Penobscot River Access

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

November 11th 2019
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
- PN-0
- BL, high tide only
2. Lower River (Winterport to Orrington)

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

- Turtlehead/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 +/- 90 mins
- Rocks

Map showing Turtlehead/Hampden BL, Old Bangor Dam, Brewer BL, and Veazie with notes on tide conditions.
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
- Dam
- PN-51
- Steamplant BL, contact FireDept
- STW-6
- Impass
- Private BL
- Shallow rips
- Impass
- Impass PN-44
5. Mid River (Bradley to Greenbush)

- Rips on Front Street BL, rough
- Rips on Old Town BL, can be shallow, rocky, and fast flows, fine in jet
- Rips on Milford BL
- Indian Island BL, ask FW office for permission
- Dam
- PN-62
- PN-70

Distortions section of river

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)

BL, hard to get back on trailer due to current, some shallow areas/boulders

water can get shallow in the summer

canoe launch

difficult at low flows

BL

PN-99

BL

PN-92

BL

BL
8. Upper Mid River (Howland to Chester)

boulders, can be bad at low flows
9. Upper Mid river (Mattawamkeag Section)

- **PN-133**: Boulders, probably should avoid at low flows.
- **Hathaway rd BL**: Can be soft so either scout before bringing tracks.
- **PN-140**: Difficult to navigate.
- **Approx. 2ft drop, stay right**: River direction.
- **2ft drop**: Approximate depth.
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

Canoe BL, in front of Big Island
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. Brewer Public Boat Launch
3. Orono Public Boat Launch
4. Rough Launch(south side French Island), Town property
5. Rough Launch Binette Park (Old Town Property)
6. Passadumkeag Public Launch
7. Penobscot Avenue Public Boat launch above West Enfiled

River Sections to avoid:
- French Island Rips
- Great Works Rips
- Shallows: 2 km below Great Works
- Ayer's Rips
- Great Works Rips
- Shallow rips 2 km below Great Works