

# PIKE RIVER (PK1)

**Put-in** Amberg, Highway 141 Access  
**Take-out** Yellow Bridge Landing  
**Distance** 9.2 miles  
**Approximate Time** 4 hours  
**Most Difficult Rapids** Class 2 (3 @ Yellow Bridge Falls)

**Elevation Drop** 90 feet  
**Average Gradient** 9.8 feet per mile  
**Minimum Suggested Flow** 125 cfs / 2.25 ft  
 USGS Gage @ County V Bridge  
**Water Level Info / Phone** see website (USGS link) or gage

## Paddlers Notes

- 14.0 Mile Amberg, Highway 141 Access River:** A few riffles are located between the put-in and the bridge. After the bridge, the river is calm until Bull Falls. **Shuttle:** On U.S Highway 141, south of Amberg, the landing is south of the bridge, on the west side of the highway. Walk down the gravel trail from the parking lot and you will see a couple of spur trails toward the river. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround.
- 13.5 Mile Bull Falls (Powerline Rapids) (Class 2)** After a sharp right bend, you will pass underneath power lines with cleared slopes on both sides of the river, Bull Falls lies directly ahead. At Bull Falls, the river constricts and rumbles through a picturesque dells setting, tall pines and cedars canopy granite ledges. This short yet challenging class 2-3 rapids features a couple of drops over two feet. Land above the rapids on the right bank and scout or portage from the rocky trail. When scouting, pay attention to two stealth boulders down the center. Pine needles cover the trail and ledges overlooking the river so watch your footing!
- 12.8 Mile Stone Bluff, Rapids (Class 1)** After Bull Falls, the river flows through a small valley with steep slopes rising above the river. An easy class 1 rapids are located near a tall scenic bluff about a half mile past the falls. Except for a few riffles and light rapids, you will find mostly flat-water for the next several miles.
- 10.2 Mile KC Creek** The creek enters from river left. Trees often overhang the river so be careful of strainers and deadfall.
- 9.6 Mile Slough Creek** The creek enters from river left.
- 9.3 Mile River Bend, Rapids (Class 1)** After passing several cottages and homes on the left bank, the river bends sharply to the right. There are several pitches of riffles and class 1 rapids over the next 1.5 miles. Dense forest surrounds the river and there are almost no signs of development from the bend to County K.
- 7.7 Mile County K Access River:** The access is above the bridge, before a large partially submerged rock shelf on the left bank. A short class 1 rapids runs below the bridge. **Shuttle:** On County K, the access entrance is east of the bridge on the north side of the highway. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround.
- 7.6 Mile Rapids (Class 1-2)** A series of low hazard rapids begin within sight of the bridge, and run through several bends. The river constricts noticeably through a couple of pitches with trees overhanging the river in one long stretch about a half mile past the County K Bridge.
- 6.4 Mile Scrounge Canyon (Class 2)** The river narrows and runs through a rocky rapids between densely wooded banks for several hundred yards before plunging into a tiny gorge. Large waves can flood open decked canoes in high water. Scouting is recommended! The river widens into a large pool immediately after the gorge, and passes through a shallow class 2 boulder field.
- 5.5 Mile Lear Road Access River:** The access is on the left bank, just past a small island in a wide right bend. **Shuttle:** From County K, turn south onto Pike River Rd, about one mile south of the County K intersection, the road takes a sharp left bend. At the bend continue straight (south) down the gravel road, named Lear Rd. A trailer turnaround is at the end of the gravel drive. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround.
- 5.3 Mile Horseshoe Falls (Class 2)** Horseshoe Falls occurs in a right bend where a medium sized, wooded island forces the main channel to the right through a narrow chute and over a ledge. Be careful of the backroller after the drop! Scouting is best from the right bank. Another ledge (class 1) is about 100 yards downstream.

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**4.8 Mile Rapids (Class 2), Yellow Bridge Landing** *River:* After a short period of calm water, the river constricts through a right bend with some wave action at the beginning of the constriction. This is the first of two pitches of rapids above Yellow Bridge Landing. Land on the left bank before the rapids and scout from the footpath. The first pitch is the easiest with a drop of less than a foot. The landing is on the left bank just below the first drop on river left in a small quiet pool. The second drop is located below the landing and can be difficult to navigate when water levels are low. The river widens after the second drop into a large pool before constricting and rushing under the Barker Rd Bridge. You can also take out below the second drop, before the bridge. Do not paddle below the bridge! Class 3 Yellow Bridge Rapids begins just below the bridge! *Shuttle:* The landing entrance is on Pike River Road, a few hundred yards north of the Barker Road intersection. A footpath leads to the river from the small parking area. Hand carry access, parking, trailer turnaround.

### **ACTION RUN - Put-in at Yellow Bridge Falls Landing (see above)**

**4.7 Mile Yellow Bridge Falls (Class 3)** The river flows into a tight constriction as it passes under the Barker Road Bridge. The falls begin 50 yards below the bridge and feature an impressive series of drops ranging from 2 to 5 feet. Scout or portage from the left shore but stay along the riverbank as the land on both sides of the river is privately owned. A long, rocky, class 2 rapids begins after the last major drop of the falls. The rapids continue for about 300 yards ending in a river wide ledge with a 2 foot drop. A pool just above the ledge allows you to land and scout the drop from a rock shelf that extends out from the left bank.

**4.6 Mile Pike River Road Access** *River:* The access is just after the final drop of the Yellow Bridge Rapids on river left. It can be hard to spot because of heavy underbrush. *Shuttle:* The access is on Pike River Road, about two tenths of a mile south of the Barker Road intersection. Look for a jeep track on the west side of the road. Hand carry access, roadside parking.

### **ALTERNATE TAKEOUT - Paddle to Menominee River Confluence**

**3.4 Mile Unnamed Creek** The creek enters from river right, about 200 yards downstream from an island.

**2.6 Mile Rapids (Class 1-2)** After a left bend, the river constricts and rumbles over a river wide ledge followed by a series of class 1 boulder gardens and rapids.

**1.6 Mile Pike River Road Bridge Access** *River:* The access is on the right bank just above the bridge. From here, the river is calm all the way to the Menominee River confluence. *Shuttle:* On Pike River Road, the access is south of the bridge on the west side of the road. Hand Carry Access, roadside parking.

**0.0 Mile Grogan Road Landing** *River:* The landing is on the right bank at the confluence with the Menominee River. *Shuttle:* On Pike River Road, turn east onto Grogan Road. Trailer access ramp, parking, trailer turnaround.

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## Driving Directions (Google Maps)



**Amberg, Hwy 141 Access**



**County K Access**



**Lear Road Access**



**Yellow Bridge Landing**



**Pike River Rd Access**



**Pike River Rd Bridge Access**



**Grogan Road Landing**

## GPS - NAD83 / WGS84

Amberg, Hwy 141 Access	45.49615,-87.98444
Bull Falls	45.49844,-87.97627
Stone Bluff, Rapids	45.50245,-87.96489
Slough Creek	45.51311,-87.91518
River Bend	45.51379,-87.89694
Rapids	45.50676,-87.89846
County K Access	45.49592,-87.90490
Scrounge Canyon	45.48251,-87.89780
Lear Road Access	45.47839,-87.88629
Horseshoe Falls	45.47819,-87.88206
Yellow Bridge Landing	45.47443,-87.87604
Unnamed Creek	45.45884,-87.87992
Rapids	45.44848,-87.88878
Pike River Rd Bridge Access	45.44713,-87.87380
Grogan Road Landing	45.44202,-87.85582