

# PESHTIGO RIVER (P4)

**Put-in** Goodman Park Access  
**Take-out** Farm Dam Landing  
**Distance** 9.8 miles  
**Approximate Time** 4 hours  
**Most Difficult Rapids** Class 2

**Elevation Drop** 45 feet  
**Average Gradient** 4.6 feet per mile  
**Minimum Suggested Flow** 4.5 feet @ County C Bridge (USGS Gauge)  
**Water Level Info / Phone** Contact local outfitter

## Paddler's Notes

### Suggested River Levels for Paddling

The river gauge is 4 miles downstream from this segment. This gauge should provide a fairly good estimate of the conditions in this reach. At higher levels; several of the rapids become more difficult, and strainers and deadfall become more of a hazard when present. (Numbers in parenthesis reference the Paddler's Gauge at Highway C)

**Scout the rapids and know your limitations!**

**Below 4.5 feet** (0 - 6) Paddling not recommended.

**4.5 feet to 5.0 feet** (6 - 12) Low runnable flow. Some rapids & riffles may be scrappy at the lower end of this range, though all rapids should be navigable.

**5.0 feet to 5.8 feet** (12 - 22) Medium runnable flow. Should be excellent paddling conditions all-around.

**5.8 feet to 6.5 feet** (22 - 30) High runnable flow for most novices to run comfortably. Skinner's Elbow is class II. Fast current & larger waves developing at Wilson's Rapids which is approaching class II-III at high end of this range.

**6.5 feet to 7.5 feet** (30 - 42) High runnable flow. Novice paddlers should avoid the river. Skinner's Elbow is strong class II. Wilson's Rapids are wavy & fast class II-III.

**Above 7.5 feet** (Above 42) Rare, unusually high flows. Exercise caution if you paddle the river in this range.



**92.8 Mile Goodman County Park Landing River:** This is an easy put-in on the beach below Strong Falls. Downstream, the river is mostly calm with a few boulder gardens and riffles over the next several miles. **Shuttle:** On Goodman Park Road, south of the Benson Lake Road intersection, follow the road signs. Park in the main lot and follow the wide trail past the cabins to the river. There is a small daily vehicle fee if you are not camping in the park. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, picnic area, water, camping, pit toilets.

Goodman Park is part of the Marinette County Park system. This beautiful, well-maintained park features a lovely campground with 15 shaded sites beneath tall stands of red pine, balsam fir, birch and sugar maple. Each site has a fire pit and picnic table. The park also has one group site, a day lodge, a cabin (sleeps 8) and a large picnic area. Amenities include water, pit toilets, dumping station, and firewood. Paddlers should try to camp in site # 9, which offers trailer parking and a footpath down to the river. Sites 8 thru 15 are also close to the river. For more info call, 715-732-7530.

**92.5 Mile Swede John Creek** The creek enters from river right before a sharp left bend.

**89.3 Mile Skinners Elbow Rapids (Class 1-2)** A few riffles and scattered boulders lead into this lengthy rapids which extends through several bends and around several small, wooded islands. The rapids are recognizable by a very large boulder on river left near the beginning.

**88.8 Mile McClintock Rapids (Class 1)** After Skinner's Elbow, the river flows into a wide s-turn around a large island, the main channel runs down the left fork. Two sets of rapids are located through the s-turn. The second pitch runs under a footbridge that is part of McClintock County Park.

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- 88.8 Mile McClintock County Park** *River:* The river forks around an island with beautiful groves of tall pines. The main left channel leads to the county park access, which is on river left, just upstream from a footbridge that crosses the river to the island. This park is a great spot to get out and stretch your legs. *Shuttle:* From Highway C, turn north onto Parkway Road and follow the road signs to the park. This is one of the more beautiful county parks in the state besides Goodman Park. The park features a large island with a hemlock grove, several wooden footbridges, picnic areas with grills, and a picturesque hiking trail up Swamp Creek. There is a small daily vehicle fee, which is good for all Marinette County Parks. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround, pit toilets, water.
- 88.1 Mile McClintock County Park Campground** *River:* Tall red pines cover a scenic bluff on the left bank in a right bend. You should be able to see tents and/or campers through the foliage above the river. The landing for the campground is just below the bend on river-left. *Shuttle:* This landing should only be used if you are staying in the campground, which is located about a half mile south of the McClintock Park day use area. The campground lies in a beautiful setting; situated in a stand of tall red pines on a hill overlooking the river. There are ten sites. Each site has a fire pit and a picnic table. Hand carry access, water, and pit toilets.
- 87.8 Mile Camp 5 Road Bridge** The river passes under the Camp 5 Road Bridge.
- 86.1 Mile Wilson Rapids (Class 2)** Steep wooded slopes on both banks begin to close in on the river as you enter the rapids. The rapids extend for several hundred yards past a right bend and end shortly after a cabin on the left bank. These rapids usually require some boat control skills to avoid several rocks, especially in higher water when the current can be pushy. Scout from either bank.
- 84.7 Mile Rat River Confluence** The wide mouth of the Rat River enters from river right.
- 83.6 Mile Farm Dam Public Landing** *River:* The river is at its widest in this stretch with a ridge running above the left bank and marsh and lowland forest on the right bank. The landing is a little over 100 yards up Otter Creek, which feeds into the Peshtigo from river right. The main commercial landing (for outfitters) is a short distance downstream, also on the right bank. *Shuttle:* On Highway C, the entrance is marked by road signs. There are two separate landings, one for the commercial outfitters and one for public use. The public landing is the northern-most, on Otter Creek. Trailer access ramps, parking, trailer turnaround.

## Driving Directions (Google Maps)



**Goodman Park Access**



**McClintock Park Access**



**Farm Dam Landing**

## GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Goodman Park Landing	45.51799,-88.33935
Swede John Creek	45.51656,-88.33681
Skinner's Elbow	45.48406,-88.32853
McClintock Park Landing	45.47758,-88.32955
McClintock Park CG	45.47068,-88.33054
Camp 5 Bridge	45.46595,-88.33344
Camp 5 Creek	45.45761,-88.33378
Wilson Rapids	45.44474,-88.33667
Rat River	45.42699,-88.34065
Farm Dam Public Landing	45.41351,-88.34615