

Brooks Memorial Park to Hwy 141 on the Peshtigo River – Crivitz (Marinette County)

This is a good beginner river trip of 3.5 miles; there are no rapids. This should take you 1 to 1½ hours, depending on the level of the river and the current. Add another half-hour to shuttle vehicles before starting to paddle.

River Paddling Tip: Watch the water levels so that you do not beach your boat on rocks and/or sandbars. Keep to the outside of the bends in the river to find the deepest water. This is more important for tandem paddlers than for solo paddlers.

Put-in: Don Brooks Memorial Park on cty W at the west end of Crivitz, where the highway crosses the Peshtigo River.

Take-out: A gravel parking lot on the west side of hwy 141, just south of where the highway crosses the Peshtigo River (south of Crivitz).

Everyone should wear a PFD (personal flotation device).

The description of this section of the river is by Mike Svob from “Paddling Northern Wisconsin”, a book that I recommend that you buy:

The Peshtigo River turns left after leaving the bridge, then continues to bend back and forth, with some big oxbows. There are strainers on this trip; be careful not to drift into them. After a couple of houses just downstream from W, there are no buildings for a long time.

Most of the 3+ miles goes through an isolated lowland setting, although you will occasionally encounter high banks.

At 1.4 miles the river passes under an old railroad bridge. A creek enters from the right in a big left-hand bend at 2.3 miles.

Several homes appear on the left as the river makes a sharp right bend (2.8 miles). The river widens at this point as it approaches hwy 141.

The Peshtigo River Campground landing is on the right as the river bends back to the left (3.3 miles). The hwy 141 bridge is a short distance downstream from the campground, after a sharp turn to the right. Take out upstream-right.



