

WISCONSIN RIVER (LWSR SEGMENT 3)

Put-in Muscoda Landing West
Take-out Woodman Landing
Distance 24.5 miles
Approximate Time varies, full day / multi-day trip
Most Difficult Rapids flat-water

Elevation Drop 29 feet
Average Gradient 1.1 feet per mile
Minimum Suggested Flow contact local outfitter
Water Level Info / Phone contact local outfitter

Paddler's Notes

Suggested River Levels for Paddling

Always check the local weather forecast before paddling on the LWSR. Also, even if the local forecast calls for sunny conditions, talk to a local outfitter about possible river surges before embarking on an overnight trip! Although it may be sunny in the LWSR, any kind of heavy rainfall upriver can result in an unexpected rise in river levels. Although this set of conditions doesn't happen very often, it occasionally does, and is something to be aware of.



Below 4,000 cfs Very shallow riverway, many large sandbars. You may have to step out and push several times. Excellent conditions for sandbar camping!

4,000 cfs to 10,000cfs Normal summer conditions, many medium to large-sized sandbars. Shallow riverway at low end of this range - occasionally, you may have to step out and push. Excellent conditions for sandbar camping!

10,000 cfs to 14,000 cfs Above normal flow conditions, noticeable undercurrents developing, especially in lee of sandbars and islands. Sandbars are smaller and fewer in number at high end of this range. Usually acceptable conditions for sandbar camping.

14,000 cfs to 17,000 cfs High flow conditions. Undercurrents above 4 mph develop, especially in lee of sandbars. Sandbars are few in number. Sandbar camping not recommended in this range.

17,000 cfs to 20,000 cfs High flow conditions with deceptively powerful undercurrents developing. Overnight camping on sandbars and beaches not recommended! Can be a fun day trip however, many small channels open up in lower reaches of the LWSR - be careful of strainers in narrow confines.

Above 20,000 cfs Paddling not recommended!

43.2 Mile Muscoda Landing West **River:** This is a very scenic stretch as the river flows around numerous islands and sandbars. Dense bottomland forest dominates the left bank for the next few miles with a large number of sloughs extending inland from the river. Tall bluffs are visible in the distance. **Shuttle:** On Highway 80 in Muscoda, turn west onto W River Rd. The landing entrance is two blocks west on the north side of the road. Trailer ramp, trailer turnaround, parking area.

36.9 Mile Columbe Island If you're not using the Port Andrews Boat Landing then consider paddling down the narrower left fork where you will glide past sandy beaches and a few tiny islands. The small mouth of Cross Slough is on river left about 400 yards downriver (left fork) from the head of Columbe Island. If you're feeling adventurous, this backwater can be fun to explore when river levels are high enough.

36.8 Mile Port Andrews Landing **River:** As you approach a large island (Columbe Island) you will see the Highway T bridge in the distance down the wide, right fork. The boat landing is in the right fork on river right where you will see an open, grassy area, just downriver from the head of the island. This landing is recommended over the Blue River Canoe Landing on Columbe Island. **Shuttle:** On highway 60, east of Port Andrew, the landing entrance is on the south side of the road. trailer ramp, trailer turnaround, parking area.

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- 36.6 Mile Blue River Landing** *River:* As you approach a large island (Columbe Island) you will see the Highway T bridge in the distance down the wide, right fork. The Blue River Canoe Landing is down the narrow left fork. As you approach the Highway T Bridge (left fork!), a narrow slough forms off the river on river right, next to, and just above the large concrete base of the highway bridge. The slough leads to the small landing which is visible from the river. *Shuttle:* On Highway 60, south of Port Andrew, the landing entrance is on the east side of the road on Columbe Island. Trailer ramp, trailer turnaround, parking area, pit toilet.
- 33.1 Mile Big Island** There are a number of large, wooded islands over the next 3 miles. The first, and largest, is Big Island followed by Little Island. A short distance downriver, a narrow fork on river right forms Trumbull Island north of the main channel, while south of the main channel, on river left, another narrow fork forms Patterson Island, directly south of Trumbull.
- 29.8 Mile Highway 60, Bluffs** Downriver from Patterson Island, tall bluffs covered in dense forest rise from the valley floor, forcing the river southwest once again. The scenic, steep slopes border the river for several miles, as does Highway 60.
- 27.5 Mile Boscobel Landing - West** *River:* Tall, steep bluffs continue to dominate the north bank as you approach the Highway 61 Bridge. The landing is downstream of the bridge on river left. High banks surround the narrow entrance to a small slough that forms the landing. This is a very beautiful area! *Shuttle:* On Highway 61, north of Boscobel, and south of the bridge, the landing entrance is on the west side of the highway. This is an excellent developed landing! Trailer ramp, hand carry access, trailer turnaround, paved parking area, water (hand pump), pit toilets, shaded picnic area, picnic tables, grills, historical site.
- High, scenic bluffs continue to border the river along the north shore as you paddle downriver, as does Highway 60.
- 26.0 Mile Allen Island** A large wooded island named Allen Island forks the river. If you take the main channel down the left fork you will come upon a much smaller channel on river right that splits the island. Be mindful of overhanging trees if you decide to paddle down this small waterway! A large and inviting sandbar often forms in the lee of Allen Island, however there are steep drop offs and strong currents so be careful if you land and stretch your legs. Wading is not recommended here.
- 18.7 Mile Woodman Landing** *River:* There are over a dozen islands in the 3.5 mile stretch above Woodman Landing, including Gillis Island which stretches for more than a mile and a half. A railroad bridge crosses both the river and the island about a mile downriver from the islands' head. Steep rocky bluffs tower over a wide sandy beach on the south bank as you approach the landing, which is a short distance up the Big Green River confluence on river left. You'll likely hear traffic noises from Highway 133 as you approach the mouth of the smaller river. Eagles are often spotted soaring overhead. *Shuttle:* On Highway 133, west of Woodman, the landing entrance is on the west side of the road. Trailer ramp, pier, trailer turnaround, parking area, shaded picnic area, picnic table, grill.

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Driving Directions (Google Maps)



Muscoda Landing West



Port Andrews Landing



Blue River Landing



Boscobel Landing



Woodman Landing

GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Muscoda Landing West	43.19800,-90.44576
Columbe Island	43.20538,-90.56142
Port Andrews Landing	43.20648,-90.56602
Blue River Landing	43.20008,-90.57103
Big Island	43.18388,-90.62571
Patterson Island	43.16990,-90.65895
Boscobel Landing	43.15022,-90.71536
Allen Island	43.13417,-90.73541
Boydton	43.10882,-90.80178
Gillis Island	43.09883,-90.81373
Woodman Landing	43.07699,-90.84597