

Lower Wisconsin River, segment 2

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Put-in Pecks' Landing, Spring Green
Take-out DNR Landing, Muscoda
Distance 21.9 miles
Approximate Time varies, full day / multi-day trip
Most Difficult Rapids flat-water

Elevation Drop 40 feet
Average Gradient 1.8 feet per mile
Minimum Suggested Flow contact local outfitter
Water Level Info / Phone contact local outfitter

Paddlers Notes

- Put - in** **Pecks' Landing, Spring Green** *River:* Paddlers will be greeted by a pair of wooded islands as you pass under the Highway 23 bridge. The center island is named Sweet Island. *Shuttle:* On Highway 23, the landing entrance is north of the bridge. This is another excellent, developed landing. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking area, pit toilets, shaded picnic area.
- 2.1 Miles** **Metcalf Island** Metcalf Island, a large wooded island, lies to the right of the main channel shortly after a left bend. Three more large islands follow. The islands and the steep, wooded bluffs on the the left shore combine to provide beautiful scenery in this stretch.
- 6.4 Miles** **Long Island** The head of Long Island appears as the river narrows slightly. This huge wooded island stretches downriver for nearly two miles and averages roughly a quarter mile in width. Depending on whether you're using the Otter Creek Landing along Highway 130, you may want to take the narrower north (right) fork around Long Island. This way you'll avoid the traffic noises from highway 130 which runs along the south shore of the wider south (left) fork. The tradeoff however are the steep bluffs which tower over the river along the south shore, offering excellent scenery.
- 7.3 Miles** **Otter Creek Boat Landing** *River:* In the south fork around Long Island, the landing is on river left in the mouth of Otter Creek. The landing sits before the base of a tall bluff which borders the river along the south bank for the next couple miles, as does Highway 130, which runs along the bluff's steep wooded slopes next to the river. *Shuttle:* On Highway 130, the landing is in an open area next to the highway, on the east side of the road, where the river is easily visible. Trailer ramp, trailer turnaround, parking area.
- 7.8 Miles** **Highway 130 Bridge** The bridge crosses the south channel, then Long Island, then crosses the north channel. The bridge spans mark roughly the halfway point of Long Island.
- 10.1 Miles** **Wisconsin Western Railroad Bridge** The river passes under the Wisconsin Western Railroad Bridge. Try to paddle between the wider spaced bridge supports! Avoid the left. The hills recede into the distance and several islands and often numerous sandbars lie in the stretch ahead as the river flows through several bends.
- 14.7 Miles** **Buena Vista Boat Landing, Gotham** *River:* Sandy beaches, high sandy banks, dense thickets and tall grasses often surround the waterway as you approach the landing. A series of small wooded islands, often surrounded by sandbars, precede the landing which is on river right in the mouth of Pine River. More small islands and frequent sandbars follow downriver. *Shuttle:* On Highway 60 in Gotham, turn south onto Fulton St, then west onto Boat Ln and follow this road to the landing. Trailer access ramp, trailer turnaround, parking area.
- 16.3 Miles** **Bogus Bluff** The steep forested slopes and rocky outcroppings of Bogus Bluff rise above the river on the north bank. More scenic bluffs continue to overlook the river for the next several miles, as does Highway 60 which is part of Wisconsin's Scenic Byways. The stories surrounding Bogus Bluff range from counterfeiter rings to buried treasure. Most of the tales seem to have been either initiated or embellished upon by a local 'aristocrat' named Paul Seifert, a talented painter who lived in the area in the late 1800's.
- 19.7 Miles** **Orion Boat Landing, Gotham** *River:* The landing is on river right just downriver from a cluster of small wooded islands. There are a number of homes and cottages surrounding the access. Several larger islands are downriver from the landing. The two largest are named, the first is High Bank Island, south of the main channel, then Muscoda Island which lies in the center of the main river channel. Paddle to river left to do some fun exploring in the narrow forks. *Shuttle:* The landing is maintained by Richland County. On Highway 60, turn south onto Ginger Dr and follow this road until you reach the landing entrance. Trailer ramp, trailer turnaround, parking area.

21.6 Miles **Victoria Riverside Park Boat Landing, Muscoda** **River:** The landing is on a tiny, rocky peninsula that extends out from the left bank as you approach the Highway 80 Bridge. You will see a covered pavilion near the access and Riverside Park and the town of Muscoda are behind the landing. **Shuttle:** On Highway 80 in Muscoda, turn east onto E River Rd then turn north onto 4th St which leads to the landing. This lovely park is owned and maintained by the town of Muscoda and offers shaded picnic areas and camping. Recommend using this landing unless the park is very busy, then use the DNR Landing downriver. Trailer ramp, trailer turnaround, parking area, restrooms, water.

Muscoda is pronounced: 'muh - skoh - day'.

21.9 Miles **DNR Boat Landing, Muscoda** **River:** Paddle to river left as you pass under the Highway 80 Bridge. The landing is on the left bank near the head of a small island. **Shuttle:** On Highway 80 in Muscoda, turn west onto W River Rd. The landing entrance is two blocks west on the north side of the road. Trailer ramp, trailer turnaround, parking area.