

CHIPPEWA RIVER (C2)

Put-in County D Bridge
Take-out County A Bridge
Distance 10.7 miles
Approximate Time 4 hours
Most Difficult Rapids Class 1

Elevation Drop 68 feet
Average Gradient 6.4 feet per mile
Minimum Suggested Flow 400 cfs / 1.5 feet, USGS gage @ Bruce
Water Level Info / Phone WDNR Office at Ladysmith
 715.532.3911

Paddler's Notes

- 158.0 Mile County D Bridge Landing River:** A small set of riffles are downstream of the bridge, immediately after put-in. The river is wide with a moderate current. **Shuttle:** On County D, east of Hwy 40, the landing is on the east end of the bridge, downstream side. A dirt jeep track leads down to the rivers edge. The track is fairly rutted so be careful if you're backing in. Trailer access ramp, parking.
- 156.3 Mile Island, Rapids (Class 1)** A set of riffles in a left bend precede a scenic pine covered ledge that extends out from the right bank. This is a great spot to stop and stretch your legs. After the ledge, the river forks around a long island then winds through several tight bends. In a left bend after the island, a long class 1 rapids begins where a rocky shelf extends out into the river from the right bank. The river picks up speed as it constricts into a chute around the shelf and creates a fun, wavy ride. The rapids continue for about 300 yards before the river calms a little, then another set of riffles with a small island left of the main channel. The rapids are easy to navigate but can produce large waves during high water conditions.
- 154.2 Mile White Birch Creek, Rapids (Class 1)** The small mouth of White Birch Creek is on river left. A few pitches of low hazard rapids are located near the creek mouth.
- 154.5 Mile Nail Creek, Rapids (Class 1)** Two pitches of rocky rapids are located before and after the wide mouth of Nail Creek, which is on river left.
- 152.8 Mile Rapids (Class 1), Islands** The river runs through a wavy rapids in a long left bend. Several islands follow downstream, including a large wooded island where more rapids and riffles continue through the numerous channels.
- 151.4 Mile Soo Line RR Bridge, Rapids (Class 1)** The river passes under a railroad bridge after a sharp right bend. A class 1 rapids runs beneath the bridge. Just downstream is a large island with another fun class 1 rapids down the wider left fork. From here until the Highway A Bridge, are numerous islands with many small channels that can be fun to explore, but be careful of overhanging trees and the resulting strainers.
- 149.7 Mile DNR Public Landing River:** The river winds through farmland, cottages and forest. After a left bend you will pass by a large barn on river right. The gravel ramp is about 400 yards downstream in a clearing on the right bank near two large maple trees. This excellent landing is maintained by the DNR. **Shuttle:** The landing is on Highway 40 just north of the Highway H intersection. Trailer ramp access, parking, trailer turnaround.
- After the landing, you will soon paddle through a series of densely wooded islands with one large island dominating the river. Take the left fork and once again be careful of strainers and dead fall through the narrow channels.
- 147.3 Mile County A Bridge Access River:** You should see the Highway A Bridge beyond a wooded island from upstream. Take the left fork to reach the landing on the left bank, just upstream of the bridge. The river landscape throughout this stretch is very scenic. **Shuttle:** On County A, east of the Hwy 40 intersection, the river access is off the east end of the bridge, north side of the road. Hand carry access, roadside parking.

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Driving Directions (Google Maps)



County D Bridge Landing



DNR Boat Landing



County A Bridge Access

GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

County D Bridge Landing	45.67133,-91.18153
Island, Rapids	45.65197,-91.18507
White Birch Creek	45.63710,-91.18574
Nail Creek	45.63226,-91.18242
Rapids, Islands	45.61118,-91.19260
Railroad Bridge	45.59248,-91.19750
DNR Boat Landing	45.58152,-91.22331
County A Bridge Access	45.55248,-91.22870