

## WOLF RIVER (W2)

**Put-in** Pearson, County T Landing  
**Take-out** Lily, Highway 52 Landing  
**Distance** 12.8 miles  
**Approximate Time** 6 hours  
**Most Difficult Rapids** Class 2

**Elevation Drop** 76 feet  
**Average Gradient** 5.9 feet per mile  
**Minimum Suggested Flow** 7.6 ft, USGS Gage @ Langlade  
**Water Level Info / Phone** Contact Local Outfitter

### Paddler's Notes

#### Suggested River Levels for Paddling

The river gauge referenced below is located 14.7 miles downstream from this segment. So, while this gauge provides a good indication of the general height of the river, the reading should only be considered as an estimate of the conditions in this reach. At higher levels, strainers and deadfall become more of a hazard when present.

*Scout the rapids and know your limitations!*



<b>Below 250 cfs</b>	Paddling not recommended.
<b>250 cfs to 500 cfs</b>	Low runnable flow. May have to portage Wendigo Rapids which are usually scrappy in this range. The rest of this segment should be navigable at levels above 250 cfs.
<b>500 cfs to 700 cfs</b>	Good range to paddle this segment. Wendigo Rapids may still be bumpy and technical.
<b>700 cfs to 1100 cfs</b>	Excellent range to paddle this segment. Wendigo Rapids should be a fun, wavy class II, a highlight of this reach.
<b>1100 cfs to 1800 cfs</b>	High runnable flow for novice paddlers. Unusually high flows. Pushy waves at Wendigo Rapids may intimidate less-experienced paddlers. High speed flows!
<b>Above 1800 cfs</b>	Rare, unusually high flows. Mistakes compound quickly. Novice paddlers should avoid the river.

**61.8 Mile Pearson, County T Landing** **River:** The Hunting River enters from river-right shortly after put-in. The Wolf is mostly flatwater for the first two miles. Tall grasses, thickets, hardwoods and pines surround the river. Wildlife is plentiful. The first significant rapids occurs two miles downstream at Wendigo Rapids. **Shuttle:** On County T, the landing entrance is approximately 100 yards east of the bridge. Hand carry access, roadside parking.

**59.8 Mile Wendigo Rapids (Class 2), Wolf River Wayside Landing** **River:** A boulder garden begins after a right bend and gradually becomes more difficult as you approach the County A bridge. Wendigo Rapids begins below the bridge and continues for more than 500 yards through a left bend. **The rapids can be difficult to navigate during low falls, but become a fun, wavy challenge at approximately 600 cfs.** To scout or portage the rapids, land upstream of the bridge on the left bank, cross the highway and walk along the riverside trail downstream. The wayside landing is on river-right, immediately below the bridge. **Shuttle:** On County Highway A, the wayside is west of the bridge. The river is a short walk from the parking area. A picnic table and grill are located close to the river. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround.

**57.8 Mile River Road Landing** **River:** An alternate landing is river left on a steep bank after a sharp left bend. The river from here until Military Park continues to be wide and quiet with occasional sloughs and islands. The surrounding landscape alternates between lush forest and open marsh. **Shuttle:** On County A, turn south onto River Road. The landing is about 1.1 miles south of the intersection, look for a grass clearing on the right where the river is visible.

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- 56.6 Mile Squaw Creek** The wide mouth of the creek is on river right in a left bend.
- 55.7 Mile Marsh** The Wolf enters an area of open marsh with numerous spring-fed creeks entering the river.
- 53.4 Mile Strauss Rapids (Class 1), Military Park Landing** **River:** The river constricts through several pitches of riffles and easy rapids. Be aware of overhanging trees and strainers. Military Park appears on the left bank in the third set. This is not often used as a landing, more as a place to stop and stretch your legs. Land on river-left below the third pitch and before a small island. Downstream, the river runs through another riffley constriction after the island and flows under a small private road bridge. **Shuttle:** On Highway 55, approximately one mile south of the County A intersection, you will see the entrance to Military Park on the west side of the road. This beautiful park features a shaded picnic area beneath tall pines and hardwoods with a large grass lawn and plenty of parking. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, toilets, water, picnic area.
- 52.4 Mile Overton Rapids (Class 1)** A long series of riffles and rapids begins shortly below a home on river left in a sharp right bend. Overton Rapids begin 500 yards downstream of the bend, and continues for about 800 yards. A short patch of flatwater and then more easy rapids run through several bends. Numerous small islands are scattered throughout. The rapids produce fun, 'splashy' waves in high levels but can be scrappy when levels are low.
- 50.2 Mile Turtle Lake Outlet** The river flows through a marshy area in a long left bend with numerous islands covered in grass and thickets. Turtle Lake Outlet enters from under a small bridge on river-right. The narrow channels between the islands can be fun to explore and you are likely to see plenty of wildlife. The outlet occurs in the middle of a long stretch of flatwater, which ends below the Highway 52 bridge.
- 49.0 Mile Lily, Highway 52 Landing** **River:** A boulder garden precedes the green steel of the Highway 52 Bridge. The landing is immediately downstream of the bridge on river right. The current can be fast under the bridge, especially during high flows. **Shuttle:** On Highway 52, the landing entrance is west of the Highway 55 intersection, west of the bridge. Plenty of room for trailer turnaround and parking. A wide, short path leads to the river from the parking area. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking.

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### Driving Directions (Google Maps)



Pearson  
County T Landing



Wolf River Wayside Landing  
County Highway A



River Road Landing



Military Park Landing  
Highway 55



Lily  
Highway 52 Landing

### GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Pearson, County T Landing	45.36483,-89.01867
Wolf River Wayside Landing	45.34892,-88.99447
River Road Landing	45.33459,-88.96405
Squaw Creek	45.32686,-88.94602
Strauss Rapids	45.33807,-88.89851
Military Park Landing	45.33594,-88.89499
Overton Rapids	45.33696,-88.87379
Turtle Lake Outlet	45.31787,-88.87313
Lily, Highway 52 Landing	45.30791,-88.85800