

WISCONSIN RIVER CENTENNIAL TRAIL



MAP #12 – Expressway Bridge to Petenwell Flowage

➤ **General Description**

- Miles 223 – 225 (Expressway bridge to Centralia dam) Continue through the city of Wisconsin Rapids going around several large islands
- Miles 225 – 226 (Centralia dam to Port Edwards dam) The village of Port Edwards lies on the right bank of the river
- Miles 226 – 231 (Port Edwards dam to Nekoosa dam) Just below the dam is a rocky rapids before Nekoosa flowage begins. The city of Nekoosa is on the right at the south end of the flowage.
- Miles 231 – 240 (Nekoosa dam to Petenwell flowage) Below the dam the river meanders through shallow water sloughs to the beginning of the 23,040 acre Petenwell Flowage where rough water from wind and large boats can be hazardous to canoeists

Mile #	Landmark	Approximate hrs* from previous landmark
223	Expressway bridge	
225	Centralia dam	1
226	Port Edwards dam	1/2
231	Nekoosa dam	2
237	Petenwell Flowage	2

*Times vary depending on weather, river flow, and ability

➤ **Portages (see portage maps by clicking on the dam symbol)**

- Mile 225 Centralia dam – Take-out along the edge of a private golf course and portage about 1/3 mile to wide wooden steps at the put-in that will lead you back to the river (left)
- Mile 226 Port Edwards dam – Take-out up a steep path to a wooded trail for less than 1/2 mile long portage to a path that descends to the put-in on a sandy shoreline (left)
- Mile 231 Nekoosa dam – Take-out is at the downstream end of Riverside Park, follow the 1 1/2 mile long portage through Nekoosa to the put-in at another city park (right)

➤ **Landings suitable for take-out or put-in**

- Mile 224 Ben Hanson park boat landing (right)
- Mile 232 Nekoosa boat landing at the sewage treatment plant (right)
- Mile 234 Plank Hill boat landing (right)
- Mile 237 Wood County Day Use Area with boat landing at Devil’s Elbow (left)
- Mile 239 Third St boat landing (right) Chester Creek boat landing (left)

➤ **Camping**

- Mile 235 Private campground – “Deer Trail Campground (715-886-3871)” (left)

➤ **Other amenities**

- Mile 223 – Demitz Park with fishing area and accessible pier (left)
 - Many businesses in Wisconsin Rapids <http://www.wirapids.org/>
- Mile 224 – Ben Hanson Park with boat landing, picnic areas with shelters, playground, ball courts, restrooms, and bike trail (right)
- Mile 230 – Riverside Park with picnic pavilions, playground, and restrooms (right)
 - Some businesses in Nekoosa <http://www.nekoosa.org/city.htm> (right)
- Mile 237 – Wood County Day-use area at Devils Elbow (east of the river channel) with boat landing, restrooms, and picnic area (left)
- Mile 240 – Twin Lakes access (east of the channel) with beach, picnic area, and hiking trail (left)

- **Flow Information** – For information on river flow below Wisconsin Rapids go to “Links” on the home page of this website and under “Wisconsin River Flow Forecasts” select “Wisconsin River at Wisconsin Rapids”.