

# CHIPPEWA RIVER (C3)

**Put-in** County A Bridge  
**Take-out** Highway 8 Landing  
**Distance** 9.0 miles  
**Approximate Time** 4 hours  
**Most Difficult Rapids** Class 1

**Elevation Drop** 20 feet  
**Average Gradient** 2.2 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

- 147.3 Mile** **County A Bridge Landing, Imalone** **River:** The river runs wide and deep past densely wooded banks. **Shuttle:** On County A, the landing is east of the bridge, on the upstream side. It is a short walk down slope to the river. Hand carry access, roadside parking.
- 145.2 Mile** **Islands** After a right bend, you will come upon a large wooded island surrounded by several smaller islands. The right fork is wider and safer but the narrower left fork is navigable. The current is faster so be careful when approaching any overhanging trees.
- 142.7 Mile** **Public Boat Landing** **River:** Shortly after a farmhouse on the left bank, then a soft left bend, you will come upon two small islands, one below the other. The landing is just past the first island on river left. **Shuttle:** From Highway A, turn west onto Thornapple Road, then turn west on to Boat Landing Road. The landing is located at the end. Trailer access ramp, parking, trailer turnaround.
- 141.4 Mile** **Alder Creek, Trails End Youth Camp** After a long right bend, the wide mouth of Alder Creek appears on river right. A footbridge spans the creek and is visible from the river. The footbridge is part of a trail system that is owned by the Trail's End Youth Camp. The camp buildings are on river right, along the south bank of a slough about 400 yards past the creek mouth. Intermittent riffles and boulder gardens occur down to the Soo Line Railroad Bridge.
- 140.0 Mile** **Power lines** Several power lines cross over the river with a scrappy pitch of riffles under the second set of lines.
- 138.8 Mile** **Thornapple River, Soo Line RR Bridge** Several islands precede the Thornapple River confluence, which enters from river left. A railroad bridge is just downstream.
- 138.3 Mile** **Highway 8 Landing** **River:** About a half mile past the railroad bridge, the river splits around three islands with the largest in the center. Take either of the channels on the left and look for the landing on the left bank immediately after the smaller left-most island. You should hear traffic noises from Highway 8 as you approach the landing. **Shuttle:** On Highway 8, the landing entrance is east of the bridge on the north side of the Sawdust Road intersection. Trailer access ramp, parking.

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### Driving Directions (Google Maps)



**County A Bridge Landing**



**Public Boat Landing**



**Highway 8 Landing**

### GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

County A Bridge Landing	45.55248,-91.22870
Islands	45.52815,-91.23000
Public Boat Landing	45.50082,-91.25241
Alder Creek	45.48774,-91.26127
Thornapple River	45.46102,-91.25311
Highway 8 Landing	45.45336,-91.25627