a private landowner to stop on his/her land. These islands, the land along the river is almost entirely privately owned.

Islands beside each other across from the take-out at Longwood Park. Approximately 1,000 feet of frontage leading up to the park is Wisconsin DNR land.

• Description: At typical late-spring/early-summer flows, this stretch has a few Class I rapids and a Class I-II or higher rapids.

• Length and approximate duration: 2.0 miles, 44 min.

• Gradient: 8.6 feet per mile.

• BLM islands and other public recreation areas: the stretch begins and ends with public islands. The island adjacent to the take-out is a good spot for a picnic or rest.

Willard Road to Highway H

• Length and approximate duration: 7.5 miles, 45 min.

• Gradient: 4.5 feet per mile.

• Description: At typical late-spring/early-summer flows, this stretch has moved Class I rapids to atypical summer flows, it will likely have to carry your cases through some shallow areas.

• R.M. islands and other public recreation areas: One public island is located between the river and the road that is inventoried was in the mid-1970s. However, little about the islands are public, managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and lakes. Since these islands were not surveyed, they were never sold to homesteaders and have remained federal public lands. As you encounter are public, managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and lakes. Since these islands were not surveyed, they were never sold to homesteaders and have remained federal public lands. As you

Riplinger Road to Greenwood Park

• Length and approximate duration: 3.2 miles, 1 hr and 20 min.

• Gradient: 9.4 feet per mile.

• Description: This portion of the river has a very rocky bottom. When the Black-Lilley gauge registers a flow of about 200 cfs – typical late-spring/early-summer flows – the stretch has a few Class I rapids and a Class II rapid. The class II rapid can be avoided by going around the right side of the small island that is down-stream of Highway G. The two channels that pass to the right of the island are narrow and shallow, and you will likely have to carry your cases for a short distance.

Greenwood Park to Willard Road

• Length and approximate duration: 3.1 miles, be 17 min.

• Gradient: 4.5 feet per mile.

• Description: The river bottom for this stretch is rocky. At typical late-spring/early-summer flows, the stretch has a few Class I rapids and a Class II rapid. The Class II rapid can be avoided by going around the right side of the small island that is down-stream of Highway G. The two channels that pass to the right of the island are narrow and shallow, and you will likely have to carry your cases for a short distance.

Willard Road to Highway H

• Length and approximate duration: 7.5 miles, 45 min.

• Gradient: 4.5 feet per mile.

• Description: At typical late-spring/early-summer flows, this stretch has moved Class I rapids to atypical summer flows, it will likely have to carry your cases through some shallow areas. Be a great stretch for spotting critters are back there.

Highway H to Neillsville North Side

• Length and approximate duration: 7.0 miles, 6 hrs.

• Gradient: 8.6 feet per mile.

• Description: This long stretch varies from beginning to end. The first mile or so, the river branches again, allowing more curious paddlers to take the less-traveled channel – another slow, shallow backwater – that meets the river's large boulders, while typical summertime dry periods render some parts of the river non-navigable to even the lightest kayaks. At higher flows, this stretch likely has several challenging rapids, but it also contains enchanting backwaters and several scenic bluffs. Depending on the flow, this stretch has many small public islands. The island adjacent to the take-out is a good spot for a picnic or fishing.

Neillsville North Side to Lisbon Arboretum

• Length and approximate duration: 2.0 miles, 60 min.

• Gradient: 5.6 feet per mile.

• Description: At typical late-spring/early-summer flows, this stretch has moved Class I rapids to atypical summer flows, it will likely have to carry your cases through some shallow areas. Be a great stretch for spotting critters are back there.

Island Ethics

Several of the public islands are wonderful places to stop to rest, have a picnic, or enjoy the views of the Black River during your paddling trip. There are a few guidelines that will help to protect the beauty of these islands for other visitors, after you leave.

• Pack out all your garbage and human waste. The islands are not sanitary, dig or cut any trees, and do not damage any livable site are.

• Use the existing fire rings and tent pads.

• Keep your noise level low. Loud noises may disturb people and wildlife living near the river.
