

WISCONSIN RIVER CENTENNIAL TRAIL



MAP #7 – Merrill Dam to Gilbert Park

➤ **General Description**

- Miles 138 – 143 (Merrill dam to I-39 bridge) Just below the dam is a easily navigated rapids leading to the wide river with steady current
- Miles 143 – 153 (I-39 bridge to Marathon County WW bridge) Current stays steady & slow up to easily navigated Trappe Rapids where the channel narrows and current increases at Granite Heights

Mile #	Landmark	Approximate hrs* from previous landmark
138	Merrill dam	
143	I-39 bridge	1½
153	County WW bridge	3
155	Gilbert Park	1

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

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

- Mile 153 Optional portage around the old Brokaw dam below County WW bridge - easy access to the right bank before the concrete abutments where the dam was located

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

- Mile 138 Riverside Park boat landing just below the Merrill dam (right)
- Mile 147 Access on Pine Bluff Rd off County W (left)
- Mile 150 Granite Heights access (left)
- Mile 155 Gilbert Park boat landing on the north side of Wausau (left)

➤ **Camping** – No known campgrounds on this stretch of river

➤ **Other amenities**

- Mile 138 – Riverside Park with water available, boat landing, restrooms, playground, picnic area & shelter (right)
- Mile 155 – Gilbert Park with boat landing, picnic tables, fishing pier and parking available off Sixth Street in Wausau (left)

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