

PESHTIGO RIVER (P1)

Put-in	Big Joe Landing	Elevation Drop	30 feet
Take-out	CCC Bridge	Average Gradient	3.4 feet per mile
Distance	8.9 miles	Minimum Suggested Flow	4.2 feet @ County C Bridge (USGS Gauge)
Approximate Time	4-5 hours	Water Level Info / Phone	Contact local outfitter
Most Difficult Rapids	Class 1		

Paddler's Notes

- 123.4 Mile** **Big Joe Landing, Canoe/Kayak Camping** *River:* Three rustic campsites are located at Big Joe, each has a fire pit & picnic table. A footpath down a moderate slope with several steps made of railroad ties leads to the landing. After put-in, the river is narrow and winding. A lush, mixed hardwood forest covers both banks with heavy undergrowth. *Shuttle:* From Highway 139, turn west onto Kalata Road and drive 0.2 miles. The entrance to the National Forest Canoe Landing is on the south (*left*) side of the road. Hand carry access, parking (fee area), trailer turnaround, pit toilets.
- 122.3 Mile** **Camp 8 Rapids (Class 1)** A low-hazard rapid begins near the mouth of Camp 8 Stream and continues through several bends. The rapids are boulder gardens during low water conditions, and easy wavy rips when river levels are medium to high. A private footbridge crosses over the rapids near the end.
- 121.7 Mile** **Highway 8 Bridge** The river passes under the Highway 8 Bridge.
- 120.9 Mile** **Highway G Bridge** The river passes under a low, two-lane road bridge with homes on the right bank. Several more homes and cottages are on the right bank further downstream. This is the tiny village of Cavour.
- East of Cavour, the river flows through an area of northern hardwood swamp for about two miles. Silver Maple is predominate along the riverbanks. There are several islands, oxbows and spring-fed sloughs and backwaters. If you decide to do some exploring, pay attention to where the main channel flows. A GPS is highly recommended.
- 120.0 Mile** **Bills Creek** The creek enters from river left.
- 119.4 Mile** **Railroad Bridge** The river passes under the Canadian National RR Bridge. For the next 4.6 miles, the river passes through a beautiful northwoods backcountry, with no signs of human presence. Hardwoods and frequent stands of mixed conifers surround the river. Near the middle of this stretch, the river flows through another area of northern hardwood swamp. There are numerous sharp bends, wooded islands, sloughs and backwaters. Watch for deadfall and strainers which are common. And again, pay attention to where the main channel flows.
- 117.3 Mile** **Camp 3 Lake State Natural Area** This protected area immediately surrounding the river is a silver maple floodplain forest. The Natural Area extends all the way down to just below Camp 12 Rapids. *The mileage reflects where the river crosses the northern boundary.*
- 116.5 Mile** **Whiting Creek** The creek enters on river right.
- 115.0 Mile** **Unnamed Creek** The creek enters on river right in an area of open marsh.
- 114.7 Mile** **Haymeadow Creek** The forest closes in again and the creek mouth is on river left. There are several sloughs and backwaters in this stretch.
- 114.5 Mile** **CCC Bridge Landing** *River:* The rustic landing is on river right, upstream of the bridge. *Shuttle:* From Highway 8, turn east onto Peshtigo River Road (FR 2131). The landing is off the west end of the bridge. parking, hand-carry access, trailer turnaround.

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Driving Directions (Google Maps)



Big Joe Landing



CCC Bridge Landing

GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Big Joe Landing	45.66574,-88.65203
Camp 8 Rapids	45.65691,-88.65837
Highway 8 Bridge	45.65554,-88.64796
County G Bridge, Cavour	45.65282,-88.63552
Railroad Bridge	45.65223,-88.62122
Camp 3 Lake St Natural Area	45.63629,-88.61239
Whiting Creek	45.62971,-88.61131
Haymeadow Creek	45.61486,-88.59442
CCC Bridge Landing	45.61093,-88.59291