

## BLACK RIVER (BK2)

**Put-in** Cormican Landing at Black River Falls  
**Take-out** David Hansen Landing at Irving  
**Distance** 12.1 miles  
**Approximate Time** 5 hours  
**Most Difficult Rapids** Class 1

**Elevation Drop** 12 feet  
**Average Gradient** 1.0 feet per mile  
**Minimum Suggested Flow** 200 cfs (@ usgs 053813595)  
**Water Level Info / Phone** Black River State Forest HQ  
 715.284.4103

### Paddler's Notes

- 57.7 Mile Bruce Cormican Canoe Landing, Black River Falls** **River:** From the landing, several homes and rocky rip-rap (to prevent erosion) are on the left bank as you paddle downriver. The homes of Black River Falls quickly disappear after the first left bend and forest covers both banks. **Shuttle:** On E Main Street / Hwy 54, turn south onto S 3rd Street, which momentarily ends at Filmore Street then continues south again about 1/2 block west on Filmore. S 3rd Street ends at the landing entrance which is clearly marked with a large sign. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, paved parking area.
- 55.5 Mile Perry Creek** The wide sandy mouth of the creek is on river left.
- 55.4 Mile Perry Creek Landing, Black River State Forest** **River:** The landing ramp is on river left, about 100 yards south of Perry Creek. A weedy, sandy, island fronts the landing. Downriver, large sandbars and gravel bars often form below a wide left bend. **Shuttle:** On Hwy 27, south of Black River Falls, turn west onto Perry Creek Rd which ends at the landing. This is a pleasant, well-maintained park that features a large grassy lawn, tall shade trees, picnic benches and BBQ grills. There are two large paved parking areas, one designated for the landing. Developed landing, trailer ramp, cement pier, trailer turnaround, paved parking area.
- 54.7 Mile Squaw Creek** The creek enters from river right
- 54.7 Mile Hawk Island** Immediately below the mouth of Squaw Creek, the river forks around the head of Hawk Island, with the main flow running down the wider right fork. A short pitch of shallow riffles are located at the beginning of the right fork, stay right. Downriver, in a left bend, the river splits around an exposed granite shelf with both channels forming a wavy class 1 rapids.
- The narrow left fork around Hawk Island can be fun to navigate during normal flows, but you will occasionally have to step out and pull your boat over shallow sandbars and around small islands. You may have to portage around deadfall, watch for strainers.
- 54.0 Mile Mason's Landing** **River:** The landing is on river right in a wide left bend. **Shuttle:** On hwy 54, south of Black River Falls, turn east onto Old Highway 54 (north entrance) and drive south for approx. 0.5 mile. The landing entrance is on the east (river) side of the road. Semi-developed landing, trailer ramp, trailer turnaround, small paved parking area.
- 53.9 Mile Confluence** The river widens where the left fork rejoins the right fork in the lee of Hawk Island.
- 53.7 Mile Spring Creek** The small mouth of the creek is on river right.
- 52.4 Mile Canoe Campsite, Black River State Forest** A primitive canoe/kayak campsite with 2 separate tent sites is on river left. Both sites have fire a ring and a picnic table and are maintained by the DNR. Downriver, the river meanders through several oxbows over the next few miles with big sandy beaches on the inside of each bend. Hawk Island Road occasionally borders the river on the eastern oxbows. You'll see a few homes and cottages.
- 52.2 Mile Pine Grove Creek** A pair of creeks enter from river right, the first is unnamed, the second is Pine Grove Creek.

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- 48.7 Mile Robinson Creek** The wide mouth of the creek is on river left. The creek is navigable for whitewater kayakers when water levels are high during spring and early summer. The creek features a small gorge with class 3 ledges. Contact the Black River Area Chamber for more info!
- 47.8 Mile Scenic Bluff** As the river enters a long left bend, look for a long sandy beach between the left bank and a small wooded island. As you look south, over the beach, between the inner bank and the island, you will see a tall, picturesque bluff in the distance. The river bends back around the island to flow along the base of the bluff. You will often see birds circling in front of the beautiful rock formation which is covered with white and jack pines. This area is the scenic highlight of this segment.
- If you feel like getting out and stretching your legs, land on the sandy beach above the island, and walk down to view the cliff and the surrounding scenery. Landing in the lee of the island is not recommended due to a sudden dropoff.
- 45.6 Mile David Hansen Memorial Landing at Irving** **River:** The landing is on river right, immediately below the wide, sandy mouth of Trout Run. **Shuttle:** On Hwy 54, at the County X intersection, turn east onto John Deere Rd, then south onto Nichols Rd. The landing entrance is on the east side of the road. Semi-developed landing, hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking area.

### Driving Directions (Google Maps)



**Bruce Cormican Landing**



**Mason's Landing**



**Hansen Landing at Irving**

### GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

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| Bruce Cormican Landing   | 44.28787,-90.85102 |
| Perry Creek              | 44.26780,-90.85996 |
| Hawk Island              | 44.26161,-90.87210 |
| Class 1 Rapids           | 44.26112,-90.87763 |
| Mason's Landing          | 44.25491,-90.88017 |
| Hawk Island Confluence   | 44.25318,-90.88028 |
| Spring Creek             | 44.25068,-90.88132 |
| DNR Campsite             | 44.23528,-90.88252 |
| Pine Grove Creek         | 44.23414,-90.88834 |
| Robinson Creek           | 44.20873,-90.87799 |
| Scenic Bluff             | 44.20775,-90.89353 |
| Hansen Landing at Irving | 44.18761,-90.89892 |