

Forest County Area Canoe Trails



Brule River - Forest County

Directions: Put-in below Brule Lake Dam. Take-out at Highway 139 Bridge. Length - 18 miles. Water should be medium high. Two rapids. USDA Forest Service campground two miles east of Nelma.

Peshigo River - Forest and Marinette Counties

Directions: 1. Put-in at Big Joe Canoe Landing and float to the CCC Bridge for 7.5 miles. This is a nice stretch of quiet water which is good for the novice or families. 2. Put-in at the CCC Bridge and float to Burnt Bridge for 9.5 miles. This stretch is for intermediate canoeists. There are several rocky stretches with rapids. 3. Put-in at Burnt Bridge and float to Burton Wells for 5.75 miles. This stretch contains Class II, III, and IV rapids. There is one portage around Michigan Rapids. 4. Put-in at Burton Wells and float 6.25 miles to Goodman Park. This stretch contains Class II, III, and IV rapids. There is one mandatory portage around the falls.

Pine River - Forest and Florence Counties

Directions: 1. Put-in at FS Road 2182 near Haystack Corners. Take-out at FS Road 2168. Length - 20 miles. Slow, winding up to Highway 55. Faster with a few difficult rapids after Highway 55. Good trout fishing. 2. Put-in at FS Road 2168 to Chipmunk Rapids. Length - 18 miles. Excellent trout fishing. Several rapids. Portage around a dam. Picnic area at Highway 139. Camping area at Stevens Creek and Chipmunk Rapids. Some boulders.

Popple River - Forest County

Directions: Put-in at Highway 55, ten miles north of Argonne. Take-out at the Town of Popple River. Water must be high. Two underdeveloped campsites on the route. Brook and brown trout fishing. Very secluded area. One portage, few rapids.

Wabikon & Riley Lakes Canoeing Path

Directions: 6 miles east of Crandon. Aquatic birds such as Osprey and Great Blue Heron live among these lakes. Wild rice can also be found on these lakes. A stream on the south end leads to Riley Lake, an undeveloped and shallow lake. From there you can paddle the Indian River on the south end upstream to Indian Springs, another marsh community with spring ponds. You can also fish for brook trout on the Indian River and in the springs. Directions: This 1,000-acre site is best traveled by canoe. From Crandon, travel east 5.5 miles on Hwy. 8/32. Turn south on Potawatomi Trail, to find the boat landing 0.2 of a mile down on the south side of the road.

Wolf River - Forest and Oneida Counties

Directions: 1. Put-in at Pine Lake. Take-out at Little Rice Lake Dam. Length - 10 miles. Small stream, water should be medium high. There are a few rapids and occasional beaver dams. Eagle, deer and small mammals are common sights. 2. Put-in at Little Rice Dam. Take-out at Highway B Bridge. Length - 15 miles. Small winding stream. Water should be medium high. Numerous beaver dams, wild rice beds, railroad artifacts, rocky shallows. Very secluded