

Camping & Paddling on Pecatonica River, Stephenson County, IL.

This is a Do-It-Yourself paddling opportunity. It requires at least 2 vehicles for the camping / paddling car shuttle.

[Pecatonica River Water Trail Map](#)

First – Make your camping reservation for McNeil’s Damascus Landing with Lena Community Park District, call 815-369-5351, or email - lenapark@aeroinc.net

Or make your camping reservation with Freeport/Stephenson County Visitors Bureau, Phone: 815-233-1357 or 800-369-2955 or email -

<http://stephenson-county-il.org/contact-us/>

Day 1 - this is a 14 mile paddling trip.

Arrive at Brewster's Landing, unload your paddling gear. Shuttle a vehicle to McNeil’s Damascus Landing. Launch at Brewster’s Landing. 6 miles downstream is your lunch stop at McConnell Bobtown Landing. The Landing is on the left just past the West McConnell Road Bridge. [The sign is on the bridge.](#) RMM? See below. 8 miles downstream is your campsite at McNeil’s Damascus Landing. The Landing is on the right just before the West Cedarville Road Bridge. [The sign is on the bridge.](#) RMM? See below. Shuttle your vehicle that you left at Brewster's landing to McNeil’s Damascus Landing. You will now have both vehicles at McNeil’s Damascus Landing for your over-night camp-out. The parking lot is next to the camp site.

Day 2 – this is a 14 mile paddling trip

Break camp. Shuttle a vehicle to Tutty’s Crossing. Launch at McNeil’s Damascus Landing, 8 miles downstream is lunch stop at Wes Block Trailhead. Wes Block Trailhead is unimproved. But there is a toilet! 6 miles downstream is Tutty’s Crossing. Take-out is located on the right just past the Pecatonica Prairie Trail walking bridge. [The sign is on the bridge.](#) RMM? See below. Shop & Dine Downtown <http://www.freeportdowntown.com/>

Questions? Email – lee.butler@pecriver.org

RMM =River Mileage Marker. Number = miles to Rock River

Amenities:

Brewster’s Landing – Concrete Boat Ramp, sheltered picnic table.

McConnell Bobtown Landing – toilet, floating boat dock, 8 picnic tables, 3 charcoal grills, 3 fire pits, large parking lot, electricity.

McNeil’s Damascus Landing - toilet, floating boat dock, picnic table, charcoal grill, fire pits, large parking lot, electricity, pop machine, camping, concrete boat ramp.

Wes Block Trailhead – toilet, large parking lot.

Tutty’s Crossing – toilet, concrete boat ramp, large parking lot, electricity.

Go to <http://paddlethepec.com/> camping and paddling