

WISCONSIN RIVER CENTENNIAL TRAIL



MAP #1 – Lac Vieux Desert Dam to River Rd

➤ **General Description**

- Miles 000 – 005 (Lac Vieux Desert dam to USH 45) Upper 2 miles are narrow but passable, typically encounter beaver dams and deadfalls
- Miles 005 – 013 (USH 45 to Rummels Rd) Velocity picks up but the stream twists & turns, may need to walk your canoe through a long stretch of low hazard rapids upstream of Portage Creek
- Miles 013 – 019 (Rummels Rd to Vilas County K) Flow increases & river becomes wider
- Miles 019 – 025 (Vilas County K to River Rd landing) Floodplain broadens and terrain becomes increasingly marshy with occasional oxbows, current remains moderately fast

| Mile # | Landmark | Approximate hrs* from previous landmark |
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| 000 | Lac Vieux Desert dam | |
| 005 | USH 45 bridge | 3 |
| 013 | Rummels Rd bridge | 4 |
| 015 | Heart Lake Rd access | 1 |
| 019 | County K bridge | 1½ |
| 025 | River Rd landing | 2 |

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

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

- Mile 000 – Lac Vieux Desert dam – Short 100' portage around dam
 - 3' diameter culvert on West Shore Rd (about 200 yd downstream of the dam) portage across road
- Mile 000-002 Some beaver dams may need to be portaged

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

- Mile 000 Access to Lac Vieux Desert and tailwater at the dam portage
- Mile 005 USH 45 boat landing downstream of the bridge (left)
- Mile 013 Rummels Rd landing between vehicle & snowmobile bridges (left)
- Mile 015 Heart Lake Rd undeveloped access (right)
- Mile 019 Boat landing at County K upstream of the bridge (left)
- Mile 025 River Rd landing (left)

➤ **Camping**

- USFS Campground on west shore of Lac Vieux Desert with 31 sites
- Mile 013 Vilas County – canoe campsite at Rummels Rd with shelter & toilet (left)
- Mile 023 Vilas County – canoe campsite at Bucktabon Creek with shelter & toilet (left bank of Buckatabon Creek on the right side of the river)
- Mile 025 Vilas County – canoe campsite below River Rd with several tables & toilet (left) (Vilas County canoe campsites require a nominal fee for a 24 hr period when traveling by watercraft, all have a picnic table & fire ring, some have toilets provided but no water)

➤ **Other amenities**

- Mile 000 – Lac Vieux Desert Park with water, picnic area, & restrooms at the dam
- Mile 005 – Historical marker & wayside with restroom & picnic tables adjoin landing (left)
- Mile 012 – Rohr's Wilderness Tours & private landing (left) www.rwtcanoe.com
- Mile 019 – Conover ½ mile east on County K (left) www.conoverwisconsin.info

- **Flow Information** - None available, however trip accounts reveal that if the staff gage in Lac Vieux Desert tailwater reads 0.6' the water is just deep enough to float a canoe.