

WISCONSIN RIVER CENTENNIAL TRAIL



MAP #3 – Rainbow Dam to Rhinelander Dam

➤ **General Description**

- Miles 058 – 061 (Rainbow dam to River Rd bridge) Mostly flat water with good current, go through Class I Rainbow Rapids
- Miles 061 – 069 (River Rd bridge to McNaughton bridge) Floodplain broadens and river slows a few miles upstream from McNaughton
- Miles 069 – 076 (McNaughton bridge to River Rd landing) River winds through lowlands including wild rice marshes
- Miles 076 – 080 (River Rd landing to Rhinelander dam) Enter into upper sections of Rhinelander Flowage where wind and boat traffic can be challenging

Mile #	Landmark	Approximate hrs* from previous landmark
058	Rainbow dam	
061	River Rd bridge	1
069	McNaughton bridge	2 ³ / ₄
076	River Rd landing	2 ³ / ₄
080	Rhinelander dam	2

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

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

- Mile 080 Rhinelander dam – Access to the shorter portage route (about 1/3 mile) is gated but typically open during normal business hours (call 715-369-4241 ahead for access anytime) OR about a mile long route goes along city streets (take-out on left, put-in on right)

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

- Mile 059 WDNR County D boat landing provides access just below the Rainbow dam side with parking available (right)
- Mile 061 River Rd bridge canoe launch downstream of the bridge with parking available (left)
- Mile 069 Boat landing at McNaughton downstream of bridges with parking available (right)
- Mile 076 Boat landing off River Rd some parking available (left)
- Mile 080 Boat landing at Hodag Park on Boom Lake (left)

➤ **Camping**

- Mile 060 WDNR – canoe campsite 43 at Rainbow Rapids (left)
- Mile 064 WDNR – canoe campsite at Horsehead Creek (right)

➤ **Other amenities**

- Mile 061 – Newbold Memorial Park with canoe launch, picnic area, restrooms and water available at River Rd bridge (left)
- Mile 080 – Many businesses in Rhinelander www.rhinelanderchamber.com
 - Hodag Park – Beach, picnic area, playground & boat landing (left)

➤ **Flow Information** – For information on river flow below Rainbow go to “Data & Links” on the home page of this website and under “River Flow Data from the U.S. Geological Survey” select “Wisconsin River at Rainbow Reservoir”.