

# WISCONSIN RIVER CENTENNIAL TRAIL



## MAP #16 – Upper Dells to Pine Island State Wildlife Area

### ➤ **General Description**

- Miles 282 – 289 (Upper Dells to Kilbourn dam) The river widens into a 3-mile long lake with abundant fishing boats and is then constricted by high sandstone walls into a narrow channel with heavy traffic from tour boats, powerboats, and personal watercraft creating hazardous conditions for canoeists. Channel splits around Blackhawk Island, the recommended longer route being slower, more scenic and safer.
- Miles 289 – 302 (Kilbourn dam to Pine Island State Wildlife Area) Enter a swift tailwater area with strong currents and eddies for the first few miles bordered by sandstone cliffs with sandy beaches. Tour boats are also common in the Lower Dells down to the Rocky Islands. The river then straightens out and offers wooded islands, sandbars, and small secondary channels as it flows easterly through a wider floodplain.

Mile #	Landmark	Approximate hrs* from previous landmark
282	Upper Dells	
289	Kilbourn dam	2½
302	Pine Island Wildlife Area	4

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

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

- Mile 289 Kilbourn dam – Take-out goes up a gravel path to the powerhouse entrance road for a ¼ mile portage to a parking area with a steep path leading down to the tail water area (left)

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

- Mile 284 Private landing at River Bay Camping Resort & Marina (right)
- Mile 287 Unimproved access on west side of Blackhawk Island (right)
- Mile 288 Crandals Bay municipal boat landing (left from river, right side of bay)
- Mile 295 Fox Run Rd boat landing (left)

### ➤ **Camping**

- Mile 284 – Private campground – “River Bay (608-254-7193)” (right) <http://www.dells-camping.com/>
  - Private campground – “Holiday Shores (608-254-2717)” (left) <http://www.holiday-shores.com>
- Sandbar camping is common but make sure the land is publicly owned and beware of changing water levels

### ➤ **Other amenities**

- Mile 288 through Mile 290 – Many businesses in Wisconsin Dells area <http://www.wisdells.com/> or [www.dellschamber.com/](http://www.dellschamber.com/) or [www.wisconsin-dells.net/](http://www.wisconsin-dells.net/)
- Mile 291 – River’s Edge Resort with canoe/kayak rentals and shuttles <http://www.riversedgeresort.com/>

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