

## Black River Landings #1-10

### Miles (approximate)

1-2 (Powerhouse to Halls Creek).....	3 miles
2-3 (Halls Creek to Black River Falls - exit above dam).....	6 miles
4-5 (South 3rd St. Landing to Perry Creek Park).....	2 miles
5-6 (Perry Creek Park to Mason's Landing).....	1.5 miles
6-7 (Mason's Landing to State Forest Canoe campsite near Hawk Island).....	1 mile
7-8 (State Forest Canoe Campsite near Hawk Island to the David Hansen Memorial Landing at Irving).....	6.5 miles
8-9 (Irving to Melrose Hwy 108 Bridge).....	12 miles
9-10 (Melrose Hwy 108 Bridge to North Bend).....	12 miles

## Lake Arbutus to Black River Falls

Put in at the Powerhouse at the end of Powerhouse Road. It is a 3-mile run to the Halls Creek Landing. After this stretch, the Black River has predominantly Class I rapids. Next, is a 6-mile stretch from Halls Creek to the landing above the dam at Roosevelt Street in Black River Falls. This entire stretch of river from the Powerhouse Landing to Black River Falls takes about 4 hours to leisurely paddle.

## Black River Falls to North Bend

Put in at the South 3rd Street Landing in Black River Falls. It is a short 2-mile stretch to Perry Creek Park and 1.5 miles further is Mason's Landing.

The State Forest Canoe Campsite on Hawk Island is just 1 mile downstream from Mason's Landing. Camping at this site is free of charge but campers are limited to a one-night stay. From the State Forest Canoe Campsite downstream, it is 6.5 miles to the David Hansen Memorial Landing at Irving. From Irving it is 12 miles to the Highway 108 Bridge in Melrose.

Lastly, the canoe trip from Melrose to North Bend is 12 miles.

## Creeking

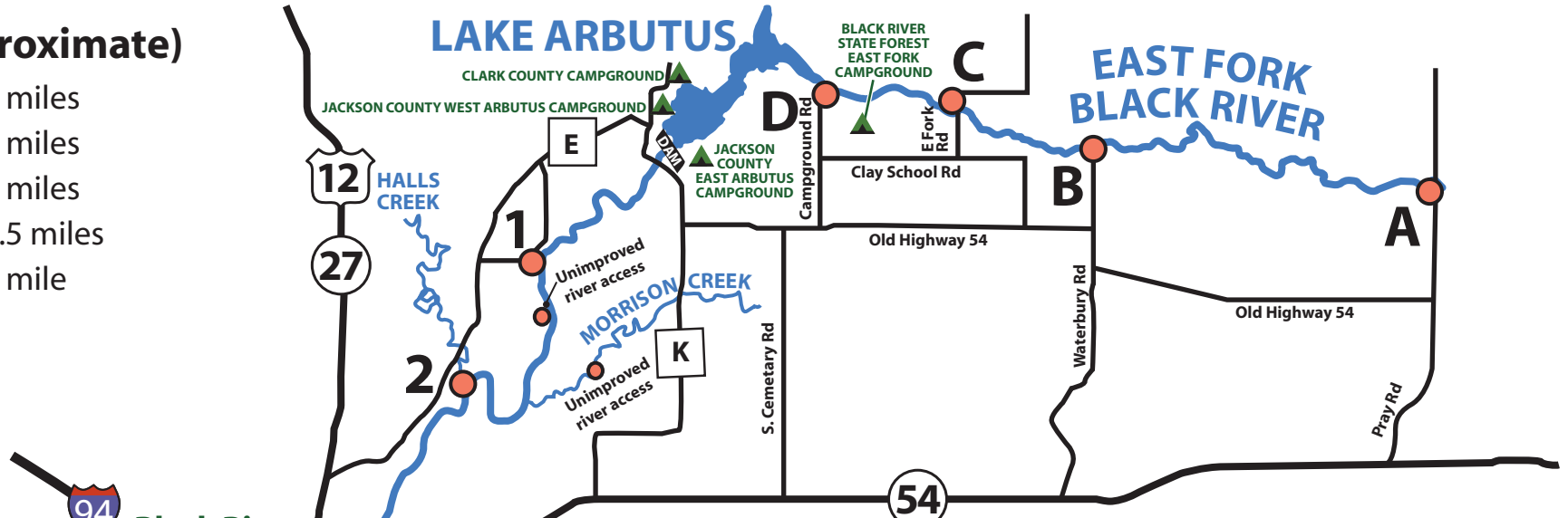
Some of the feeder streams running into the Black River are an excellent paddling option. Always be aware of down trees which can trap and pin you and your boat. Also check for necessary water levels.

**Morrison Creek** – A very enjoyable trip after a good rain. Cemetery Road to County K will take about 1½ hours. It is considered Class II, with one Class III near Oxbow Park. County K to the Black River is approximately 2 hours.

**Halls Creek** – Paddle through beautiful walled canyons with Class II-III rapids. Garage Road Bridge to the landing on the Black River will take about 2-3 hours.

**Robinson Creek** – Beautiful, with large pines. Class II-III rapids below Dodge Road. Avoid 6 ft. Polly Falls. It is half way between Dodge Road and Hwy. 27. Several Class III ledges in the gorge just past Fall Hall Glen Road.

## LAKE ARBUTUS



## East Fork of the Black River Landings A-D

A-B (Pray Road Access to Waterbury Road)	6.5 miles
B-C (Waterbury Road to East Fork Road)	1.5 miles
C-D (East Fork Road to East Fork Campground)	2 miles

This part of the river is scenic but rocky with rapid flowing water. Canoeing is not recommended during low water periods usually found in mid to late summer. Canoeing from the Pray Road access to Waterbury Road access is 6.5 miles with Class I rapids and mostly wooded, wild country. There are Class III rapids 1-2 miles upstream from Pray Road. Waterbury Road to East Fork Road is only 1.5 miles with some Class II and III rapids depending on water levels. East Fork Road to East Fork Campground is 2 miles with some Class II rapids. Canoeing from Pray Road to the East Fork Campground takes approximately 7 hours. Canoeists interested in camping at the end of their trip are required to register at the East Fork Campground.

## Rapids Classification

- Class I** – Easy. Smooth water, light riffles; clear passages, occasional sand banks and gentle curves.
- Class II** – Moderate. Medium-quick water; rapids with regular waves; clear and open passages between rocks and ledges. Maneuvering required. Best handled by intermediates who can maneuver canoes and read water.
- Class III** – Moderately difficult. Numerous high and irregular waves; rocks and eddies with passages clear but narrow and requiring experience to run. Visual inspection required if rapids are unknown. Open canoes without flotation bags will have difficulty.

- = Public Access
- ▲ = Public Campground



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