



Udell Rollways

Site	Hours
Tippy Dam to High Bridge	2
High Bridge to Blacksmith Bayou	.5
Blacksmith Bayou to Bear Creek	3.5
Bear Creek to Rainbow Bend	.75

Float Times



**Fees and Permits**

Recreation fees are required at most day-use sites and campgrounds. Check bulletin boards for fees and information.

## River Information



## A National Scenic River

The Manistee River below Tippy Dam to the M-55 Bridge was designated as a National Recreational River in 1996. The extensive riparian areas and mature forest communities along the river corridor are among the most extensive, and least disturbed, remnants of red-shouldered hawk habitat in Michigan. Remember to observe wildlife from a distance.

**Paddeling and Boating** - The river is wide and characterized by sandy banks and with a slow current.

**Fishing** - The river is popular for many types of fishing, especially salmon and steelhead. Consult the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fishing Guide or MI-DNR website: [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) for complete information.

**Camping** - There are designated campgrounds at several of the river access sites along the river. No camping within 1/4 mile of the river corridor.

If you camp, remember to dispose of human waste properly by putting disposal areas 200 feet from water, camps and trails. And always make sure your campfire is cold to the touch before leaving it!

**Disc Golf** - Visitors can also while away an afternoon at the Udell Rollways Disc Golf Course, an 18-hole course.

## Contact Information

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**Manistee Ranger Station**

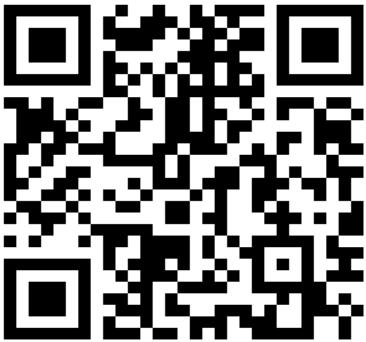
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## Zero Tolerance

No fireworks.

No illegal drugs.



Campfires at designated campsites only.

Be respectful of private property.

“Pack it in, pack it out.”

Respect wildlife and other river users.

Adhere to the legal drinking age..

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# Manistee

**National  
Recreation  
River**



Rainbow Bend Access Site



Bear Creek Access Site



High Bridge Access Site

Huron-Manistee National Forests







# Manistee National Recreation River

Site	Fee Area	Drinking Water	Restrooms	Picnic Area	Scenic Overlook	Camping	Boat Launch	Stairs/Path to River	Disc Golf	Fishing Pier	Latitude	Longitude
1 Tippy Dam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Suicide Bend											44.269624	-85.942586
3 Tunk Hole											44.222936	-85.947431
4 Sawdust Hole											44.269311	-85.951683
5 High Bridge											44.268242	-86.015563
6 Blacksmith Bayou											44.259178	-86.033027
7 Udeil Rollways											44.258357	-86.080124
8 Bear Creek											44.291727	-86.114105
9 Rainbow Bend											44.29352	-86.151398

## Legend

- Boating Site
- Camping
- Fishing
- North Country Trail
- National Forest System Lands
- State of MI land

## Stay Safe on the River

Each watercraft occupant must have a Personal Flotation Device (PFD). Children 12 and under must wear a PFD at all times, children 6 and under must have a Type I or II PFD.

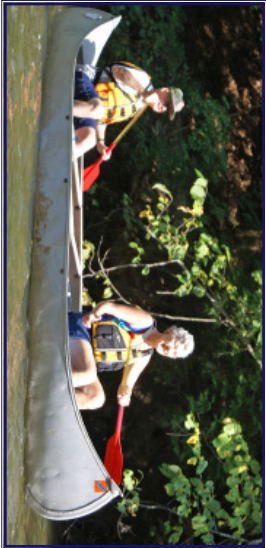
Be aware of your surroundings and of river conditions:

- Watch for floating and submerged objects.
- Avoid standing in/diving from watercraft.
- High water levels can be unsafe for river travel.
- Be ready for sudden weather changes.

Fasten all valuables and equipment to your watercraft to prevent loss and littering.

Bring drinking water with you or obtain water from pumps. Drinking untreated water from the river is unsafe.

Visit <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/> for more information on PFDs, including which types to use.



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