## NAMEKAGON RIVER (N7)

Put-inFritz LandingTake-outRiverside Landing (St Croix River)Distance17.5 milesApproximate Time8 hours / multi-dayMost Difficult RapidsClass 1

Elevation Drop Average Gradient Minimum Suggested Flow Water Level Info / Phone

59 feet 3.4 feet per mile No USGS River Gage Namekagon Visitor Center 715.635.8346

## Paddler's Notes

- **13.7 Mile** Fritz Landing *River:* After the landing, the river winds through a lush lowland forest with numerous wooded islands and narrow channels. *Shuttle:* On Highway 77 west of the Namekagon River Bridge, turn north onto River Landing Road, the landing is at the end. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, rustic toilets.
- 11.2 Mile McDowell Bridge Landing River: The river narrows as it winds past gorgeous northwoods scenery, stands of spruce and pine cover steep, sandy banks. The landing is on the right bank at a sandy beach just downstream from the McDowell Bridge. Shuttle: On Highway 77, turn north onto River Road, turn east onto Webb Creek Drive. The landing is east of the bridge, on the north side of the road. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, rustic toilets, picnic table, fire pit.
- 8.5 Mile Webb Creek The creek enters from river left.
- **6.1 Mile Totogatic River Confluence** The Totogatic River enters from river right. The Namekagon noticeably widens after the confluence.
- **4.8 Mile** Namekagon Trail Landing *River:* Shortly after a long island, the river bends left and passes under the Namekagon Trail Road Bridge. The landing is immediately downstream of the bridge on the left bank. *Shuttle:* On Highway 77, turn north onto Namekagon Trail, follow the River Access sign at the W Adams Lake Road intersection. This road eventually becomes Namekagon Trail again at the Springbrook Trail Road intersection. Namekagon Trail leads to the landing. The road is narrow, rough and twisty with quite a few intersections. Be sure to pay attention to the road signs (when they are present). The landing is south of the bridge, on the west side of the road. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, picnic table, fire pit.

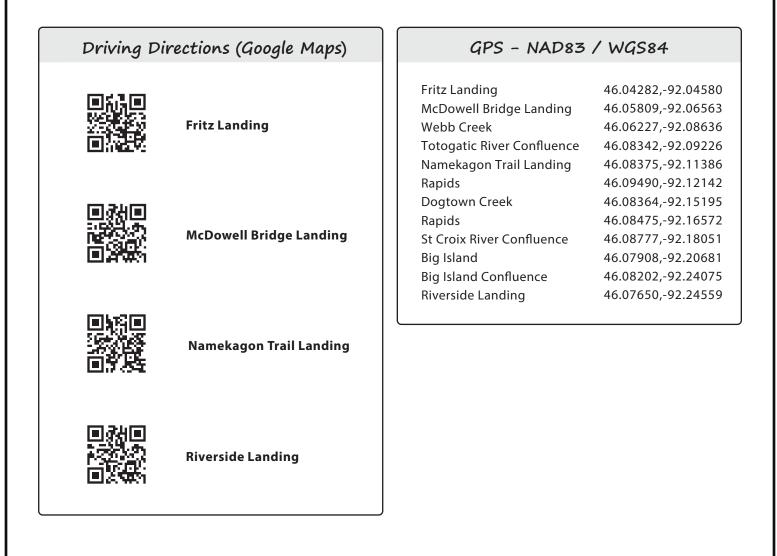
The river becomes wider and deeper as you approach the St Croix confluence, passing through a beautiful wilderness setting. Groves of birch, oak, and pine canopy steep sandy banks.

- **3.4 Mile Rapids (Class 1)** In a sharp left bend, the river constricts into a short wavy rapids. More intermittent riffles and easy rapids continue further downstream.
- **1.6 Mile Dogtown Creek** The creek enters from river left.
- **1.0 Mile Rapids (Class 1)** A series of low hazard rapids begin shortly downstream from a small island and continue until the confluence with the St Croix.
- 0.0 Mile St Croix River Confluence The Namekagon enters the St Croix. (St Croix Mile: 135.6)
- (134.1) Mile Big Island, Rapids (Class 1) After series of islands, the river forks around Big Island. Paddlers often miss the much narrower right fork, which is hidden in the lee of another smaller island. 'Big Island' is more than a mile long and a half-mile wide. While both forks are navigable, the much wider left fork has several pitches of fun class 1 rapids which begin right after the the river splits.

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(131.7) Mile Riverside Landing River: The National Forest Service Landing is easily visible on river right before the Highway 35 Bridge. The free campground here is an excellent spot for multi-day trips, though you will have to deal with highway noise. Shuttle: The National Park Service landing is north of the Highway 35 Bridge near Riverside. This landing is part of a wayside park in a beautiful setting overlooking the river. Trailer access ramp, trailer turnaround, parking, picnic area, rustic toilets, group campsite.

(131.7 Mile) In paranthesis is St Croix River Mileage.



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