

NAMEKAGON RIVER (N4)

Put-in Hayward Landing
Take-out Springbrook Landing
Distance 16.2 miles
Approximate Time 8 hours / multi-day trip
Most Difficult Rapids Class 1-2

Elevation Drop 95 feet
Average Gradient 5.8 feet per mile
Minimum Suggested Flow No USGS River Gage
Water Level Info / Phone Namekagon Visitor Center
 715.635.8346

Paddler's Notes

- 66.1 Mile** **Hayward Landing** **River:** As you paddle south, Homes and businesses along the river gradually appear less frequently as the river winds through lowland forest and marsh. **Shuttle:** On Highway 63, in Hayward, turn east onto Highway 27 East, the landing is approximately one mile east of the Hwy's, 63 - 27 intersection. The access is part of a county park with picnic area, bbq grills, a covered pavilion and plenty of shade beneath tall pines. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, rustic toilets, group campsite.
- 64.9 Mile** **Warder Rapids (Class 1-2)** Huge boulders characterize this stretch of rapids, which extend through several bends.
- 64.4 Mile** **Fiddlers Creek** The creek enters from river right.
- 63.1 Mile** **Spring Lake Creek** The creek enters on river left in two mouths as it splits to form a small island. Some light rapids and riffles occur downstream.
- 62.4 Mile** **Fox Slough, Rapids (Class 1)** The river splits into narrow channels around numerous small and medium sized islands. The easy to follow main channel has several pitches of rocky rapids. The tiny left fork is named Fox Slough.
- 61.8 Mile** **Namekagon - LacCourt Orielles Portage** The west end of the historic portage trail is on the left bank. The trail linked the Namekagon River with the Chippewa River System and was used by early settlers, Native Americans, and early european fur traders. The site of the Cadotte Trading Post, built in 1784, is also located here.
- 61.8 Mile** **Rainbow Creek** The Creek enters from river left.
- 59.7 Mile** **Flat Creek** The creek enters from river left, though you probably won't see it due to the large number of sloughs, spring-fed feeder streams, and small islands located throughout this stretch. A huge commercial cranberry bog is beyond the right bank.
- 58.3 Mile** **West River Landing** **River:** The river flows past open marsh on the right bank and forest on the left. A series of grassy islands create many narrow channels. The landing is on river left in the main channel. **Shuttle:** On Highway 63, west of Hayward, turn south onto County E, then turn east onto West River Rd, the landing is at the end. The access is maintained by the Wisconsin DNR. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking.
- 57.7 Mile** **Stinnett Landing, Rapids (Class 1)** **River:** The landing is easily visible on river right. The earthen remains of the old Stinnett Bridge form a tight constriction 20 yards downstream of the landing where the river rushes through a short, wavy chute. The chute spills into a wide pool in a pleasant setting surrounded by forest. Periodic riffles and easy rapids follow. **Shuttle:** On Highway 63, west of Hayward, turn south onto Stinnett Landing Road, the landing is at the end. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, rustic toilets, picnic table, fire pit.
- 57.1 Mile** **Railroad Bridge** The river passes under the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Bridge.
- 56.6 Mile** **Railroad Bridge, Rapids (Class 1)** The river passes under the Soo Line Railroad Bridge. Several pitches of riffles and light rapids begin near the bridge and continue to Groat Landing.

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- 55.0 Mile Groat Landing** **River:** Several pitches of easy rapids run through several bends as you approach the landing. The access is on river left just before the Brickman Lake Road Bridge. The wide mouth of Chippanazie Creek enters from river right, across from Groat Landing. Chippanazie rapids begin below the bridge. **Shuttle:** On Highway 63, northeast of Springbrook, turn south onto Brickman Lake Road, the landing is on the east side of the road. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, rustic toilets.
- 54.8 Mile Chippanazie Rapids (Class 1-2)** The rapids begin below the bridge and occur in several pitches. The flow is fast and wavy higher flows, rocky and bumpy in low water. The river splits around a long series of wooded islands for the next mile.
- 53.6 Mile Tranus Creek** The creek enters from river right.
- 52.5 Mile North Springbrook Landing** **River:** The river splits around a large wooded island. The landing is on the left bank below the island, in a sharp right bend. Shallow riffles are downstream from the landing. **Shuttle:** On Highway 63, north of Springbrook, turn east onto Larson Road, the access drive is marked with a sign. Or, on Highway 63 west of Hayward, turn south onto Brinkman Lake Rd, continue past the Groat Landing entrance and turn west onto Larson Road, the access drive is marked with a sign. Trailer access, trailer turnaround, parking.
- 50.7 Mile Rapids (Class 1), Highway 63 Bridge** The river narrows and rushes through a long set of wavy rapids which end below the Highway 63 Bridge.
- 49.9 Mile Springbrook Landing** **River:** A long series of low hazard rapids and riffles begins about 200 yards above the landing and continue downstream through a left bend. The access is on the steep left bank. **Shuttle:** On Highway 63 at the north end of Springbrook, turn north onto Legion Lane, the road ends at the landing. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, rustic toilets.

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Driving Directions (Google Maps)



Hayward Landing



West River Landing



Stinnett Landing



Groat Landing



North Springbrook Landing



Springbrook Landing

GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

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| Hayward Landing | 46.00350,-91.48906 |
| Warder Rapids | 45.99495,-91.50472 |
| Spring Lake Creek | 45.97728,-91.51443 |
| Fox Slough Rapids | 45.97276,-91.52298 |
| Historical Site | 45.96596,-91.52757 |
| Flat Creek | 45.97041,-91.55582 |
| West River Landing | 45.97808,-91.57632 |
| Stinnett Landing | 45.98378,-91.58901 |
| Chicago & NW RR Bridge | 45.98797,-91.59912 |
| Soo Line RR Bridge | 45.99182,-91.61041 |
| Groat Landing | 45.99605,-91.63450 |
| North Springbrook Landing | 45.97612,-91.65528 |
| Rapids, Highway 63 Bridge | 45.96010,-91.67456 |
| Springbrook Landing | 45.95392,-91.68622 |