

WISCONSIN RIVER (LWSR SEGMENT 1)

Put-in	Sauk Canoe Landing
Take-out	Peck's Landing at Spring Green
Distance	20.4 miles
Approximate Time	varies, full day / multi-day trip
Most Difficult Rapids	flat-water

Elevation Drop	31 feet
Average Gradient	1.5 feet per mile
Minimum Suggested Flow	contact local outfitter
Water Level Info / Phone	contact local outfitter

Paddlers' Notes

- 86.1 Mile** **Sauk Canoe Landing** **River:** Sandy shores and shallow waters normally best describe the initial stretch which flows through the Mazomanie Sand Barrens, a State Wildlife Area which is part of the LWSR. As you put-in, look across the river to the solitary trees on the opposite shore, there is often a few bald eagles perched in the branches. **Shuttle:** On Highway 12 west of Sauk City, turn south onto Lueders Rd. Continue south on Lueders Rd as it becomes a narrow lane at the Phillips St intersection, and follow this winding lane until you reach the landing entrance. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking area, pit toilets.
- 84.5 Mile** **Mazomanie Landing** **River:** As the river flows through a long right bend the landing will be on river left in the left channel of a small sandy island. The landing is a sloping ramp next to a small pier. Several sandy islands are downriver along with the steep wooded slopes of Ferry Bluff, which is visible in the distance. **Shuttle:** On Highway Y north of Mazomanie, the landing is on the north side of the road where the highway borders the river. The parking area is on the opposite side (south) of the road from the landing. Trailer ramp, trailer turnaround, parking area, pit toilets, shaded picnic area.
- 82.0 Mile** **Ferry Bluff** **River:** The unmistakable heights of Ferry Bluff, on river right, will be visible from far upriver. The mouth of Honey Creek flows into the Wisconsin River at the base of the bluff, where the landing is a short paddle upstream. **Shuttle:** On Highway 60, turn south onto Ferry Bluff Rd which ends at the landing area. A scenic trail leads from the parking area to the top of Cactus Bluff. Hand carry access, trailer turnaround, parking area.
- 80.9 Mile** **Twin Islands** This stretch of the river is usually heavily populated with sandbars from early summer through fall. Mazomanie Bottomlands State Natural Area occupies the left shore for the next few miles.
- 79.2 Mile** **Grape Island, Otter Island** A small, narrow, unnavigable channel on river left marks the beginning of Grape Island, a long wooded island which begins with dense forest and ends in a huge sandy beach. Most paddlers won't realize the left shore is an island until the large beach appears on river left. Fronting this beach is Otter Island, which lies in the center of the river and often has a long sandbar 'tail'. Numerous sandbars and several wooded islands dominate this stretch.
- 75.3 Mile** **Arena Landing** **River:** Several long, narrow wooded islands span the river just above Arena Canoe Landing, which is on river left. This is a very scenic area with steep wooded hills and bluffs beyond the right bank. There are two sandy beaches at the landing, the first is the canoe access. **Shuttle:** On Highway 14 east of Arena, turn north onto Village Edge Road. Shortly after road bends west, turn north onto River Rd which ends at the landing. Separate launch areas for canoes and motor craft. Hand carry access (canoe launch), trailer turnaround, parking area.
- 75.3 Mile** **Cedar Island** Bottomland forest surrounds the river. The entrance to the narrow channel that forms Cedar Island is on river left shortly below Arena Landing. This small waterway flows through swamp forest and is navigable, but you should only attempt it if you have at least a quart of mosquito repellent !
- 68.0 Mile** **Railroad Bridge** The long span of the Wisconsin Western Railroad Bridge crosses the river. Several small wooded islands are right of the main channel in the lee of the bridge. The Highway 14 Bridge is visible downriver.

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- 67.5 Mile Highway 14 Boat Landing** *River:* The landing is on river left, almost under the highway bridge. The current is deceptively fast through here. There are 2 boat ramps next to each other, in succession. The river is shallower and slower at the 2nd ramp, where a sandy beach is also located, land or launch your canoe here. Dense forest surrounds the river and several small, sandy, wooded islands are downriver from the bridge. *Shuttle:* On Highway 14 south of the bridge, the landing entrance is on the east side of the road. Trailer ramps, trailer turnaround, parking area.
- 66.2 Mile Tower Hill State Park Canoe Landing** *River:* Dense forest covers the banks as a steep wooded ridge on river left forces the river into a sharp right bend. The wide mouth of Mill Creek is on river left some distance before you approach the ridge. The State Park Canoe Landing is a short paddle up the slow flowing creek. The Highway 23 Bridge is visible downriver from the creek mouth. Recommend using this landing if you're camping in the State Park, otherwise consider using Peck's Landing a short ways downriver. *Shuttle:* On Highway C, turn into Tower Hill State Park. Stop and check in at the main office, then follow the road signs to the landing. Parking area is a short walk from the landing along with the restrooms. \$ Fee Area! The landing is part of Tower Hill State Park which offers camping, hiking trails, picnic area and a historical site that is worth visiting.
- 65.7 Mile Peck's Landing at Spring Green** *River:* The landing is on river right, just upriver from the Highway 23 Bridge. The Frank Loyd Wright Visitor Center can be seen through the trees overlooking the river on the opposite bank. A sandbar often extends out from the north bank, just above the landing. Land anywhere on the wide sandy beach. *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. Ranger Road in the State Forest Campground. Developed landing with gravel ramp. Trailer turnaround, pit toilets, parking, shady picnic area with tables and fire pits, and drinking water.

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Driving Directions (Google Maps)



Sauk Canoe Landing



Mazomanie Landing



Arena Landing



Highway 14 Landing



Tower Hill SP Canoe Landing



Peck's Landing

GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Sauk Canoe Landing	43.25546,-89.74174
Mazomanie Landing	43.23935,-89.75825
Ferry Bluff	43.23835,-89.80853
Twin Islands	43.22701,-89.81848
Grape Islands	43.20795,-89.83409
Otter Island	43.19976,-89.84585
Arena Landing	43.18769,-89.90092
Cedar Island	43.18696,-89.90296
RR Bridge	43.17401,-90.03344
Highway 14 Landing	43.16905,-90.04075
Tower Hill SP Landing	43.14737,-90.05083
Peck's Landing	43.14599,-90.06010