◆ Terrestrial biome	Eastern Deciduous Forest
◆ Number of fish species	83
◆ Number of endangered species	0

Major Fishes

Spotted and longnose gars, American eel, gizzard and threadfin shads, blacktail shiner, tricolor shiner, pretty shiner, silver chub, mimic shiner, bluntnose and bullhead minnows, quillback, smallmouth buffalo, Alabama hog sucker, spotted sucker, river, golden and blacktail redhorses, redbfin and chain pickerels, shadow bass, warmouth, bluegill, longear, redear, and redspotted sunfishes, spotted and largemouth basses, naked sand darter, southern sand darter, blackbanded darter, dusky darter, saddleback darter, Mobile logperch, and freshwater drum

Major Invertebrates

Mussels – 34 species, including southern fatmucket, yellow sandshell, little spectaclecase, Alabama orb, bleufer

Insects – Trichoptera – 51 species, including *Cheumatopsyche patella*, *Hydroptila quinola*, *Ceraclera flava*, *Oecetis sphyra*, *Chimarra moselyi*

Non-native Species

Eleven species of freshwater fishes have been introduced, three species (goldfish and grass and common carps) are exotic species

Major Riparian Plants

Bald cypress, eastern cottonwood, swamp cottonwood, mockernut hickory, river birch, American hornbeam, American beech, southern red oak, water oak, live oak, American elm, yellow-poplar, sweetgum, American sycamore, American holly, red maple, blackgum, water tupelo, swamp tupelo, carolina ash