

# Lower Wisconsin River, segment 4

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**Put-in** Woodman Boat Landing  
**Take-out** Bridgeport, Hwy 18 Boat Landing  
**Distance** 12.6 miles  
**Approximate Time** varies, full day / multi-day trip  
**Most Difficult Rapids** flat-water

**Elevation Drop** 23 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** **Woodman Boat Landing** **River:** The segment starts off in a very scenic area as tall bluffs tower over the river on the south bank. Dense forest of the Wauzeka Bottoms State Wildlife Area cover the north bank.  
**Shuttle:** On Highway 133, west of Woodman, the landing entrance is on the west side of the road. Trailer ramp, pier, trailer turnaround, parking area, shaded picnic area, picnic table, grill.

**0.5 Miles** **Newton Island** The main channel bends right (northwest) as the river forks around Newton Island. The narrow left fork can be fun to explore, but you will need to avoid overhanging trees.

**1.9 Miles** **Harris Island, Kickapoo River confluence** Another large island, named Harris Island forks the river shortly below Newton Island. The main channel flows down the left fork. Meanwhile, down the slightly more narrow right fork, the Kickapoo River enters from river right, just past the mouth of a slough, . Dense bottomland forest covers the north bank. The Wauzeka Boat Landing is about a mile upstream the Kickapoo River, and makes for an excellent alternate put-in.

Another large, unnamed island follows Harris Island, then the river flows past a high ridge on the south bank, while a dense bottomland forest canopies the north bank. Several streams enter the river along with numerous sloughs over the next few miles, mainly from river right. As the Wisconsin approaches a long left bend, tall hills are visible in the distance to the northwest. There tends to be fewer sandbars in this stretch compared to the segments upriver.

**7.3 Miles** **Millville Boat Landing** **River:** A tall bluff borders the river on the left shore near the end of a long straight stretch where you will also come upon a small wooded island near the center of the river. Highway C borders the river on the left, along the base of the bluff. Just downriver, another larger island splits the river. If you're not using the landing, consider going down the more narrow right fork where you will come upon a small waterway between two islands on the left. Paddle down the left fork if are using the Millville Landing, which sits in the mouth of Dutch Hollow Creek. Highway C runs next to the river for a short distance below the landing. Small wooded islands become more numerous as you continue downriver. **Shuttle:** On Highway C, west of Millville, and east of Highway 18, the landing entrance is on the north side of the road. This is an excellent developed landing with a large, shaded picnic area. Trailer ramp, pier, trailer turnaround, parking area, shaded picnic area, picnic table, grill, pit toilets.

**9.4 Miles** **Railroad Tracks** The Wisconsin Western Railroad borders the river on top of the steep, right bank for about a mile. Dense bottomland forest covers the low left bank, in fact, the river flows past frequent swamp and bottomland forest throughout this stretch. A series of long, narrow islands begin shortly before the railroad tracks angle northwest, away from the river.

**12.6 Miles** **Highway 18 Bridge, Boat Landing, Bridgeport** **River:** The span of the Highway 18 bridge looms ahead as you pass the last, small, wooded island. The landing is on river left, near the base of the bridge on the upriver side. **Shuttle:** On Highway 18, south of the bridge, the landing entrance is on the west side of the road. Trailer ramp, trailer turnaround, large paved parking area.