

BOIS BRULE RIVER (BB1)

Put-in Stone's Bridge Landing
Take-out Bois Brule Landing
Distance 11.5 miles
Approximate Time 4-5 hours
Most Difficult Rapids Class 2

Elevation Drop 65 feet
Average Gradient 5.7 feet per mile
Minimum Suggested Flow 125 cfs / 1.4 feet
Water Level Info / Phone Brule River State Forest HQ
 715.372.4866

Paddler's Notes

Suggested River Levels for Paddling

The river gauge referenced below is located in this segment and should provide an accurate indication of current conditions in this reach.

Scout the rapids and know your limitations!



Below 125 cfs	Paddling not recommended.
125 cfs to 200 cfs	Low runnable flow. Several rapids will be bony in this range. Scenic whitewater river trip for novice paddlers.
200 cfs to 350 cfs	Medium runnable flow for novice paddlers. Little Joe Rapids are class II. Fun whitewater river trip for novice paddlers.
350 cfs to 600 cfs	High runnable flow for novice paddlers. Some waves may scare or flip less-experienced paddlers. Fast current in constrictions, especially in BB1.
600 cfs to 1000 cfs	Novice paddlers should avoid the river. BB1 and BB3 are intermediate runs. Fast current in constrictions, especially in BB1.
Above 1000 cfs	Rare, high flows. Experienced paddlers only. Ripping fast current in constrictions. Deadfall and strainers become quite hazardous when present, may be unavoidable at times!

- 38.4 Mile Stone's Bridge Landing River:** The river is slow, calm and narrow for the first 2.5 miles with a silty riverbed. Dense thickets, tall grasses, and scrub pine cover the riverbanks. This entire stretch is intimate and scenic! **Shuttle:** The landing is on County Highway S at Stones Bridge. Trailer access, paved parking, trailer turnaround, pit toilets, water. An excellent developed landing.
- 36.6 Mile McDougal Springs** Several spring-fed sloughs and backwaters feed into the Bois Brule. Scenic pine forest surrounds the river.
- 35.6 Mile Rainbow Bend** A named river bend, a popular spot to catch steelhead in the spring. The river forks around a small wooded island in the center with a third channel leading off to the right. Follow the current down the 'middle' channel as it bends to the north (left). After the island, the river bends to the right with a slough on river left. Cedars often overhang the riverbanks in this stretch, very scenic.
- 35.0 Mile Mays Rips Rapids (Class 1)** The river appears to come to a dead-end, look for the rocky constriction on river right. May's Rips are more of a rocky riffles than a rapids in low to medium flows. In this stretch, the Bois Brule is starting to show the remarkably clear waters that it is famous for.
- 34.6 Mile Cedar Island Estate** The river forks around several islands about a third of a mile past Mays Rips. The main buildings of the Cedar Island Estate appears on the left shore. This is the largest of the fishing lodges on the Bois Brule, with several buildings and a couple of footbridges spanning the river. The lodge was once a popular vacation destination for many famous people including several U.S. Presidents. The first of several pitches of riffles begin under the 'Green Bridge', these riffles are known as 'Hungry Run'.

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- 33.7 Mile** **The Falls Rapids (Class 1-2)** At the north end of a large pool, the river constricts to less than 15 feet wide and shoots through Falls Rapids, a fun class 1-2. There are a couple of 'easy to hit' boulders down the left center. Scout or portage on the left bank. Big Twin Rapids are around the bend just ahead.
- 33.6 Mile** **Big Twin Rapids (Class 1)** A little easier than Falls Rapids, Big Twin Rapids have fun wave action in medium flows. The rapids end at the the south end of Sucker Lake. **Be careful of fallen trees across the river!**
- 33.4 Mile** **Little Twin Rapids (Class 1)** After Sucker Lake, the river runs through a narrow constriction with a class 1 rapids. The river flows into Big Lake at the end of Little Twin Rapids.
- Big Lake* is the largest of the "lakes" on the Bois Brule, roughly 0.85 mile long.
- 32.4 Mile** **Wildcat Rapids (Class 1)** At the north end of Big Lake the river narrows, bends right, then left and runs through Wildcat Rapids. The rapids end just before a grassy island, at the south end of Lucias Lake.
- 29.8 Mile** **Station Rapids (Class 1)** A long and sometimes scrappy class 1 rapids and riffles with a quick current through several bends. Be careful of strainers!
- 29.5 Mile** **Winneboujou Landing** **River:** After Station Rapids, the river flows through a long s-turn with the landing appearing on river left, after the second bend. After the landing, the river passes under the County B Bridge. Winneboujou is the name of an Ojibwa god; "the Great Hare". **Shuttle:** The landing entrance is west of the Highway B Bridge. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround, pit toilets, water.
- 29.3 Mile** **Williamson Rapids (Class 1)** The rapids occur in two sets about a half-mile below the County B Bridge. Several footbridges span the river over the next few miles.
- 28.8 Mile** **Hall Rapids (Class 1)** A class 1 rapids that runs under the 'Hall Bridge', and features two tricky turns with stone walls on the outside of each turn. Give attention to the stone bridge abutment on the outside of the second turn and check out the chips and marks near the water line from previous paddlers slamming into it.
- 28.0 Mile** **Long Nebagamon Rapids (class 1)** The first of several pitches of narrow, shallow rapids and riffles begins after an s-curve.
- 27.4 Mile** **Little Joe Rapids (class 2)** At Little Joe Rapids, the river drops about six feet in a forty yard stretch. The rapids are narrow, fast and wavy, and require you to stay alert. Land on the right bank before the rapids to scout.
- 26.9 Mile** **Bois Brule Landing & Campground** **River:** The Bois Brule Landing is on river right, in the middle of a right bend, about a half mile below Little Joe Rapids. The beautiful campground here is a very popular spot for canoers and kayakers on multi-day trips. If you're camping here, you should register and set up your tent/camper before you paddle as the campsites here are not reservable. **Shuttle:** The landing area is located off South Ranger Road in the State Forest Campground. Developed landing with gravel ramp. Trailer turnaround, pit toilets, parking, shady picnic area with tables and fire pits, and drinking water.

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Driving Directions (Google Maps)



Stone's Bridge Landing



Winneboujou Landing



Bois Brule Landing

GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Stones' Bridge Landing	46.43415,-91.67486
Rainbow Bend	46.45272,-91.63026
Mays' Rips	46.45873,-91.62170
Cedar Island Estate	46.46159,-91.61746
Falls Rapids	46.46885,-91.60793
Little Twin Rapids	46.47316,-91.60414
Wildcat Rapids	46.48623,-91.59755
Station Rapids	46.51330,-91.60220
Winneboujou Landing	46.51654,-91.60344
Williamson Rapids	46.51895,-91.60418
Hall Rapids	46.52468,-91.60819
Long-Nebagamon Rapids	46.53171,-91.60403
Little Joe Rapids	46.53628,-91.59825
Bois Brule Landing	46.54042,-91.59408