

Camping in the Pine River corridor is only allowed at designated campgrounds or campsites. The National Scenic section of the Pine River (Elm Flats to Low Bridge) has one Forest Service campground(fee required) with drive-in and canoe-in sites. Campsite occupancy may not exceed 8 people.



Camping

The Pine River is a “Blue Ribbon” cold-water fishery. Consult the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fishing Guide for complete information. For State Fishing Regulations consult the MI-DNR website: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/>



Fishing

A National Scenic River

The lower 26-miles of the Pine River was designated a National Wild and Scenic River in 1992. Scenery is one of the most outstanding attributes of the river. The designated portion of the river contains a unique riparian landform with a deeply incised river channel and high, exposed, fragile, sand banks. Dense vegetation contributes to the overall “scenic” feel of the river.



Elm Flats

Zero Tolerance

Camping and campfires at designated sites only.

Be respectful of private property.

“Pack it in, Pack it out.” Practice Leave No Trace ethics.

Respect wildlife and other river users.

Adhere to the legal drinking age and the four (4) beverage/person limit.

The following are prohibited:

- ◇ Fireworks
- ◇ Illegal Drugs
- ◇ Nudity
- ◇ Glass Bottles



Contact Information

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The river gradient is 7% and offers the fastest average flow of any river in lower Michigan. Seasons affect float time; times listed are summer estimates.

Sites		Hours	Miles
Lincoln Bridge to Elm Flats	1.25	3.3	
Elm Flats to Dobson Bridge	4	6.3	
Dobson Bridge to Peterson Bridge North	2	6.2	
Peterson Bridge North to Low Bridge	3	8	

Float Times and Distances

Recreation Fees are required at most day-use sites and campgrounds. Check bulletin boards for fees and information. Watercraft permits are required for all watercraft on the river, including tubes, from the Friday of Memorial Day weekend to the Monday of Labor Day weekend. Reservations for river permits are \$2.00/ watercraft per day.



River Information Fees and Permits

United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service

Pine River

National Scenic River



Low Bridge



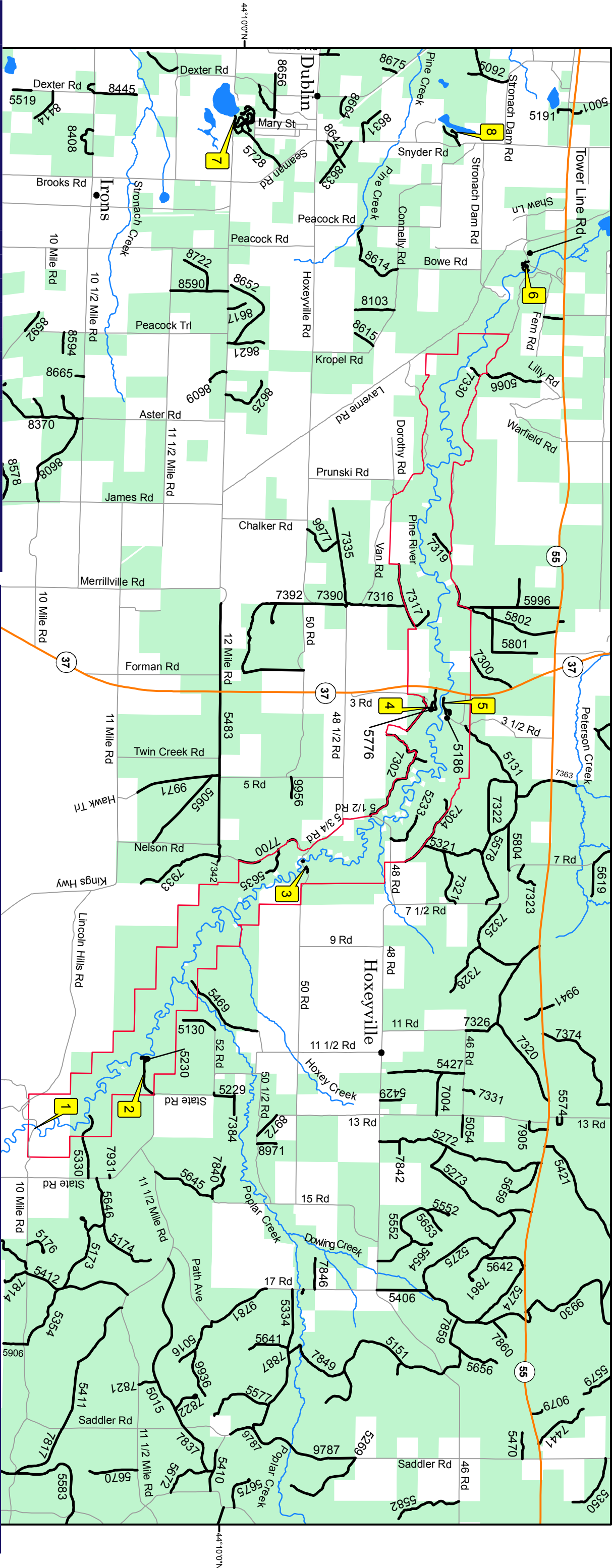
Dobson Bridge



Peterson Bridge North

Huron-Manistee National Forests

Pine National Scenic River



Site	Fee Area	Drinking Water	Restrooms	Picnic Area	Scenic Overlook	Campsites	RV Camping	Campground Host	Latitude	Longitude
1	Lincoln Bridge (DNR)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Elm Flats	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	44.152505	-85.709432
3	Dobson Bridge	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	44.179998	-85.758891
4	Peterson Bridge South	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	44.202063	-85.797846
5	Peterson Bridge North	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	44.203284	-85.79827
6	Low Bridge	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	44.216115	-85.903371
7	Sand Lake	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	44.167	-85.93615
8	Dorner Lake	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	44.203301	-85.934063

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.

Be aware of your surroundings and of river conditions:

- Watch for floating and submerged obstacles.
- 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.



Legend

- Cities
- Pine River Corridor
- Highway
- USFS Roads
- Other Public Road
- Lakes
- Rivers & Streams
- Manistee National Forest

