

# NORTH FORK FLAMBEAU RIVER (FN5)

<b>Put-in</b>	Camp 41 Landing	<b>Elevation Drop</b>	69 feet
<b>Take-out</b>	Beaver Dam Landing	<b>Average Gradient</b>	6.3 feet per mile
<b>Distance</b>	10.9 miles	<b>Minimum Suggested Flow</b>	No USGS Gage
<b>Approximate Time</b>	4 hours	<b>Water Level Info / Phone</b>	Flambeau R. State Forest HQ
<b>Most Difficult Rapids</b>	Class 2-3		715.332.5271

## Paddler's Notes

- 52.4 Mile Camp 41 Landing River:** There is 200 yards of flat-water before the first pitch of Wannigan Rapids. **Shuttle:** On West Lane Road, the landing entrance is marked with a sign. Probably the most used landing on the Flambeau River. Hand carry access, two parking areas, trailer turnaround, water, pit toilets.
- 52.3 Mile Camp 41 Camp ( Canoe Campsite # 9 )** Three sites sit on the left bank near the beginning of Wannigan Rapids.
- 52.0 Mile Wannigan Rapids, 1st Pitch (Class 1-2)** The rapids begin a few hundred yards downstream from Camp 41 Landing. The difficulty of the rapids depends on water levels. At low water this can be a scrappy ride, at high water, fun waves develop.
- 50.7 Mile Wannigan Camp ( Canoe Campsite # 10 )** The camp is on river right just before the second pitch of Wannigan Rapids. There are two shaded sites.
- 50.6 Mile Wannigan Rapids, 2nd Pitch (Class 1-2)** The river rushes through 500 yards of wavy rapids and boulders beneath a steep, wooded right bank. This second pitch is a little more difficult than the first.
- 49.9 Mile Wannigan Rapids, 3rd Pitch (Class 2)** The river narrows and bends to the right through the third pitch of Wannigan Rapids. A high-speed wavy class 2 with a narrow rocky island running down center-left near the end of the rapids. A wide green lawn and a few cottages are on the right bank.
- 49.4 Mile Flambeau Falls Rapids (Class 2)** The rapids occur in a right bend, just below Dodes Island. Scout from the trail on the left (east) bank.
- 48.6 Mile South Fork Confluence, Forks Camp ( Canoe Campsite # 11 )** The South Fork of the Flambeau River enters from river left. Forks camp is located on the left bank just below the confluence. The camp has two sites. The river widens considerably with the added flow and wind can sometimes be a factor, especially from the south or west.
- 47.0 Mile Bear Run Camp ( Canoe Campsite # 12 )** The camp is on the left bank shortly after a right bend. There are three sites with plenty of shade.
- 46.4 Mile Hervas Landing ( Canoe Campsite # 13 ) River:** A little more than a half-mile past Bear Run Camp you will see Hervas Camp Landing on the left bank. The landing and camp are a few yards past a patch of tall marsh grass surrounding the mouth of a small stream. Hervas Camp features three shaded sites. The spring fed stream is George Ladd Creek. **Shuttle:** From County B, turn north onto River Road and continue for several miles to the end. Trailer access ramp, parking, pit toilets, water.
- 45.5 Mile Cedar Rapids Camp ( Canoe Campsite # 14 )** The camp is on the right bank, downstream from a cottage. There are three sites.
- 45.4 Mile Cedar Rapids, 1st Pitch (Class 2+)** A challenging rapids that occurs where the river forks around a small, rocky, wooded island. The right fork is usually too shallow for canoes. The navigable left fork features a short, steep gradient with a series of wavy drops, and a number of boulders, followed by another 50 yards of fun, challenging rapids. Scouting is necessary as the initial pitch contains several submerged boulders that you will not be able to see from upstream. Land on the left bank above the rapids and scout from the well-worn trail. Portage on river left if you have any doubts.

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- 44.5 Mile Cedar Rapids, 2nd Pitch (Class 1-2)** Not as difficult as the first pitch, this long and shallow boulder garden begins where the river constricts after a right bend.
- 43.5 Mile Cedar Rapids, 3rd Pitch (Class 1-2)** The river flows through a shallow boulder garden in a left bend, and then plunges over a submerged ledge that extends out from the left bank.
- 42.5 Mile Cedar Rapids, 4th Pitch (Class 1-2)** A series of riffles and easy boulder gardens precede the 4th pitch of Cedar Rapids, where the river constricts into another scrappy boulder garden.
- 42.0 Mile Beaver Dam Rapids (Class 2-3)** The rapids begin with a 4-foot drop. In medium flows, the current will push you into a "sleeper" - a large submerged boulder - down the left-center of the drop. If you are not careful with your line you may literally be launched off this boulder. Scout or Portage on the left (east) bank. Novice paddlers should portage to just below the drop. A shallow boulder field follows.
- 41.5 Mile Beaver Dam Landing** **River:** The landing is a large stone ledge on the right bank within view of Beaver Dam Rapids. **Shuttle:** From Highway 8, turn north onto County Highway I, then turn east onto Flambeau Road and continue on until you see the river access sign. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround, pit toilets.
- EXTRA MILES**
- 40.6 Mile Little Cedar Rapids (Class 1)** A stretch of rocky riffles in a wide right bend lead into Little Cedar Rapids, an easy class 1 with a small rock shelf on river right.
- 36.7 Mile Flambeau Lodge, Landing** **River:** The river slows and widens considerably as it flows into the Big Falls Flowage, formed by the Big Falls Dam. The landing is on the right bank downstream of a small bay on river left. **Shuttle:** From Highway 8, turn north onto County Highway I, then turn east onto Flambeau Road. The Lodge is a privately owned resort that offers camping, parking for canoeists and kayakers (fee), shuttle services and rentals.

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### Driving Directions (Google Maps)



**Camp 41 Landing**



**Hervas Landing**



**Beaver Dam Landing**



**Flambeau Lodge Landing**

### GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Camp 41 Landing	45.69208,-90.81288
Wannigan Rapids, 1st Pitch	45.68864,-90.80995
Wannigan Rapids, 2nd Pitch	45.66852,-90.81225
Wannigan Rapids, 3rd Pitch	45.66247,-90.80267
Flambeau Falls	45.65165,-90.79249
South Fork Confluence	45.64647,-90.79372
Hervas Landing	45.64051,-90.83491
Cedar Rapids, 1st Pitch	45.63104,-90.84995
Cedar Rapids, 2nd Pitch	45.62632,-90.86316
Cedar Rapids, 3rd Pitch	45.63393,-90.88057
Cedar Rapids, 4th Pitch	45.62361,-90.89187
Beaver Dam Rapids	45.62016,-90.90105
Beaver Dam Landing	45.61660,-90.90623
Little Cedar Rapids	45.60754,-90.91783
Flambeau Lodge	45.57308,-90.94759