Crivitz 141 to P on Peshtigo River – Crivitz (Marinette County)

This is a good trip **(10.4 miles in length)** on the Peshtigo River for beginners, winding through undeveloped lowlands and farmland. During the 2nd half of the trip, the river gets rather wide. As a bonus there is one Class I rapid, a noisy but short and easy waker-upper. We see a few houses, but the area is largely undeveloped. A roadside marker on hwy 141 indicates that this stretch of river crosses a geographical line halfway between the North Pole and the Equator. There is almost always enough water for enjoyable paddling.

I recommend that you cut the trip to **6.5 miles** by using the alternate take-out, on the right bank soon after Williams Rips. This is still about 3 hours of paddling.

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.

To the put-in on Hwy 141 Boat Landing (red on map):

- Driving east on county W towards Crivitz, just before Linda's Sky Harbor, turn right onto Airport Road.
- At hwy 141, turn left.
- Immediately before the Peshtigo River bridge, turn left into gravel parking lot.

Or from Crivitz via hwy 141:

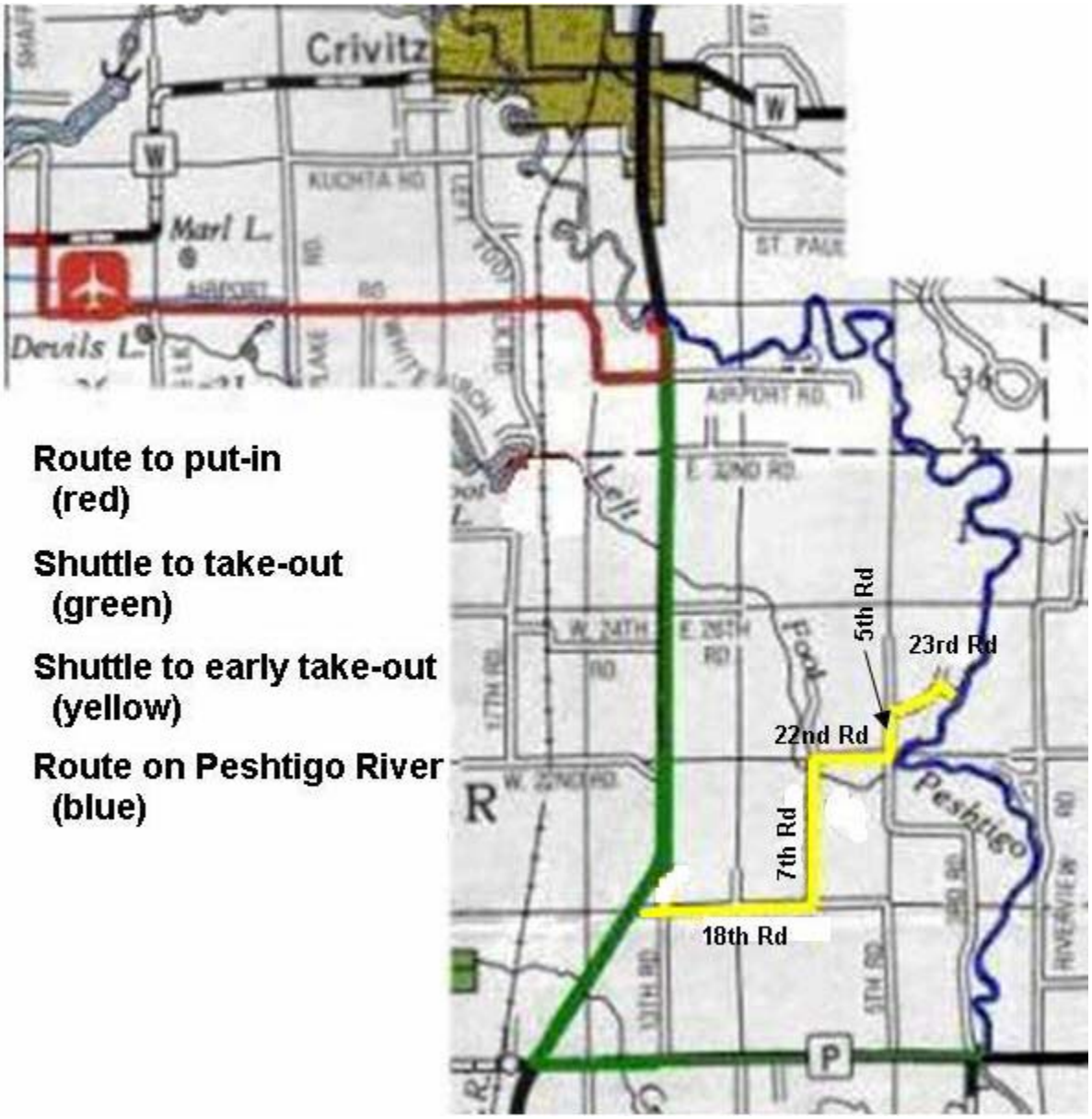
- Drive south on hwy 141
- Immediately after crossing the Peshtigo River bridge, turn right into gravel parking lot.

Everyone should wear a PFD (personal flotation device).

On the map:

- **Red** indicates the route from Crooked Lake to the put-in, bypassing Crivitz.
- **Green** indicates the **Shuttle Route** on hwy P where we plan to take out. To shuttle the vehicles to the take-out point:
    - Drive 4 miles on hwy 141 south to Beaver, turn left on hwy P (about 3 miles) to the Peshtigo River. Allow 30-45 minutes to shuttle.
- **Blue** indicates the portion of the Peshtigo River we will be paddling.
- **Yellow** indicates the **shuttle route** to the alternate take-out (refer to maps):
    - Drive 3.9 miles south on hwy 141; turn left on 18th Road.
    - Drive 1.2 miles; turn left on 7th Road (new blacktop in 2009.)
    - Drive 1.0 miles; turn right on 22nd Road.
    - Drive 0.5 miles; turn left on 5th Road
    - Drive 0.2 miles; turn right on 23rd Road.
    - Drive 0.4 miles; on the right see sign for Peshtigo River Forest boat landing.

Area map:


Crivitz
Marl L.
Devils L.
KUCHTA RD
AIRPORT RD
ST. PAUL
E. 32ND RD
W. 24TH RD
E. 26TH RD
W. 22ND RD
Left Fork
Peshtigo
5th Rd
23rd Rd
22nd Rd
7th Rd
18th Rd
Route to put-in (red)
Shuttle to take-out (green)
Shuttle to early take-out (yellow)
Route on Peshtigo River (blue)

This is from *Paddling Northern Wisconsin* by Mike Svob:

> "Beginning with a right-hand bend, the river tends to be shallow at the start but deepens soon. The bottom is sandy throughout the stretch, and the mud and sand banks are heavily wooded until the last couple of miles. The river is consistently 100 to 125 feet wide for a while.
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> Several tiny creeks enter on both sides in the first few miles. Farm buildings appear on the right atop a high bank in the first sharp curve to the left, and there are several cabins in the next big left-hand bend. Occasionally, you'll come upon sandbars in the river, along with attractive sand banks and large wooded islands. Pine, hemlock, birch and cedar are abundant.
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> The mouth of Lake Noquebay outlet (4.4 miles) enters on the left near the end of a big wide spot in the river; after the outlet, the river bends right, and a house appears not far downstream.
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> Peterman Brook (5.4 miles) comes in on the left in the middle of a right-hand bend. There is a private access on the left in the long straightaway after Peterman Brook.
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> Trees are sparse on the right because of farm cultivation, a setting you will encounter off and on for the rest of the trip.
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> Just downstream from a log cabin on a right-hand bend, Class I **Williams Rips** (6.3 miles) is followed by several houses on the right. You can hear the noise from the rapids from upstream. It has some big waves, but the main tongue is easy to find. As always, make sure there are no strainers in the fast water. All landings on the right are private.
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> Left Foot Creek (7.3 miles) enters from the right at the next sharp turn to the left. Fifth Road is close by on the right.
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> A big home on a high pine-covered bank on the left indicates the approach of Riverview Road; a numbers of houses follow. A grassy bank on the left is an **access** (9 miles), but there is no room for parking alongside Riverview Road.
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> When the river makes it last right turn before the take-out, there is a beautiful pine bluff on the left. A sharp left turn follows.
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> **Take-out** at the County PP bridge, upstream-right, at the ruins of an old cheese factory."

I hope that this excerpt from Mike Svob's book will urge you to purchase his book (published by Wisconsin Trails). It contains 82 great trips by canoe and kayak on rivers in Northern Wisconsin. It will help you find the appropriate river to travel. He gives:

- Precise maps, showing roads, put-ins and take-outs, significant rapids, mileage and other information.
- Detailed descriptions for each trip, so you have a good idea of what you will see along the way.
- General summaries covering camping opportunities, water levels, shuttle routes, access points, canoe rentals and/or shuttle services (when available).
- References to additional sources of information regarding fishing opportunities, river reading and maneuvers and special safety factors.

Hwy 141
Access
Airport Rd.
Lake Noquebay Ou
Williams
Rips
141
23rd
Rd.
Alternate
Take-out
5th Rd.
Left Foot Creek
7th Rd
3rd Rd.
E 18th Rd
Riverview Rd.
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Map PE-8 from:
"Paddling Northern Wisconsin" by Mike Svob
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