

CHIPPEWA RIVER (C2)

Put-in County D Bridge
Take-out County A Bridge
Distance 10.7 miles
Approximate Time 4 hours
Most Difficult Rapids Class 1

Elevation Drop 68 feet
Average Gradient 6.4 feet per mile
Minimum Suggested Flow 400 cfs / 1.5 feet, USGS gage @ Bruce
Water Level Info / Phone WDNR Office at Ladysmith
 715.532.3911

Paddler's Notes

158.0 Mile County D Bridge Landing River: A small set of riffles are downstream of the bridge, immediately after put-in. The river is wide with a moderate current. **Shuttle:** On County D, east of Hwy 40, the landing is on the east end of the bridge, downstream side. A dirt jeep track leads down to the rivers edge. The track is fairly rutted so be careful if you're backing in. Trailer access ramp, parking.

156.3 Mile Island, Rapids (Class 1) A set of riffles in a left bend precede a scenic pine covered ledge that extends out from the right bank. This is a great spot to stop and stretch your legs. After the ledge, the river forks around a long island then winds through several tight bends. In a left bend after the island, a long class 1 rapids begins where a rocky shelf extends out into the river from the right bank. The river picks up speed as it constricts into a chute around the shelf and creates a fun, wavy ride. The rapids continue for about 300 yards before the river calms a little, then another set of riffles with a small island left of the main channel. The rapids are easy to navigate but can produce large waves during high water conditions.

154.2 Mile White Birch Creek, Rapids (Class 1) The small mouth of White Birch Creek is on river left. A few pitches of low hazard rapids are located near the creek mouth.

154.5 Mile Nail Creek, Rapids (Class 1) Two pitches of rocky rapids are located before and after the wide mouth of Nail Creek, which is on river left.

152.8 Mile Rapids (Class 1), Islands The river runs through a wavy rapids in a long left bend. Several islands follow downstream, including a large wooded island where more rapids and riffles continue through the numerous channels.

151.4 Mile Soo Line RR Bridge, Rapids (Class 1) The river passes under a railroad bridge after a sharp right bend. A class 1 rapids runs beneath the bridge. Just downstream is a large island with another fun class 1 rapids down the wider left fork. From here until the Highway A Bridge, are numerous islands with many small channels that can be fun to explore, but be careful of overhanging trees and the resulting strainers.

149.7 Mile DNR Public Landing River: The river winds through farmland, cottages and forest. After a left bend you will pass by a large barn on river right. The gravel ramp is about 400 yards downstream in a clearing on the right bank near two large maple trees. This excellent landing is maintained by the DNR. **Shuttle:** The landing is on Highway 40 just north of the Highway H intersection. Trailer ramp access, parking, trailer turnaround.

After the landing, you will soon paddle through a series of densely wooded islands with one large island dominating the river. Take the left fork and once again be careful of strainers and dead fall through the narrow channels.

147.3 Mile County A Bridge Access River: You should see the Highway A Bridge beyond a wooded island from upstream. Take the left fork to reach the landing on the left bank, just upstream of the bridge. The river landscape throughout this stretch is very scenic. **Shuttle:** On County A, east of the Hwy 40 intersection, the river access is off the east end of the bridge, north side of the road. Hand carry access, roadside parking.

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Driving Directions (Google Maps)



County D Bridge Landing



DNR Boat Landing



County A Bridge Access

GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

County D Bridge Landing	45.67133,-91.18153
Island, Rapids	45.65197,-91.18507
White Birch Creek	45.63710,-91.18574
Nail Creek	45.63226,-91.18242
Rapids, Islands	45.61118,-91.19260
Railroad Bridge	45.59248,-91.19750
DNR Boat Landing	45.58152,-91.22331
County A Bridge Access	45.55248,-91.22870