

Paddling Near Inlet



1. Lock & Dam from Green Bridge Rd

Location: Old Forge; Green Bridge Rd at the parking area for Lock & Dam trail; put in at the bridge

Length: 2.5 miles out and back

Campsites: None

This scenic paddle down the middle branch of the Moose River takes you to a picnic area at the dam. It's a great spot to get out and explore before heading back toward the green bridge. Keep an eye out for herons as you paddle. They're known to be found on the Moose River.

2. Moss Lake

Location: Big Moose Rd

Length: Variable

Campsites: 8 along the perimeter of the lake

The perimeter of the lake is 2.3 miles. Paddle along the shoreline or explore any part of the lake. There's a small island near the center of the lake. Look closely and you'll see an osprey nest at the top of the tree on the island.

3. Big Moose Lake

Location: Launch is at Dunn's Marina; fee required

Length: Variable

Campsites: Lean-tos at neighboring lakes with portages. Andy's Creek (0.3 miles), Russian Lake (0.7 miles), Upper Gull Lake (1.2 miles), and Lower Sister Lake (3 miles). Mileages are one way.

4. Twitchell Lake

Location: Twitchell Rd off Big Moose Rd

Length: 3.8-mile shore length

Campsites: None; Land surrounding the lake is all private except for the launch. Although the lake is surrounded primarily by private land, there are a few camps. It's a scenic, lesser-known paddle so there won't be many others if you're looking for something more private. Keep an eye out for loons; they love locations like this.

5. Limekiln Lake

Location: Limekiln Rd at Limekiln Campground; day use fee applicable

Length: Variable

Campsites: The lake is surrounded by a state campground

With its 6.7-mile shoreline Limekiln Lake offers a large area for paddlers to explore. Go out and paddle the whole thing or take a short trip if you like.

6. Seventh Lake

Location: Route 28 4 miles north of Inlet Town Hall

Length: Variable

Campsites: 3 lean-tos, 6 campsites on Seventh Lake. Paddle 1.9 miles one-way to the Seventh Lake Rd Bridge or head in the opposite direction toward Eighth Lake Campground. There are endless paddling routes on this large lake including paddling to Sixth Lake. Another access point is from the Sixth Lake Canoe Launch

7. Brown's Tract

Location: Put in at the Raquette Lake public boat launch

Length: 3 miles to the Eighth Lake canoe carry

Campsites: 3 lean-tos on Eighth Lake; 1 campsite on the northern peninsula

From the boat launch paddle south toward the bridge coming into Raquette Lake. Follow Brown's Tract to the Eighth Lake carry. The portage is 1.5 miles long.

Brown's Tract is known for its beaver dams. You may have to portage at a few points along this route. If you carry to Eighth Lake you can take your boat out at Eighth Lake Campground but will have to pay the day-use fee to use the launch.

There are many beaver dams along Brown's Tract. If you must exit your boat, stand on the dams and drag your boat over them as the bottom of the water is very muddy.

8. Marion River

Location: Put in at the Raquette Lake public boat launch

Length: Variable; 13 to Blue Mountain Lake

Campsites: 2 on the north side of the Marion River; lean-to on Utowana Lake; 5 on the 2 big islands on Blue Mountain Lake

From the Raquette Lake boat launch it is 2.8 miles to the start of the Marion River. From the beginning of the river to the portage at Utowana Lake it is another 3.5 miles. The portage is short, only 0.3 miles. Paddling Utowana Lake adds another 2.5 miles. Utowana feeds into Eagle Lake adding 1 mile before reaching Blue Mountain Lake. It's 2 miles to the canoe launch from here if you stick to the shoreline. If you choose to explore the lake it'll take longer, but it is worth the time.

Most people paddle from Raquette Lake to Blue Mountain Lake and stage a car in both places, so they don't have to travel back west by boat. The wind tends to blow east making it easier to travel to Blue Mountain Lake than to Raquette Lake.

9. Raquette Lake South Inlet

Location: Parking is at the bridge near the northern "Welcome to Raquette Lake" sign

Length: 2.3 miles to the south inlet falls

Campsites: None

The South Inlet is wide and meandering. It is a great location to see a variety of birds. At the South Inlet Falls is an old power station that once powered Camp Sagamore. Hiking trails from the South Inlet lead to Camp Sagamore and Sagamore Lake.

10. Sagamore Lake & East Inlet

Location: Sagamore Rd; parking area before arriving at the Great Camp; 300' carry to lake

Length: Variable

Campsites: None

Paddling around Sagamore Lake will offer scenic views of the forest as well as views of the Great Camp itself. Paddle the perimeter of the lake for a 3.5-mile loop or venture up the East Inlet on the eastern side of the lake for as long as you like before turning around. The inlet will add 0.5 miles one way to the footbridge that's part of the Sagamore Lake hiking trail.

11. Cedar River Flow

Location: Cedar River Rd; Lake Pleasant

Length: 8.5 miles round trip; 3 miles to Cedar River

Campsites: 8 along the eastern edge of the lake; 1 along the western edge; see map at canoe launch or NYS DEC Moose River Plains South Map. Starting above the Wakely Dam the Cedar River Flow can be paddled to the Cedar River to the south. Most paddlers travel a mile down the river to the lean-to and use that as their turning point.

Local Canoe & Kayak Rentals:

Frisky Otter Tours

148 Route 28 Inlet, NY 13360

Located next to The Woods Inn

(315) 357-3444

Offering: Solo kayaks, tandem kayaks, kid's kayaks, SUP boards, tandem canoes, Kevlar tandem canoes, Kevlar 4 person canoes, shuttles to and from location of choice.

See <http://www.friskyottertours.com> for more information on rentals and shuttle services.

Limekiln Lake Campground

Canoe and kayak rentals are available at the campground. Call (315) 357-4401 for more information.

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