

Johnson Falls Flowage on the Peshtigo River Boat Landing #14 - Thunder

This is now part of the Peshtigo River State Forest, formerly Wis. Public Service land. The Johnson Falls Flowage is 300 acres in size. *(Note that the Boat Landings were numbered in sequence when they were built, and are not in sequence along the road.)* The boat landings are indicated by a small rectangular brown sign with the wording "Boat Landing" and an arrow.

We will put in at Boat Landing #14 Thunder, which is accessed via Parkway Road.

- From county C, drive south on Parkway Road, driving past County X. It is the first boat landing after High Falls Road.
- From county W, drive north on Parkway Road (2.3 miles). After you cross the bridge over the Thunder River, the boat landing is to the right.
- From the east you could follow county X west until it meets Parkway Road and then drive south. It is the first boat landing after High Falls Road.

We usually paddle (to the right of the landing) east and north on the river, almost to the Johnson Falls Dam (a distance of 2.8 miles); then we turn around and return upstream. The river is narrower here than in the other flowages. We often see heron, geese, deer, etc. High speed boats are not allowed in this area, so it is more peaceful than the other flowages. On the return, you can spot the overhead power lines and the large culverts where the Thunder River intersects, just before the boat landing. This paddle can take 60 minutes one-way. If you leave a shuttle vehicle at the Johnson Falls Dam (at the end of Johnson Falls Road), you can take out before the dam.

You can also paddle (to the left of the landing) a mile northwest to the base of the High Falls Dam. You pass under the bridge on High Falls Road. This section will take you about 45 minutes to travel round trip.

If you have time, you may choose to view the waterfalls on the Thunder River at Veterans' Memorial Park.

Map of Area:

I offer the Peshtigo River State Forest map; we will use Boat Landing #14 (it is the closest to the bottom of the map). This is the legend for the portion of the map I have displayed:



