

When looking for your perfect day on the river, look no further. The Muskegon River is your home to beautiful views, exciting water and good memories with friends. With two great watercraft rental locations ready to serve you, along with some great local grab and go dining spots, you can pack your coolers for an entire day on the river with family and friends.

1 Next find your perfect rental location. We recommend Wisner Canoe Rentals, as they are right on the Muskegon River, centrally located in Downtown Newaygo. They rent all types of watercraft and are sure to fit your needs for a fun day on the water. They will shuttle you to your drop in location and you can float down to their headquarters. Pretty easy and worry free right?

2 If you prefer to float the lower part of the Muskegon River, River Rat Rentals may be perfect for you. They offer tubes, canoe and kayak rentals. They float between Bridgeton and their location on the Muskegon River.

3 If you have your own watercraft, there are many wonderful locations that you can drop in for the day. Starting up high on the Muskegon, just below Croton is where we suggest you begin your trip as there are few homes along the river between Croton and Newaygo, giving you peace and quiet in your float. See the following map for float times to determine your desired trip length.

MULTI-DAY TRIP OPTION: The stretch of the Muskegon River between Croton Dam and Newaygo is about 4-5 hours worth of float time. Below that to the edge of the County line and Maple Island Ave, you can expect to add nearly 10 hours depending on river conditions. For those who want to take on the entire Muskegon River (within Newaygo County) we recommend asking your rental company about a multi-day trip, or if you have your own watercraft, look into the various campsites that are located along the river. Henning Park offers camping (point 4 on the river map) and has a wide variety of amenities.

FOR SERIOUS PADDLERS: For those looking to take on the upper Muskegon River and traverse the two dam ponds, there are many county parks that will allow you to drop your watercraft in, however, use caution, as the portage around Hardy Dam is quite lengthy and is not advised for beginner paddlers.

TOP RENTALS

if you need to rent



1 Wisner Canoe Rentals
25 Water Street
Downtown Newaygo
www.wisnercanoes.com



2 River Rat Canoe Rental
8702 S River Dr,
Grant, MI 49327
www.riverratecanorental.com

TOP DROP-IN

if you have your own boats



3 Croton Dam
Croton Dam (pictured here) is a top sight in the area all year-round, and just below the dam you will find a great park to drop in at that will take you on a peaceful stretch of river all the way to Newaygo. About 4-5 hour float depending on current, etc.

TOP DINING

after a day on the water



River Stop Cafe
52 State Street
Downtown Newaygo
www.riverstopcafe.com



Newaygo Brewing Company
19 State Rd.
Downtown Newaygo
www.newaygobrewing.com



Northern Trails Bar and Grill
7242 E 88th Street
Near Croton, east of Downtown
Newaygo

MAP

MUSKEGON RIVER FLOAT/RIVER MAP

The primary area for recreation boating along the Muskegon River extends just under 55 miles from Croton Dam (1) to Maple Island (7) and will take about 15 hours to float the entire distance. See the float map/times below for expanded information and details about launch sites and amenities.

