



Pere Marquette

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The Pere Marquette River is a very popular fishing and canoeing stream. Its crystal clear water and the variety of terrain and vegetation along its banks were attractive enough for it to be classified as a National Scenic River and a State Natural River. The Pere Marquette is one of the best fishing streams in the State, especially noted for brown trout, steelhead and salmon. The current is fairly swift, but the river is free of hazardous rapids and can be canoed rather easily. Submerged logs and rocks, however, do cause some canoe upsets. Peace and tranquillity are natural features of the river. Many species of wildlife may be sighted by the quiet canoeist and angler.

LOCATION

This segment of the Pere Marquette begins 3 miles south of Baldwin in Lake County, Michigan and ends approximately 43 miles west at Custer Bridge in Mason County, Michigan.

ACCESS

Forks Landing: 2 miles south of Baldwin on M-37, then east about 1/2 mile on N. 68th St., then south 1/2 mile on James Road

M-37 Bridge: 2.5 miles south of Baldwin

Green Cottage: 2.5 miles south of Baldwin, then west 1.5 miles on 72nd St. and south 1/2 mile on Peacock Trail

Gleason's Landing: Carry-in access. Take 52nd St. west from Baldwin 4.5 miles, then dirt road 1/2 mile east of Bowman Bridge. Travel southeast for 1 mile, then south 1 mile to landing.

Bowman Bridge: 5 miles west of Baldwin on 52nd Street (Carr's Rd.)

Rainbow Rapids: 2.5 miles west of Baldwin on 52nd St., then northwest on Wingleton road for 4 miles. Access is on south side across the railroad tracks

Upper Branch Bridge: 2.5 miles south and east of Branch on South Branch Road

Lower Branch Bridge: Undeveloped. 1/2 mile west of Branch on US-10, then south about 1 mile on Landon Road

Elk: Access by watercraft only. Located approximately 1 mile downstream from the Upper Branch bridge access

Indian Bridge: Undeveloped. 2 miles east of Custer on US-10, then 1 mile south on Reek Road



FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Camping-Parking-Restrooms-Drinking Water
 SEASON

Permits are required and are available at the Baldwin Ranger Station from May 15 through September 10.

CONSIDERATIONS

*Length: 43 Canoeable miles

*Float Times (In Hours):

Forks Landing - M-37	0.25
M-37 - Green Cottage	2.75
Green Cottage - Gleasons	1.00
Gleasons - Bowman	1.00
Bowman - Rainbow Rapids	2.00
Rainbow Rapids - Upper Branch	1.00
Upper Branch - Elk	0.20
Elk - Lower Branch	1.05
Lower Branch - Indian Bridge	6.00
Indian Bridge - Custer	2.00

*To Prevent river bank erosion, please do not climb banks.

*Please respect other user's rights to enjoy the tranquillity of the river.

*Please respect the rights of private landowner's along the river.

A Huron Manistee National Forest vehicle pass is required at most sites along the Pere Marquette. Please contact the Ranger Station for complete details and costs.