

# NAMEKAGON RIVER (N1)

**Put-in**  
**Take-out**  
**Distance**  
**Approximate Time**  
**Most Difficult Rapids**

Namekagon Dam Landing  
Cable Wayside Landing  
13.5 miles  
5-6 hours  
Class 1

**Elevation Drop**  
**Average Gradient**  
**Minimum Suggested Flow**  
**Water Level Info / Phone**

134 feet  
9.9 feet per mile  
No USGS River Gage  
Namekagon Visitor Center  
715.635.8346

## Paddler's Notes

- 99.5 Mile Namekagon Dam Landing River:** The river runs narrow and slow through frequent open grassy marsh and fen forest. **Shuttle:** From Highway 63 in Cable, turn east onto County M. Turn north onto Dam Road (FR 211) and continue to the Namekagon Lake Dam. The landing is north of the bridge, on the east side of the road. A beautiful improved landing with two shaded picnic areas. Hand carry access, picnic area, rustic toilets, parking, trailer turnaround.
- 98.6 Mile Footbridge** A low footbridge spans the river. Several sets of riffles, easy boulder gardens and low hazard ledges are scattered throughout this stretch of river.
- 97.2 Mile Rapids (Class 1)** The river constricts into a rocky rapids, which continue for several hundred yards, spilling into a wide, shallow pool. There are numerous pitches of riffles and rocky rapids from here until the County M Bridge. The river can be scrappy / bumpy in this stretch during lower flows.
- 96.7 Mile Logging Bridge** A logging bridge with a low clearance spans the river.
- 96.2 Mile Rapids (Class 1)** The forest closes in as the river narrows and rushes into a long rapids, which run through a left bend, spilling into a small pool where a creek enters from river left. These rapids can be fast and fun during higher flows.
- 95.3 Mile Stoll Rapids (Class 1)** The rapid occur in several pitches over the next mile, often where the river narrows into tight constrictions. In medium to high water the whitewater is usually fun and wavy, in low water the rocky bottom and large number of boulders become exposed and can be difficult to navigate through without getting your feet wet.
- 92.6 Mile County Road M Landing River:** The landing is on river right after a left bend, above the bridge. The stretch between the County M Bridge and Telemark Road Bridge has numerous riffles and feeder streams. **Shuttle:** On County M, the entrance to the parking area is 100 yards west of the bridge. A separate turnaround and loading area is closer to the bridge. Hand carry access, rustic toilets, trailer turnaround, parking.
- 91.8 Mile Fivemile Creek** The creek enters from river left.
- 91.9 Mile Cap Creek, Cap Creek Landing River:** Cap creek enters from river left. The landing is on the left bank below the mouth of the creek. Dense thicket surrounds the landing. Downstream, several more spring fed creeks enter the river. **Shuttle:** From County M, turn south onto Telemark Road, the landing is east of the Namekagon River Bridge. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, picnic area.
- 91.2 Mile Telemark Road Bridge** The river passes under the Telemark Road Bridge. Logs and debris occasionally become trapped underneath the bridge and can be a problem, you may have to step out and push to get over the obstruction. Several pitches of riffles occur farther downstream.
- 91.6 Mile Namekagon - Lake Owen Portage Trail** The river runs through a long series of rocky riffles as it passes the site of the portage trail. This ancient trail was part of an extensive trail system that connected the Mississippi River with Lake Superior. Ojibwa Indians, explorers, early traders and missionaries used the trail network which is often referred to as 'The Old Ojibwa Trail'.

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- 88.6 Mile**    **Phillipi Bridge Landing**    *River:* The landing is below the bridge, on the right bank. Beautiful stands of mixed pine and spruce canopy high banks throughout this stretch.    *Shuttle:* From Highway 63 in Cable, turn east onto County M, then turn south onto Randysek Road, the landing is north of the bridge, on the west side of the road. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, rustic toilets.
- 87.1 Miles**    **Railroad Bridge**    After a right bend, the river passes under the Chicago and Northwestern RR Bridge. The scenery throughout this stretch is beautiful and intimate. Steep, wooded banks of mixed conifer and birch often cover the river banks along with dense patches of alder.
- 86.0 Miles**    **Highway 63 Bridge, Cable Wayside Landing**    *River:* The river flows through open marsh as you approach the Highway 63 Bridge. The landing is approximately 100 yards downstream of the bridge on the left bank.    *Shuttle:* On highway 63, south of Cable, the landing is part of a wayside park. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, picnic area, rustic toilets.

## Driving Directions (Google Maps)



**Namekagon Dam Landing**



**County Highway M Landing**



**Cap Creek Landing**



**Phillippi Bridge Landing**



**Cable Wayside Landing**

## GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Namekagon Dam Landing	46.22438,-91.14934
Footbridge	46.23183,-91.16270
Rapids	46.24055,-91.18269
Logging Road Bridge	46.24075,-91.19075
Rapids	46.23816,-91.19631
Stoll Rapids	46.23504,-91.20746
County M Landing	46.20630,-91.22785
Cap Creek Landing	46.19797,-91.23773
Telemark Road Bridge	46.20053,-91.24664
Rapids / Portage Trail	46.19948,-91.26512
Phillippi Bridge Landing	46.19798,-91.29063
RR Bridge	46.18825,-91.30938
Cable Wayside Landing	46.18772,-91.32037