

Mapping

FLOW

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PUT IN

How do we choose where to begin? Is it just when the course becomes navigable? Is it where things become interesting and worth sharing? Or just a little before...+?

A river on a map is a bit like the depiction of electrons in a diagram of an atom - fields of possibility where the depicted object might be. A river bed is the flat plane of many different possible and shifting trajectories. It usually takes feats of engineering to fix its flow.

The memorable plot points of any river ride are the rapids. Constriction and elevation drop combine to make dynamic hydraulics and white water waves. Here, flow meets flow. Immersive engagement is wired to steer a safe course

River view and map view are not the same

"Time is a flowing river. Happy those who allow themselves to be carried, unresisting, with the current."²

TAKE OUT

AFTER

NOTES

¹ Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, *Flow: The Psychology of Optimal Experience* (New York: Harper and Row, 1990) 7.

² Christopher Morley, *Where the Blue Begins* (Scotts Valley, CA:

Create Space, 2013) 83.