



Pine River

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The Pine National Scenic River traverses a variety of water conditions, having many sharp bends, short choppy riffles, and passable log and debris jams. The Pine also has a section with class 1 white water rapids. Canoeists should be aware of high water markers located in the water at each canoe landing. Water level at the red mark indicates dangerous high water.

LOCATION

The Pine River originates south of Cadillac. It flows 60 miles merging into the Manistee River near Wellston below Low Bridge Access.

NATIONAL FOREST ACCESS

There are four National Forest access sites along the Pine River, all of which have toilets, picnic tables, grills and parking areas.

Elm Flats: M-55 16 miles west of Cadillac or 5 miles east of M-37; then south 2 miles on 13 Road, then west 0.7 miles on 48 Road, then south 3 miles on 11 ¼ Road. A vehicle pass is required for use of this site.

Dobson Bridge: Follow Elm Flats route, but go only 1 mile south on 11 ¼ Road, then west 2 miles on 50 Road. From M-37 take 48 ½ Road 2 miles east. A vehicle pass is required for use of this site.

Peterson Bridge North: 1 mile south of M-55 on M-37. A vehicle pass is required for use of this site.

Low Bridge: From the junction of M-55 and M-37, go west about 5 miles to Low Bridge Road. Then travel ½ mile to Low Bridge watercraft landing. A vehicle pass is required for use of this site.

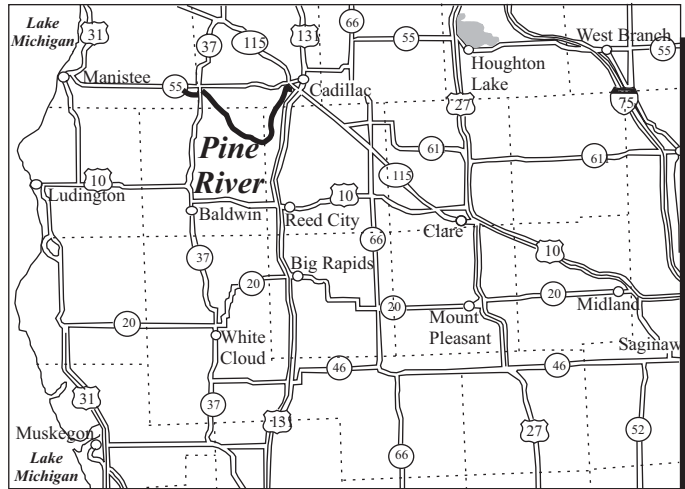
Please contact the Ranger Station for complete details and costs concerning the vehicle passes.

The Michigan DNR has 3 landings upstream at Edgetts, Skookum Bridge and Lincoln Bridge.

CONSIDERATIONS

Courtesy watercraft hours are from 9am to 6pm. To prevent overcrowding, a permit is required for all watercraft on the river from May 15 to September 10. If you are renting paddle craft from a local livery, they will provide your permits. Those using their own canoe can make reservation by calling the Baldwin Ranger Station at (231)745-4631. There will be a \$2.00 reservation fee per watercraft per day.

Permits may be obtained in person by stopping at the Forest Service location in Baldwin, Cadillac or Manistee. Please plan ahead as weekend use on the Pine River is heavy. Operating watercraft under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance is a violation of the Michigan Marine Safety Act, and will be enforced.



All equipment, bottles and containers are required to be fastened in your watercraft. Glass, styrofoam and balloons are prohibited. Pack out your trash.

REGULATIONS

- No Camping except at Peterson Bridge South Campground and private campgrounds nearby.
- Camping is not permitted in the river corridor, within ¼ mile of the river.
- Launch watercraft only at sites listed in the NATIONAL FOREST ACCESS Section.
- Do not leave watercraft unattended more than 36 hours.
- Using National Forest land to enter or leave the river without a permit is prohibited.
- Fireworks are prohibited on the Pine River and on all National Forest Lands.

Permit signer is responsible for violations
Committed by any member of their party.

Livery users should make reservations with one of the following liveries: The use of commercial firm names is for reader information and does not apply endorsement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture of any product or service.

Bosman's Canoe Rental	877-622-6637
Carl's Canoe Livery	231-862-3471
Horina's Canoe & Kayak	231-862-3470
Shomler's Canoe & Kayak	231-862-3475
Pine River Paddlesport Center	231-862-3471
Sportman's Port	231-862-3571

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