

# NAMEKAGON RIVER (N6)

**Put-in** County K Landing  
**Take-out** Fritz Landing  
**Distance** 17.5 miles  
**Approximate Time** 8 hours / multi-day  
**Most Difficult Rapids** Class 1

**Elevation Drop** 64 feet  
**Average Gradient** 3.7 feet per mile  
**Minimum Suggested Flow** No USGS River Gage  
**Water Level Info / Phone** Namekagon Visitor Center  
 715.635.8346

## Paddler's Notes

- 31.2 Mile County K Landing River:** The river winds past low wooded banks with beautiful stands of aspen, birch and oak. Several pitches of rocky riffles occur downstream from the landing. **Shuttle:** From Highway 63, in Trego, turn west onto County E, turn north onto County K, the landing is south of the bridge, on the west side of the road. This is a beautiful developed landing with a picnic area; rustic toilets, paved parking, trailer turnaround, and hand carry access.
- 29.8 Mile Boyle Brook** The brook enters from river left.
- 29.3 Mile Leisure Lake Trail** Shortly after the river forks around an island, paddlers will see the trailhead landing on the left bank in the main channel (left fork). The trail system leads to Leisure Lake as well a County Youth Camp which is located on the west shore. If you have the energy, it's a nice hike to a small scenic lake.
- 28.3 Mile McKenzie Creek** The creek enters from river right. A short, easy rapids (class 1) is just downstream.
- 26.4 Mile Rapids (Class 1)** The river constricts into a low hazard rapids in a right bend.
- 22.5 Mile Stunte Brook** The river forks around a group of small islands. The brook enters from river right in the smaller right fork. Downstream; after a sharp left bend the river narrows into a couple pitches of class 1 rapids.
- 21.3 Mile Whispering Pines Landing River:** The landing is on the right bank near a small, grassy island. Downstream, the river flows past low wooded banks. Sporadic riffles occur over the next several miles. **Shuttle:** On Highway 77, turn south onto County Highway F, turn west onto Christensen Creek Rd, south onto Whispering Pines Landing Road which ends at the landing. From Highway 53, north of Trego, turn west onto County Highway F, stay on County F through the junction with County Highway E. From County Highway F, turn west onto Christensen Creek Road, turn south onto Whispering Pines Landing Road, which ends at the landing. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, picnic tables, fire pits, rustic toilets.
- 21.0 Mile Christensen Creek** The creek enters from river right.
- 19.5 Mile Casey Creek** The creek enters from river left.
- 19.3 Mile McKenzie Creek** The mouth of the creek is on river left.
- 16.9 Mile West Howell Landing River:** The landing is on river left, after a right bend. Howell Landing is on the opposite bank, 50 yards downstream. The banks throughout this stretch are often high and sandy, covered by pine and spruce. **Shuttle:** On Highway 77 west of the Namekagon River Bridge, turn south onto Lower McKenzie Road, drive approximately 1.8 miles until the intersection with Nineman Road and Howell Log Road. The access is at the end of Howell Log Road. A clearing for tent camping with picnic tables and fire pits is located at the landing. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, rustic toilets, picnic tables, group campsite, fire pits.
- 16.9 Mile Howell Landing River:** A wide clearing and sandy beach are on the right bank, past a right bend, land on the beach. The banks throughout this stretch are often high, sandy, and canopied by pine and spruce. **Shuttle:** From Highway 77, turn south onto Burian Place Road, which ends at the landing. An area near the landing offers tent camping. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking, water, rustic toilets, group campsite, picnic tables, fire pits.

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**14.7 Mile Highway 77 Bridge** The river passes under the Highway 77 Bridge. The river continues to flow past beautiful, dense northwoods forest.

**13.7 Mile Fritz Landing** **River:** Downstream from the Highway 77 Bridge, the river flows through a long left bend then curves to the right where it forks around a low, wooded island. Take the left fork to reach the landing, which is on river left. **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.

### Driving Directions (Google Maps)



**County K Landing**



**Whispering Pines Landing**



**West Howell Landing**



**Howell Landing**



**Fritz Landing**

### GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

County K Landing	45.95324,-91.89136
Boyle Brook	45.95878,-91.90724
Leisure Lake Trail	45.96455,-91.91173
McKenzie Creek	45.97648,-91.90790
Rapids	45.98360,-91.92928
Stunte Brook	46.00193,-91.97456
Whispering Pines Landing	46.00925,-91.98117
Casey Creek	46.00671,-92.00369
Howell Landing	46.02746,-92.01240
Highway 77 Bridge	46.04455,-92.03327
Fritz Landing	46.04282,-92.04580