

NAMEKAGON RIVER (N5)

Put-in Springbrook Landing
Take-out Trego Landing
Distance 13.2 miles
Approximate Time 6 hours
Most Difficult Rapids Class 1

Elevation Drop 36 feet
Average Gradient 2.7 feet per mile
Minimum Suggested Flow No USGS River Gage
Water Level Info / Phone Namekagon Visitor Center
 715.635.8346

Paddler's Notes

- 49.9 Mile Springbrook Landing** **River:** The river flows through light rapids past steep, wooded banks. After a left bend, the river enters open marsh and splits into numerous narrow channels around a cluster of grassy islands. The main channel is easy to follow. Hay Creek enters from river right. **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.
- 48.6 Mile Spring Creek** The large mouth of Spring Creek is on river right in a left bend. There are a number of shallow riffles throughout this stretch.
- 46.6 Mile Gull Creek** The wide mouth of Gull Creek is on river right.
- 46.0 Mile Bean Brook** The wide mouth of Bean Brook is on river left. This is a well known trout stream. About a half mile downstream, the river slowly bends to the right as it enters 'Big Bend'. This long stretch of mostly flat-water is wide with many deep pools providing excellent fishing.
- 45.0 Mile Big Bend Landing** **River:** The landing is on the left bank after a left bend. Tall pines and steep banks surround the river, which is wider throughout most of this stretch. **Shuttle:** On Highway 63, just east of Earl, turn north onto POW Rd, which ends at the landing. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, picnic table, fire pit.
- 41.3 Mile Earl Park Landing** **River:** The landing is on the right bank just below the POW Road Bridge. Downstream, the river meanders past steep wooded banks. Beautiful northwoods scenery! **Shuttle:** On Highway 63 in Earl, turn north onto North Road. The landing is north of the bridge, on the east side of the road. The landing is part of Earl Park, a beautiful campground set beneath tall pines and a large open area. Tent camping only. Contact the NPS for more information. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, tent camping, water, picnic tables, fire pits, rustic toilets.
- 40.1 Mile Highway 63 bridge** The river passes under the Highway 63 Bridge. Several pitches of riffles are above and below the bridge.
- 39.4 Mile Whalen Creek** A series of wooded islands begin after a left bend. Whalen Creek enters from river right in the right fork where the river splits around a pair of large wooded islands.
- 39.1 Mile Spring Lake Outlet** Railroad tracks sit high on the left bank in a right bend. The outlet enters from under the tracks.
- 37.3 Mile Trego Landing, Namekagon Visitor Center** **River:** The river passes under the Highway 63 Bridge, then under the Lakeside Road Bridge. Trego Landing is on the right bank past the Lakeside Road Bridge. Downstream, the river flows under a tall railroad bridge. **Shuttle:** On Highway 63, north of Trego, turn west onto Lakeside Road. The landing is west of the bridge and features picnic tables and fire pits. The Namekagon Visitor Center is directly across Highway 63. The Visitor Center has restrooms and water. Hand carry access, parking, picnic table, fire pit.

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36.7 Mile Trego Town Park Landing **River:** After the railroad bridge, the river widens and splits around several islands. Stick to the right channel. The landing is on the right bank amidst a patch of reeds, just above a small rust colored bridge. **Shuttle:** On Highway 63 in Trego, west of the bridge, turn north onto Trego Park Road. The landing is next to the Trego Town Park Campground. The landing and campground are maintained by the Town of Trego. The campground features 23 campsites, 4 with electricity. Contact at 715.635.6075. Trailer access, trailer turnaround, picnic areas, rustic toilets, water, camping.

Driving Directions (Google Maps)



Springbrook Landing



Big Bend Landing



Earl Park Landing



Trego Landing



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GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Springbrook Landing	45.95390,-91.68636
Hay Creek	45.95288,-91.69454
Spring Creek	45.95266,-91.70813
Rapids	45.94963,-91.71390
Gull Creek	45.93409,-91.73161
Bean Brook	45.92868,-91.73765
Big Bend Landing	45.93224,-91.75011
Earl Park Landing	45.91568,-91.76532
Highway 63 Bridge	45.91045,-91.78107
Spring Lake Outlet	45.90164,-91.78572
Highway 63 Bridge	45.90587,-91.81210
Trego Landing	45.90631,-91.81533