

BOIS BRULE RIVER (BB4)

Put-in Highway 13 Landing
Take-out Mouth of Brule Landing
Distance 8.2 miles
Approximate Time 4 hours
Most Difficult Rapids Class 1

Elevation Drop 114 feet
Average Gradient 13.9 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 roughly 19 miles upstream from this segment. So, while this gauge provides a good indication of the general height of the river, the reading should only be considered as an estimate of the 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 riffles and rapids will be bony in this range.
200 cfs to 350 cfs	Medium runnable flow for novice paddlers.
350 cfs to 600 cfs	High runnable flow for novice paddlers.
600 cfs to 1000 cfs	Novice paddlers should avoid the river.
Above 1000 cfs	Rare, high flows. Experienced paddlers only. Deadfall and strainers become quite hazardous when present, may be unavoidable at times!

8.2 Mile Highway 13 Landing River: After put-in, you will paddle through the end of Highway 13 rapids (class 1), then pass under the Highway 13 Bridge. The river winds through scenic, tall wooded hills in the initial stretch. **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 toilet.

6.8 Mile Shale Falls (Class 1) Several short pitches of class 1 rapids.

6.2 Mile Lamprey Barrier PORTAGE Orange buoys and warning signs indicate the approach of a dam. The dam is a lamprey eel barrier used to prevent the eels from swimming upriver (from Lake Superior) and destroying the trout population. This is an easy portage on the right bank.

5.2 Mile McNeil Landing Bridge A farmhouse on the left bank precedes McNeil Landing Bridge, a popular river access area used by anglers with parking on both sides of the river. Just after the bridge is a short class 1 rapids which leads into a right bend. Watch for deadfall.

After McNeil landing, the river becomes a little wilder, hills get a little bigger, and the air gets a little cooler the closer you get to Lake Superior. You will see almost no homes or cottages in this stretch until you are close to the lake. This is one of the most scenic stretches of river in the state.

4.7 Mile Rapids (Class 1) A scrappy class 1 rapids in the right channel around a small island. Watch for deadfall.

4.0 Mile Trask Creek The creek enters from river right.

3.8 Mile Rapids (Class 1) A scrappy class 1 rapids in the left channel around a small island. Watch for deadfall.

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- 3.0 Mile Long Riffles (Riffles)** A series of named riffles which extend through a long left bend below a steep ridge on the right bank. Several more pitches of riffles and low hazard rapids follow downstream.
- 1.3 Mile Weir Riffles (Riffles)** An easy stretch of a named riffles/boulder garden. This was the location of an electric lamprey barrier that was removed when the more effective dam was put in upstream. Large concrete abutments remain.
- 0.1 Mile Mouth of Brule Landing, Lake Superior River:** The last quarter mile is through open marsh leading to the mouth of the Bois Brule River on Lake Superior. The landing is on river right near the beginning of a long sandbar. It can be very relaxing to take a stroll out to the end of the sandy point where you will have an awesome view of the Lake Superior shoreline. If you are a good swimmer and can handle cold water, take a dip in the lake as well. Be careful of the waves on windy days! There is an excellent picnic area on the cliff overlooking the lake. The park has picnic tables and one of the the best-located bbq grills in Wisconsin. **Shuttle:** The landing is located at the north end of Brule River Rd. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround, picnic area, pit toilets.

Driving Directions (Google Maps)



Highway 13 Landing



Mouth of the Brule Landing

GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Highway 13 Landing	46.67776,-91.59553
Shale Falls	46.69069 -91.60048
Lamprey Barrier (PORTAGE)	46.69644,-91.60214
McNeil Landing Bridge	46.70529,-91.60387
Trask Creek	46.71246,-91.60314
Long Riffles	46.72105,-91.60012
Weir Riffles	46.73447,-91.60336
Mouth of the Brule Landing	46.74730,-91.61021