

BOIS BRULE RIVER (BB3)

Put-in Pine Tree Landing
Take-out Highway 13 Landing
Distance 8.4 miles
Approximate Time 3-4 hours
Most Difficult Rapids Class 2-3

Elevation Drop 200 feet
Average Gradient 23.8 feet per mile
Minimum Suggested Flow 125 cfs / 1.4 feet
Water Level Info / Phone Bois Brule State Forest HQ
 715.372.4866

Paddler's Notes

Suggested River Levels for Paddling

The river gauge referenced below is located 10.5 miles upstream from 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. Lenroot Ledges, and Mays Ledges are class II. Fun whitewater river trip for novice paddlers.
350 cfs to 600 cfs	High runnable flow for novice paddlers. Mays Ledges are class III at high end of this range. Some waves may scare or flip less-experienced paddlers.
600 cfs to 1000 cfs	Novice paddlers should avoid the river. BB1 and BB3 are intermediate runs. Fast current in constrictions.
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!

16.6 Mile Pine Tree Landing River: After put-in, you will immediately paddle through two sets of class 1 rapids. The second set, around a left bend, is longer than the first. More rapids and riffles follow downstream.
Shuttle: The landing is located at the end of Dead End Rd off County Highway H. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turn-around, pit toilets.

14.2 Mile Lenroot Ledges (Class 2) Two pitches of class 1 rapids precede Lenroot Ledges. The Ledges are long and challenging and feature several drops, some measuring over 2 feet. Many of the ledges occur in wider sections of the river and are very shallow so be careful you do not get hung up. You may be scrapping bottom during low water conditions. The rapids become wild and fast during high water flows, at times approaching class 3. It is easiest to scout from the left bank. Be careful of obstacles such as fallen trees across the river and strainers hanging from the banks. Immediately following the rapids is the Highway FF Bridge. After the bridge is a small island in a sharp left bend.

13.4 Mile Mays Ledges (Class 2-3) A cottage and guesthouse on river right followed by a set of riffles lead into the first drop of Mays Ledges. The drops here present the most challenging whitewater on the Bois Brule. All four ledges rate class 2 in low to medium flows. The fourth ledge is followed by a rapids that are wavy and fast in high water (class 3), but difficult and scrappy in lower water conditions. **Each Ledge should be scouted!** Scout or portage from a footpath along the right bank.

There are numerous class 1 rapids and riffles from the end of Mays Ledges until the Highway 13 Rapids.

8.9 Mile Highway 13 Rapids (Class 1) Several pitches of riffles and low hazard rapids occur as you approach the Highway 13 Bridge.

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8.2 Mile Highway 13 Landing **River:** The landing is located near the end of Highway 13 Rapids on river right, shortly past a house on the right bank. You will see the Highway 13 Bridge downstream from the landing. **Shuttle:** The landing entrance is east of the Highway 13 bridge, on the south side of the highway. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turn-around, pit toilets.

Driving Directions (Google Maps)



Pine Tree Landing



Highway 13 Landing

GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Pine Tree Landing	46.61545,-91.58264
Lenroot Ledges	46.62987,-91.59673
Highway FF	46.63307,-91.59765
Mays Ledges	46.63801,-91.59696
Highway 13 Rapids	46.67434,-91.59418
Highway 13 Landing	46.67776,-91.59553