

WOLF RIVER (W3)

Put-in Hollister Landing
Take-out Langlade, Highway 64 Bridge
Distance 8.3 miles
Approximate Time 3-4 hours
Most Difficult Rapids Class 2

Elevation Drop 106 feet
Average Gradient 12.8 feet per mile
Minimum Suggested Flow 7.6 ft, USGS Gage @ Langlade
Water Level Info / Phone Contact Local Outfitter

Paddler's Notes

Suggested River Levels for Paddling

The river gauge referenced below is located at the end of this segment (Langlade) and should provide an accurate indication of current conditions in this reach. At higher levels, strainers and deadfall become more of a hazard when present.

Scout the rapids and know your limitations!



Below 250 cfs	Paddling not recommended.
250 cfs to 400 cfs	Low runnable flow. Several of the rapids will be bony rock-gardens in this range.
400 cfs to 600 cfs	Low runnable flow for an enjoyable run. Good range for novice whitewater paddlers to enjoy this segment. Class I-II rapids and boulder gardens throughout.
600 cfs to 1000 cfs	Medium runnable flow. Excellent range for novice whitewater enthusiasts looking for a fun challenge. 'Splashy' class II waves and numerous drops/holes.
1000 cfs to 1300 cfs	High runnable flow for novice paddlers. Challenging run for novice whitewater enthusiasts. Several rapids producing class II+ waves. Some rapids 'washout'. High-speed current in narrow island channels. Scenic whitewater river trip for intermediate paddlers.
1300 cfs to 2000 cfs	Unusually high flows. Novice paddlers should avoid the river. 'Pushy' waves and sticky holes in several rapids, some are approaching class III. High-speed current through narrow island channels. River banks overflowing at around 1400 cfs.
Above 2000 cfs	Rare, unusually high flows. Paddling not recommended.

Locals commonly refer to the stretch between Hollister and Langlade as "Section 2".

- 42.6 Mile Hollister, Hollister Landing, Burnt Point Rapids (Class 2)** **River:** The rapids begin with a boulder garden, then narrow into short stretch of rapids with a river-wide ledge, then widen again into another boulder garden. Scout from the trail on the left bank. **Shuttle:** On Highway 55, turn west onto Hollister Road, the landing is located at the end. There is plenty of room for trailers, and a loop for easy turn-around. Park along the south side of the road. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking.
- 41.6 Mile Nine Mile Rapids (Class 1)** A long series of riffley shallows and easy rapids flow around a tight cluster of wooded islands. The river then passes under a tall railroad bridge. Nine Mile Creek enters from river-left above the bridge. The trestle is now part of the Wolf River State Trail (WI DNR). More riffles and boulder gardens continue all the way down to Oxbow Rapids.
- 39.8 Mile Oxbow Rapids (Class 2)** Oxbow Rapids occurs in a long oxbow about two miles below the railroad bridge. The first and third pitches (both class II) are separated by a bouldery class I pitch around a small island. The third pitch is rather long and provides wavy fun when river levels are medium-to-high runnable. Cedar Rapids are within sight, just downstream.
- 38.9 Mile Cedar Rapids (Class 2)** The river constricts into a right bend and rushes into a long and rocky rapids. The rapids are 600 yards of 'splashy', fun waves when river levels are 'medium runnable' and higher.

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- 38.4 Mile Hemlock Rapids (Class 2)** A boulder field begins below a small island and continues for a short distance before the river constricts and runs through Hemlock Rapids; 200 yards long and not as challenging as Cedar or Oxbow Rapids.
- 37.0 Mile DNR Landing, Highway 55 "Irrigation Ditch"** **River:** The river widens into a large pool with several islands covered in thickets. The landing is on river left, behind the islands. **Shuttle:** On Highway 55, the entrance is approximately 2.4 miles north of the Highway 64 intersection at Langlade; and 3.5 miles south of Hollister Road. A large gravel parking area is just off the highway. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking.
- 36.2 Mile Upper and Lower Sherry Rapids (Class 2)** A mile-long series of rocky rapids and boulder gardens begins with Upper Sherry Rapids. Upper Sherry runs for nearly 450 yards through several bends. A brief stretch of rocky riffles follows. The more challenging Lower Sherry Rapids is a little shorter (300 yards long), and requires good boat control to avoid a number of boulders. Lower Sherry Rapids ends where the river forks around a large wooded island. Overall, this is the most challenging whitewater of this segment.
- 35.3 Mile Larzelere Rapids (Class 2)** The shorter and less challenging Larzelere Rapids begins shortly downstream from Lower Sherry Rapids, in the lee of a large wooded island. More low-hazard rapids and boulder gardens, and several islands follow.
- 34.3 Mile Langlade, Highway 64 Bridge, DNR Landing** **River:** Buettner's Motel on the Wolf sits on river-left above the Highway 64 bridge. There is a river gage located on the riverbank below the motel. An improved pebble landing is about 50 yards downstream of the Highway 64 Bridge on river right. **Shuttle:** The landing entrance is on Highway 64, west of the bridge, two blocks west of the Highway 55 intersection in Langlade. There is a large parking area with restrooms, drinking water, and an info kiosk. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround, toilets, water, information.

Driving Directions (Google Maps)



Hollister Landing



**DNR Landing, Highway 55
"Irrigation Ditch"**



Langlade, Hwy 64 Landing

GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Hollister Landing	45.24794,-88.80630
Nine Mile Rapids	45.23791,-88.79778
Oxbow Rapids	45.22168,-88.80382
Cedar Rapids	45.21984,-88.79070
Hemlock Rapids	45.21478,-88.78332
Irrigation Ditch, Landing	45.21191,-88.75939
Upper Sherry Rapids	45.20237,-88.76330
Lower Sherry Rapids	45.19747,-88.75650
Larzelere Rapids	45.19443,-88.75130
Langlade, Hwy 64 Landing	45.18977,-88.73369