

CHIPPEWA RIVER (C4)

Put-in Highway 8 Landing
Take-out Flambeau River Confluence
Distance 18.6 miles
Approximate Time Full day
Most Difficult Rapids Class 1

Elevation Drop 27 feet
Average Gradient 1.5 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

- 138.3 Mile Highway 8 Landing** ***River:*** After put-in you will paddle down the left channel around a large island, then pass under the Highway 8 Bridge. The river runs wide and slow. ***Shuttle:*** The landing entrance is east of the Highway 8 Bridge on the north side of the Sawdust Road intersection. Trailer access ramp, parking.
- 136.8 Mile Bruce Lake Outlet** The outlet enters from river right.
- 133.0 Miles Buff Creek** The creek enters from river left, shortly after a farmhouse on the left bank.
- 132.2 Mile Hagerty's Landing** ***River:*** The access ramp is on the left bank in a small clearing beneath a large oak tree. Downriver, an easy boulder garden is 300 yards below the landing. For the next several miles, the river flows through marsh and thick lowland forest with a number of sloughs and unnamed creeks entering the river. ***Shuttle:*** On Fletcher Road, the gravel drive entrance is 0.75 miles west of the intersection of McLean, Fletcher and Sawdust Roads. The drive leads to the public landing. Trailer access ramp, parking, trailer turnaround.
- 127.7 Mile Soft Maple Creek** The wide mouth of the creek enters from river right a few hundred yards before a small island. There are several popular fishing holes located through here.
- 126.8 Mile Potato Creek** The creek enters from river right. The deep waters below the creek mouth are rumored to be excellent for fishing.
- 125.7 Mile Hatch Landing** ***River:*** The landing is on the left bank after a long left bend. The cement ramp is barely visible amidst thick brush. After the landing, the river widens and you will paddle through a series of islands in a very picturesque setting. ***Shuttle:*** From Highway E, turn west onto Sawdust Rd and continue through several bends, then turn west onto Hatch Rd, which dead-ends at the landing. Trailer access ramp, trailer turnaround, parking.
- 124.3 Mile Rice Creek, Skrupky Rapids (Class 1)** The mouth of the creek forks around a wooded island on river right. Another, larger wooded island is just below the creek mouth, left of the main channel. Skrupky Rapids begin below the larger island in a wide right bend. These rapids are rated as an easy class 1 and can mostly be avoided by paddling down the left. Houses and cottages gradually become more frequent along both banks from here to the Flambeau River confluence.
- 120.6 Mile County D Access** ***River:*** An easy access to miss. The river continues to run wide with a moderate current. You will occasionally hear highway noises from County Highway D which is beyond the right bank. The river access is on river right in the lee of a small island. A steep but short path hidden amongst the weeds leads up to the roadside. ***Shuttle:*** The small access is on the north side of the road about one mile north of the County Highways Y and D intersection. The river is only about 15 feet from the road down a small embankment. There is limited parking along the side of the highway. Hand carry access, parking.
- 119.7 Mile Flambeau River Confluence, Flaters Resort Landing** ***River:*** Flater's resort is on river left just past the Highway E Bridge. You can land on the grass bank just below the bridge on the left bank, or at a better landing around the point, a short ways upstream on the Flambeau River. ***Shuttle:*** Public parking is available along the north side of the parking lot at Flater's Resort. A cement ramp is located on the Flambeau River on the north side of the point.

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Driving Directions (Google Maps)



Highway 8 Landing



Hagerty's Landing



Hatch Landing



County D Access



Flaters Resort Landing

GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Highway 8 Landing	45.45336,-91.25627
Bruce Lake Outlet	45.43881,-91.27691
Buff Creek	45.40492,-91.28693
Hagerty's Landing	45.39179,-91.28968
Soft Maple Creek	45.34974,-91.31798
Hatch Landing	45.33862,-91.32661
Skrukpy Rapids	45.33021,-91.30381
County D Access	45.29671,-91.25473
Flaters Resort Landing	45.29756,-91.23663