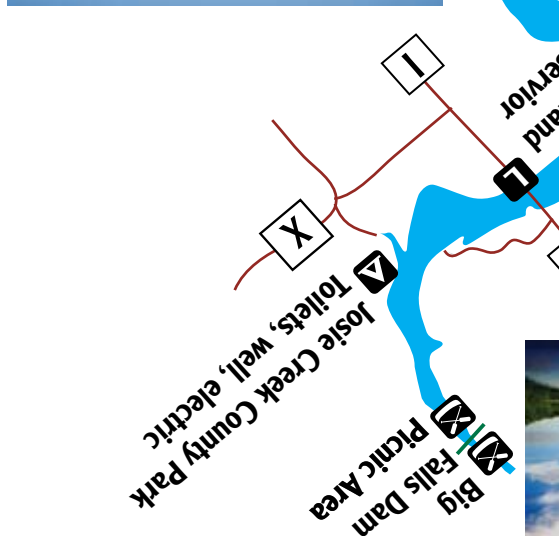
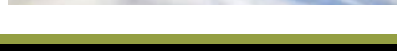


**F5 to F8 on Rusk Co.  
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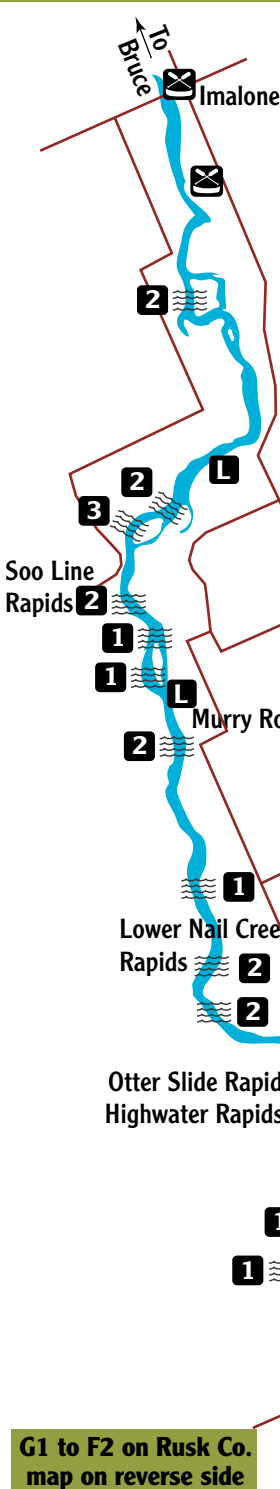
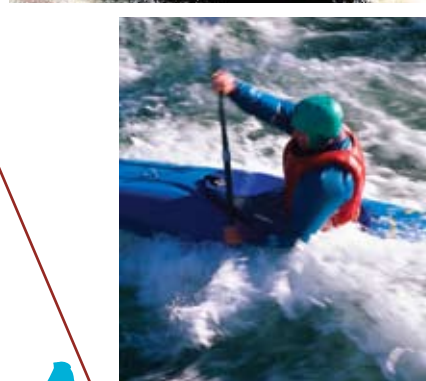
**Flambeau River - Big Falls**  
Dam to Ladysmith (12 miles)  
*Great trip for families and beginner paddlers*



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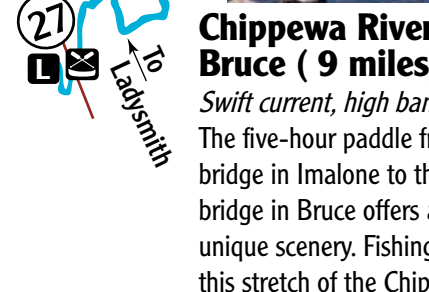
*A rollicking ride with dozens of rapids*



**G1 to F2 on Rusk Co.  
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**H2 & G2 to F4 on Rusk Co.  
map on reverse side**

The undeveloped banks are full of wildlife - the river's backwaters support nesting wood ducks and mergansers, and a timber wolf pack live in the area. The Thornapple is also one of the most important sturgeon spawning areas in the region. The best paddle is from the put-in at Hwy 27 to the Town of Bruce, located just below the confluence with the Chippewa River. This stretch can be dangerous during spring floods and difficult during low-water periods. But, when the water levels are just right, this stretch offers six hours of extraordinary paddling.



*Swift current, high banks and a wilderness*

The five-hour paddle from the put-in at the bridge in Imalone to the take-out near the bridge in Bruce offers a dozen rapids and unique scenery. Fishing is also great along this stretch of the Chippewa.

# Northwest Wisconsin Waterproof Map

A man wearing a pink life vest and sunglasses is paddling a green canoe through white-water rapids. A small dog is sitting in the back of the canoe. The canoe has the word "Geness" written on its side. The water is turbulent with white foam, and the background shows a lush green forest.

**Jump River • Chippewa River  
Flambeau River • Thornapple River**

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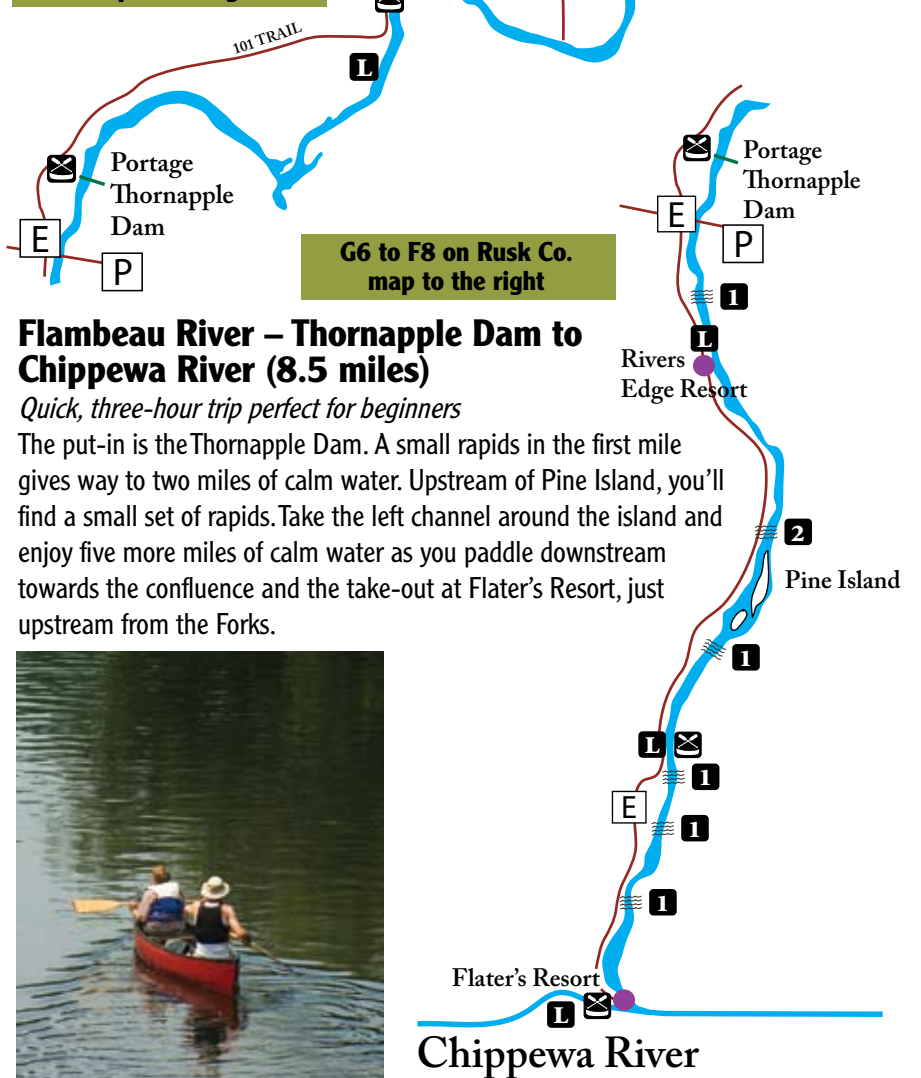


## Flambeau River – Ladysmith to Thornapple Dam (11 miles)

*Easy paddling trip*

Variety of scenery and fantastic fishing characterize this five-hour trip downstream from Memorial Park in Ladysmith to the take-out at the Thornapple Dam. Trip includes a portage around the dam in Ladysmith.

**I4 to G6 on Rusk Co. map to the right**



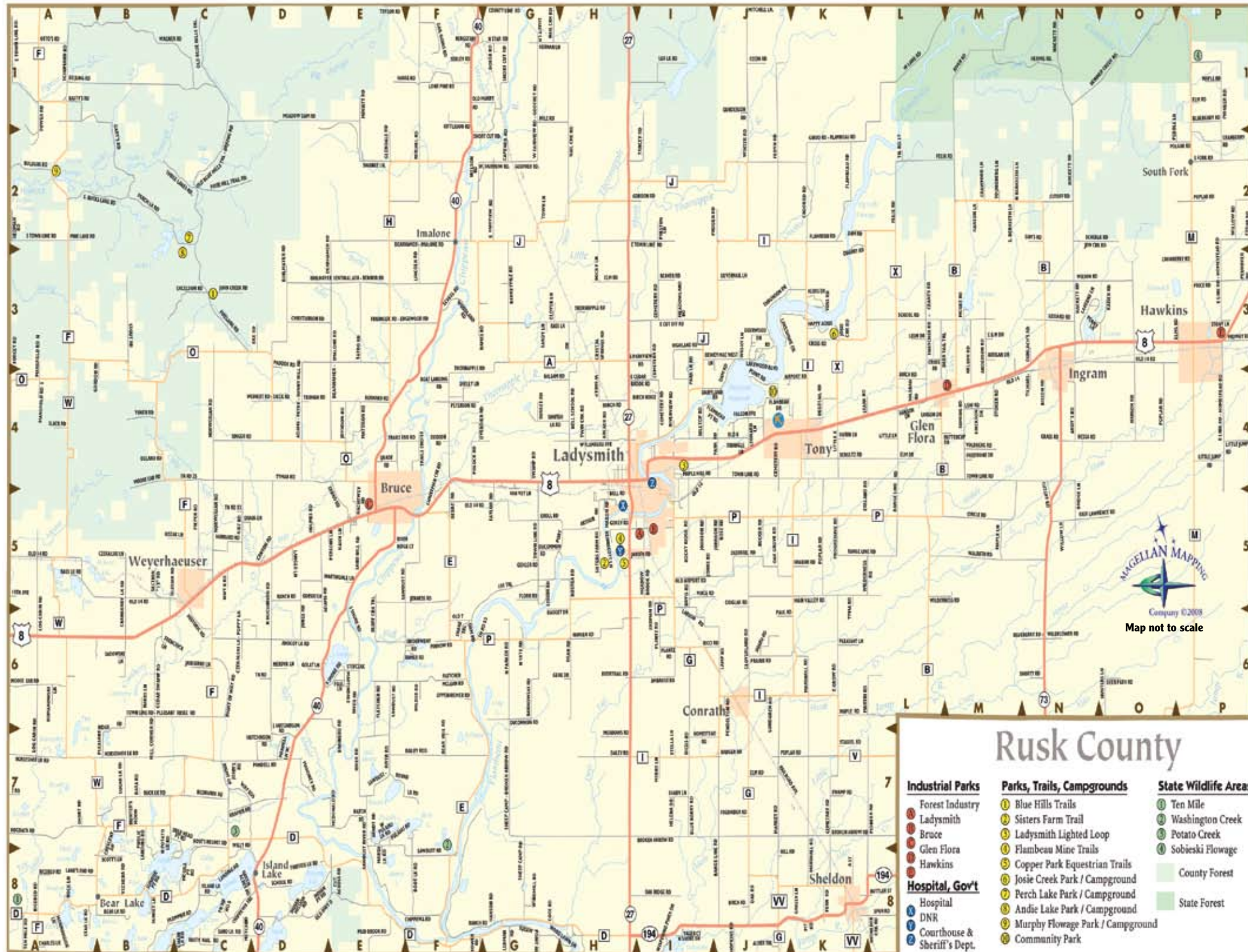
## Flambeau River – Thornapple Dam to Chippewa River (8.5 miles)

*Quick, three-hour trip perfect for beginners*

The put-in is the Thornapple Dam. A small rapids in the first mile gives way to two miles of calm water. Upstream of Pine Island, you'll find a small set of rapids. Take the left channel around the island and enjoy five more miles of calm water as you paddle downstream towards the confluence and the take-out at Flater's Resort, just upstream from the Forks.



Chippewa River



## Outfitters in Rusk County

### Flambeau Adventures LLC

N7788 Flambeau Rd., Ladysmith, WI 54848  
715-532-7733 • [www.flambeauadventures.com](http://www.flambeauadventures.com) • [jason@flambeauadventures.com](mailto:jason@flambeauadventures.com)  
Located on Big Falls Flowage (3 miles below Beaver Dam Rapids), offering rental, shuttle & guide service for canoeing & kayaking the North & South Forks down to where the Flambeau meets the Chippewa. Also available for Chippewa River trips. Contact us about renting our waterfront cabin.

### Flambeau River Lodge & Campground

N7870 Flambeau Rd., Ladysmith, WI 54848  
715-532-5392  
Located on the Big Falls Flowage, about 1.5 miles above the Big Falls Dam, offering rental, shuttle & guide service for canoeing & kayaking the North & South Forks.

### Flambeau River Outfitters

304 Miner Ave E, Ladysmith, WI 54848  
715-532-0485

### Flater's Resort

N270 County Rd. E, Holcombe, WI 54754  
715-595-4771 • [www.flatersresort.net](http://www.flatersresort.net)  
Located on the Flambeau River where it meets the Chippewa River and enters Lake Holcombe, offering rental & shuttle service for canoeing the Flambeau River from the Ladysmith Bridge to Lake Holcombe. Also available for Chippewa River trips.

### Mi Zi Zak Kayaks

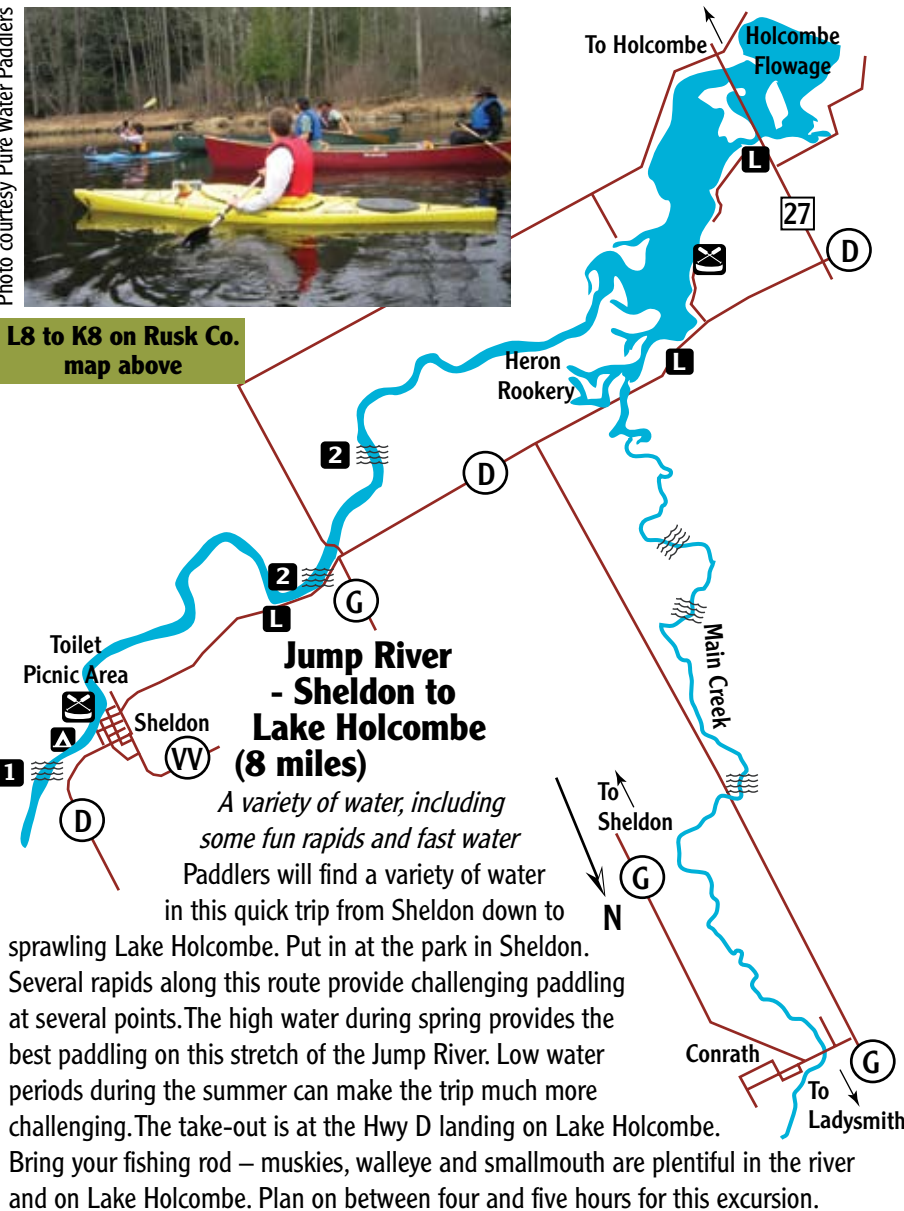
29588 State Rd. 40, Long Lake - New Auburn, WI 54757  
715-967-2301 • [www.mizizakkayak.com](http://www.mizizakkayak.com) • [info@mizizakkayak.com](mailto:info@mizizakkayak.com)  
Located on State Hwy 40 near the Rusk & Chippewa County line, offering rental, shuttle & guide service for canoeing & kayaking the North Fork. Kayak clinics and wilderness medicine & outdoor environmental education available.

### Rivers Edge Resort

N2396 County Rd. E, Bruce, WI 54819  
715-868-5255 • [www.riversedgecamping.com](http://www.riversedgecamping.com)  
River's Edge rents tubes and provides lunch for a day of family fun tubing down the Flambeau River!

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and attractions, visit  
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Photo courtesy Pure Water Paddlers



## Jump River - Sheldon to Lake Holcombe (8 miles)

*A variety of water, including some fun rapids and fast water*  
Paddlers will find a variety of water in this quick trip from Sheldon down to sprawling Lake Holcombe. Put in at the park in Sheldon. Several rapids along this route provide challenging paddling at several points. The high water during spring provides the best paddling on this stretch of the Jump River. Low water periods during the summer can make the trip much more challenging. The take-out is at the Hwy D landing on Lake Holcombe. Bring your fishing rod – muskies, walleye and smallmouth are plentiful in the river and on Lake Holcombe. Plan on between four and five hours for this excursion.



Photo courtesy Wisconsin Department of Tourism



## Jump River - Hwy 73 to Sheldon (9 miles)

*Short leisurely trip with no major rapids and great fishing along the way*  
The put-in for this trip is a boat launch off Hwy 73, just east of the Village of Jump River. The pristine Jump River receives little fishing pressure. The free-running waters are loaded with musky, sucker, walleye and smallmouth bass. Concentrate your fishing efforts on the heads of some of the larger pools – this little river can get surprisingly deep in places. This is also an ideal stretch of the river for seeing wildlife. Forested sections are great places to see pileated woodpeckers, kingfishers and other woodland birds. Larger pools are ideal places to see eagles and osprey. If you paddle straight through from put-in to the take-out in Sheldon, the trip takes less than three hours.