

BRULE RIVER (B3)

Put-in	Forest Road 2150	Elevation Drop	123 feet
Take-out	Brule River Flowage	Average Gradient	8.7 feet per mile
Distance	14.3 miles	Minimum Suggested Flow	220 cfs / 3.5 feet @ US 2 Bridge Gauge
Approximate Time	6-8 hours	Water Level Info / Phone	U.S. Forest Service, Florence
Most Difficult Rapids	Class 1-2		715.528.4464

Paddler's Notes

- 18.3 Mile FR 2150 Landing** ***River:*** The current tends to rip through here, especially during high water, so be careful when you put in. There is a private pier and a cottage on the right bank a hundred yards down river. The river winds through dense lowland forest for the first few miles. ***Shuttle:*** The landing is located at the end of FR 2150. Hand carry access, parking.
- 16.8 Mile Armstrong Creek** The creek enters from river left. Downstream, the river flows past dense thicket and open marsh.
- 15.8 Mile Pickerel Lake Outlet** The creek enters from river right.
- 14.8 Mile Carney Dam Road Landing** ***River:*** The landing is on the left bank in in a left bend. The access area has an open grass lawn surrounded by alder thicket. Downriver from the landing, a slow current flows past several small islands as the forest closes in again. ***Shuttle (Michigan):*** From US Highway 2, turn west onto County Rd 424, drive through the town of Alpha and turn south onto Buck Lake Rd, stay on Buck Lake Rd through the right bend and turn south onto Carney Dam Rd. The MDNR landing is at the end of Carney Dam Rd. This is an excellent developed landing but the access road will test the suspension on your car or truck. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround, pit toilets.
- 12.6 Mile McGovern Creek** The creek enters from river left.
- 9.4 Mile Montagne Creek** The creek enters from river right.
- 9.0 Mile State Line State Trail Bridge (Chicago & Northwestern RR Bridge)** The abandoned railroad bridge passes over the river. The bridge is now part of an ATV / Snowmobile trail system.
- 8.0 Mile US Highway 2 Bridge Landing** ***River:*** Shortly after the river flows around a large island in a right bend you will approach the US Highway 2 Bridge. The access is just below the bridge on the left bank (Michigan side). A USGS river gage is located under the bridge, visible from the Michigan side. ***Shuttle:*** On US Highway 2, the river access is north of the bridge (Michigan side), on the east side of the highway. Hand carry access, limited parking.
- 6.2 Mile La Chapelle Rapids (Class 1-2)** The river flows around several islands and runs through several pitches of low hazard rapids and rock gardens. Scout or portage on the right bank. More riffles follow downstream.
- 5.3 Mile Power line** The river runs under a power line.
- 4.0 Mile Brule River Landing, Brule River Flowage** ***River:*** The river begins to widen considerably and the current slows as the Brule feeds into Paint Pond, part of the Brule River Flowage / Menominee Watershed. Beautiful stands of white birch line both banks. The W.E.P.C. #28 landing is easily visible on the right bank. ***Shuttle:*** On US Highway 2 in Florence, turn north onto Chapin Road, at the intersection continue on Brule Dam Road, turn right onto Brule Landing Road. The landing is at the end of the road. Trailer access ramp, parking, pit toilets, trailer turnaround.

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Driving Directions (Google Maps)



FR 2150 Landing



Carney Dam Rd Landing



Highway 2 Bridge Landing



Brule River Landing

GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

FR 2150 Landing	45.99013,-88.45012
Armstrong Creek	45.98445,-88.42618
Pickereel Lake Outlet	45.97551,-88.41481
Carney Dam Rd Landing	45.98046,-88.39845
McGovern Creek	45.98527,-88.36959
State Trail Bridge	45.95632,-88.32556
Highway 2 Bridge Landing	45.96076,-88.31589
La Chapelle Rapids	45.95429,-88.28667
Powerline	45.95655,-88.27199
Brule River Landing	45.96359,-88.25001