Penobscot River Access

Maps of launching locations including areas to avoid while sampling on the main-stem of the Penobscot River

November 11th 2019
Verona Island to Howland Dam
Howland Dam to Medway
1. Lower River (Verona Island to Hampden)

High traffic, especially during weekends.

BL visible rocks on right when looking at river.

PN-6

BL, high tide only.

PN-0
2. Lower River (Winterport to Orrington)

- PN-12: Winterport Marine, high tide only
- PN-9: PenBay Marina (private), can ask for permission, easiest at high tide
3. Lower River (Hampden to Eddington)

- Turtlehead Hill, Hampden BL
- Old Bangor Dam, do not attempt at low tide, use jet if you must
- Brewer BL, best at mid/high tide, can get to Veazie at high tide in +/- 90mins
- Rocks
4. Lower Mid River (Veazie to Bradley)

- Impass
- PN-44
- Orono BL, retrailering boat may be difficult at low flows
- STW-2
- Old Town Water District BL, soft ground makes difficult launch
- STW-6
- Dam
- PN-51
- Steamplant BL, contact FireDept
- Dam
- Private BL
- Shallow rips
- Impass
- PN-44
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- Old Town Water District BL, soft ground makes difficult launch
5. Mid River (Bradley to Greenbush)

- Rips on Front Street BL, rough on Old Town BL, can be shallow, rocky, and fast flows.
- Fine in jet on PN-62.
- Rips on Indian Island BL, ask FW office for permission.
- Rips on Old Town BL, can be shallow, rocky, and fast flows, fine in jet.
- Rips on Milford BL.
- Rips on PN-70.
- Rips on PN-62.
- Disorientis section of river.
- Dam.
- Rips on Front Street BL, rough.
6. Mid River (Green Bush to Argyle)

stretch is shallow and disorienting without GPS; do not attempt in motorized boat at lowflows (50%?)
7. Mid River (Passadumkeag to Howland)

- Difficult at low flows
- BL, hard to get back on trailer due to current, some shallow areas/boulders
- Water can get shallow in the summer
- BL: canoe launch
- PN-92: difficult at low flows
- PSC-1: water can get shallow in the summer
8. Upper Mid River (Howland to Chester)

- Boulders, can be bad at low flows
- BL
- PN-113
- Rips
9. Upper Mid river (Mattawamkeag Section)

- Upper Mid river (Mattawamkeag Section)
  - approx. 2ft. drop, stay right
  - PN-133 boulders, probably should avoid at low flows
  - PN-140 Hathaway rd BL, can be soft so either scout before bring tracks
  - Difficult to navigate

Map of the area with marked points and directions.
10. Upper River (Medway)
11. Lower East Branch
12. Piscataquis River 1

Canoe BL, in front of Big Island

shallow, do not go upstream with motorboat

Canoe launch
13. Piscataquis River 2
14. Piscataquis River 3

- **BM Dam**: Public access to river, canoe launch.
- **Dover Dam**: BL, water usually too low to launch.
- **Public boat ramp, canoes only**
- **Public boat launch**
Verona Island to Howland Dam

1. McLaughlin's Marina Public Launch
2. Howland Island to Howland Dam
3. Brewer Public Boat Launch
4. Orono Public Boat Launch
5. Rough Launch(south side French Island), Town property
6. Rough Launch Binette Park (Old Town Property)
7. Rough Launch Private Property
8. Passadumkeag Public Launch
9. Penobscot Avenue Public Boat launch above West Enfield
10. Howland Public Launch above Dam
11. Howland Veterans Memorial Park Public Boat Launch Below Dam
12. Milford Public Boat Launch above West Enfield
13. Penobscot Avenue Public Boat Launch above West Enfield
14. French Island Rips
15. Great Works Rips
16. Shallow rips 2 km below Great Works
17. Ayer's Rips
18. Sections to avoid