

WOLF RIVER (W5)

Put-in Langlade, Highway 64 DNR Landing
Take-out Markton, County M Landing
Distance 9.5 miles
Approximate Time 4-5 hours
Most Difficult Rapids Class 2-3

Elevation Drop 182 feet
Average Gradient 19.1 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 at the begining of this segment (Langlade) and should provide an accurate indication of current conditions in this reach. At higher levels, strainers and deadfall become more of a hazard when present.

Scout the rapids and know your limitations!



Below 250 cfs	Paddling not recommended.
250 cfs to 400 cfs	Low runnable flow. Narrow, navigable channels through the rapids which rate from class I to class II. Several of the rapids will be bony rock-gardens.
400 cfs to 600 cfs	Low runnable flow for an enjoyable run. Class II whitewater run. Several of the rapids still 'bumpy' at low end of this range. Several fun holes and surf waves developing.
600 cfs to 950 cfs	Great range to enjoy this segment. Extended class II+ wave sections in several of the rapids, especially at Boy Scout and Hanson's. Several fun holes and surf waves. Class III surf waves at Gilmore's Mistake. Excellent range for whitewater paddlers looking to expand their skill set.
950 cfs to 1200 cfs	Fun and challenging run for experienced whitewater paddlers. Waves and holes at Boy Scout and Hanson's Rapids approaching class III. 'Pushy' waves at Gilmore's Mistake, class III+. Powerful hydraulics may scare less-experienced paddlers.
1200 cfs to 1700 cfs	High runnable flow for intermediate paddlers. Unusually high flows. Several of the rapids are producing 'pushy', class III+ waves. High speed flow. Powerful hydraulics in several rapids will overpower less-experienced paddlers. River banks overflowing at around 1400 cfs.
1700 cfs to 2500 cfs	Rare, unusually high flows. Advanced-level paddlers only! Heavy, ponderous waves and very sticky holes. Paddle with extra caution.
Above 2500 cfs	Rare, unusually high flows. Paddling not recommended.

Locals commonly refer to the stretch between Langlade and Markton as "Section 3".

- 34.3 Mile** **Langlade, Highway 64 DNR Landing** **River:** The river is wide and slow for the first half mile. Cottages and homes dot the left bank. **Shuttle:** The landing entrance is on Highway 64, west of the bridge, two blocks west of the Highway 55 intersection in Langlade. There is a large parking area with restrooms, drinking water, and an info station. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround, toilets, water.
- 33.8 Mile** **Rocky Rips (Class 1)** A cluster of boulders marks the beginning of Rocky Rips, an easy boulder garden. The 'Rips' end as you approach a large, wooded island, stay in the wider and deeper left fork.
- 33.5 Mile** **Crowle Rapids (Class 1)** Crowle Rapids begin below the large island. Stay left to avoid boulders on river-right in the lee of the island. The rapids are about 300 yards long. As the rapids end, you will approach several small islands, drift to river-center/right to avoid a dense boulder garden on river-left. In higher flows, many of the boulders in this stretch may be submerged.

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- 33.0 Mile Unnamed Rapids (Class 2)** The river widens after Crowle Rapids and flows through a boulder garden. Downstream, the river constricts and flows through a short, wavy chute followed by 450 yards of fun, wavy rapids (*medium or higher flows, see chart*) through several bends.
- 32.6 Mile Horserace Rapids (Class 2)** The river constricts again and rushes through a fast, rocky rapid. Horserace Rapids run for more than 300 yards and produce moderate waves in medium-to-high flows. The rapids end in a wide, riffley pool.
- 30.6 Mile Unnamed Rapids (Class 2)** Rocky riffles and class 1 waves lead into a stretch where the river narrows into a scenic, 150-yard-long, fun wavy rapid.
- 30.4 Mile Twenty Day Rapids (Class 2)** After the river bends sharply right, you'll spot the horizon-line that marks the beginning of Twenty Day Rapids. The rapids are about 80 yards-long over a steep gradient. Several more sets of low-hazard rapids and boulder gardens follow.
- 30.2 Mile White Lake Creek** A short, low-hazard rapid begins near the creek mouth, which enters from river right.
- 28.7 Mile Spring Creek** The creek enters from river right.
- 28.5 Mile The Ledge** A rocky ledge is on river-left near several islands. This is a popular spot to step out, stretch your legs, and wolf down some snacks.
- 27.9 Mile Herb's Landing** **River:** The landing is on river right in a left bend. The river flows wide and calm for the next mile until Boy Scout Rapids. ***This is the put-in for 'Short 3'.*** **Shuttle:** From Highway 55, turn west onto County M, and continue for approximately 2.4 miles. A white sign reads 'River Access' on the north side of the road at the entrance to Herb's Landing. There is a small turnaround and plenty of room for parking. A wide dirt path leads down to the river. The Wild Wolf Inn owns and maintains the access, which is open to the public, but no inflatable craft are allowed. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking.
- 26.9 Mile Boy Scout Rapids (Garfield Rapids) (Class 2-3)** Following a right bend, a boulder field leads into Boy Scout Rapids which occurs in two rocky pitches. A footbridge crosses over the river near the beginning of the short, first pitch. A brief stretch of riffley water follows through a left bend. The second pitch begins as you approach a second footbridge. This final set features over 400 yards of continuous, 'splashy' waves when river levels are at medium or higher flows (*and are a blast to paddle in these conditions!, see chart*). Downstream, riffles, boulder gardens and low-hazard rapids run through several bends to Hansen's Rapids.
- Boy Scout Rapids produces pushy waves in high water conditions that will likely intimidate less-experienced paddlers. When river levels are low, the rapids become very scrappy; unnavigable.
- The footbridges are part of a trail system owned by the Boy Scouts of America, which has a large camp on river-left. Scout the rapids from the wide trail on the right bank.
- The entire riverbed throughout Boy Scout Rapids is made up of densely packed rocks and boulders, a perfect environment for foot-pins. Don't try to stand up if you separate from your boat! If you deboat, roll onto your back, point your feet downstream, 'stay shallow' and navigate to a riverbank when you feel it is safe to do so.*
- 25.4 Mile Hansen's Rapids (Class 2)** Hansen's is one of the most popular rapids on the Wolf. The rapids occur in two pitches and feature many fun waves and a few excellent surf spots when river levels are adequate. The second pitch is more challenging than the first with more and larger waves. Scout from the right bank.
- 24.8 Mile Markton, County M DNR Landing** **River:** A boulder garden precedes the County Highway M Bridge. The DNR landing is easily visible on the right bank, 100 yards downstream from the bridge. A pair of woodchip paths lead up to the parking area. **Shuttle:** On Highway 55, turn west onto County Highway M, the parking area entrance is west of the bridge. The landing features a large parking area with plenty of room for trailer turnaround. Two wood chip paths lead down to the river, one at the north end of the parking area and the other at the south end (*easiest*). Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround.

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FINISH OF 'SHORT 3' / ALTERNATE TAKEOUT

- 24.2 Mile Gilmore's Mistake Rapids (Class 3)** A narrow chute and hole characterize this short whitewater run which is located in front of the Wild Wolf Inn, about 0.6 miles south of the County Highway M Bridge. This is a popular surf spot to 'park-n-play' when river levels aren't too high. The hole is shallow in low water, so 'verticals' are generally not recommended. You can scout by landing on the rocky shelf on river left in front of the Inn. The Inn features a popular restaurant and is the base for Herb's Rafting.
- 24.1 Mile Crab n Jacks Landing River:** A boulder garden through a left bend follows Gilmore's Mistake Rapids. The landing is on river-left immediately below the bend. **Shuttle:** On Highway 55, south of the County M intersection, the landing entrance is at the south end of the Crab n Jack's restaurant parking lot. The landing is open for public use and offers a large parking area and plenty of room for trailer turnaround. **Park at the top parking area and do not drive your vehicle down to the landing area!** You'll have to hike your boat and gear up from the river to your vehicle. If you use the landing or facilities please go in and buy some food, snacks or sodas from the restaurant/bar.

Driving Directions (Google Maps)



Langlade
Highway 64 DNR Landing



Herb's Landing
(Put-in for 'Short 3')



Markton
County M DNR Landing



Markton
Crab n Jack's Landing

GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Langlade, Hwy 64 Landing	45.18977,-88.73369
Rocky Rips	45.18382,-88.73359
Crowle Rapids	45.17873,-88.73573
Horseshoe Rapids	45.16883,-88.73015
Twenty Day Rapids	45.14885,-88.72696
White Lake Creek	45.14738,-88.73016
The Ledge	45.14431,-88.73165
Spring Creek	45.13412,-88.71756
Herb's Landing	45.12930,-88.70752
Boy Scout Rapids	45.13366,-88.69072
Hansen's Rapids	45.12930,-88.67326
Markton, County M Landing	45.12576,-88.66297
Gilmore's Mistake Rapids	45.11818,-88.66310
Crab n Jack's Landing	45.11729,-88.66236