

Lower Wisconsin River, segment 3

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Put-in DNR Landing, Muscoda
Take-out Woodman Boat Landing, Hwy 133
Distance 24.6 miles
Approximate Time varies, full day / multi-day trip
Most Difficult Rapids flat-water

Elevation Drop 29 feet
Average Gradient 1.1 feet per mile
Minimum Suggested Flow contact local outfitter
Water Level Info / Phone contact local outfitter

Paddlers Notes

- Put - in** **DNR Landing, Muscoda** **River:** This is a very scenic stretch as the river flows around numerous islands and sandbars. Dense bottomland forest dominates the left bank for the next few miles with a large number of sloughs extending inland from the river. Tall bluffs are visible in the distance. **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.
- 6.2 Miles** **Columbe Island** If you're not using the Port Andrews Boat Landing then consider paddling down the narrower left fork where you will glide past sandy beaches and a few tiny islands. The small mouth of Cross Slough is on river left about 400 yards downriver (left fork) from the head of Columbe Island. If you're feeling adventurous, this backwater can be fun to explore when river levels are high enough.
- 6.4 Miles** **Port Andrews Boat Landing** **River:** As you approach a large island (Columbe Island) you will see the Highway T bridge in the distance down the wide, right fork. The boat landing is in the right fork on river right where you will see an open, grassy area, just downriver from the head of the island. This landing is recommended over the Blue River Canoe Landing on Columbe Island. **Shuttle:** On highway 60, east of Port Andrew, the landing entrance is on the south side of the road. trailer ramp, trailer turnaround, parking area.
- 6.7 Miles** **Blue River Canoe Landing** **River:** As you approach a large island (Columbe Island) you will see the Highway T bridge in the distance down the wide, right fork. The Blue River Canoe Landing is down the narrow left fork. As you approach the Highway T Bridge (left fork!), a narrow slough forms off the river on river right, next to, and just above the large concrete base of the highway bridge. The slough leads to the small landing which is visible from the river. **Shuttle:** On Highway 60, south of Port Andrew, the landing entrance is on the east side of the road on Columbe Island. Trailer ramp, trailer turnaround, parking area, pit toilet.
- 10.0 Miles** **Big Island** There are a number of large, wooded islands over the next 3 miles. The first, and largest, is Big Island followed by Little Island. A short distance downriver, a narrow fork on river right forms Trumbull Island north of the main channel, while south of the main channel, on river left, another narrow fork forms Patterson Island, directly south of Trumbull.
- 13.5 Miles** **Highway 60, Bluffs** Downriver from Patterson Island, tall bluffs covered in dense forest rise from the valley floor, forcing the river southwest once again. The scenic, steep slopes border the river for several miles, as does Highway 60.
- 15.6 Miles** **Floyd Von Hayden Boat Landing** **River:** Tall, steep bluffs continue to dominate the north bank as you approach the Highway 61 Bridge. The landing is downstream of the bridge on river left. High banks surround the narrow entrance to a small slough that forms the landing. This is a very beautiful area!
Shuttle: On Highway 61, north of Boscobel, and south of the bridge, the landing entrance is on the west side of the highway. This is an excellent developed landing! Trailer ramp, hand carry access, trailer turnaround, paved parking area, water (hand pump), pit toilets, shaded picnic area, picnic tables, grills, historical site.
- High, scenic bluffs continue to border the river along the north shore as you paddle downriver, as does Highway 60.
- 16.9 Miles** **Allen Island** A large wooded island named Allen Island forks the river. If you take the main channel down the left fork you will come upon a much smaller channel on river right that splits the island. Be mindful of overhanging trees if you decide to paddle down this small waterway! A large and inviting sandbar often forms in the lee of Allen Island, however there are steep drop offs and strong currents so be careful if you land and stretch your legs. Wading is not recommended here.

24.6 Miles

Woodman Boat Landing **River:** There are over a dozen islands in the 3.5 mile stretch above Woodman Landing, including Gillis Island which stretches for more than a mile and a half. A railroad bridge crosses both the river and the island about a mile downriver from the islands' head. Steep rocky bluffs tower over a wide sandy beach on the south bank as you approach the landing, which is a short distance up the Big Green River confluence on river left. You'll likely hear traffic noises from Highway 133 as you approach the mouth of the smaller river. Eagles are often spotted soaring overhead. **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.