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Name: Black River

Location: Washago, Ontario, Canada

Description:

The Washago Black is a great learning run, deep water, easy rapids, clean eddy lines, some fun, mellow surfing at higher levels.

The river goes through Native Reserve Land. Please do not use the shoreline, etc without checking with the Black River Wilderness campground owners first. You can paddle the river without permission as long as you stay off the shoreline in the campground area.

See Detailed River Description below for additional information.

Time of year: This river level is great for paddling from early April until approximately mid-May.

Any level above 8.2 metres on the gauge. See flow calculations further below.

Directions:

The following directions to the Washago Black are based on going north on highway 11 from Orillia, Ontario, Canada.

Directions to the PUTIN

1. Take Simcoe Road 169 exit to Washago.
2. Go south on 169 to the town of Washago.
3. Continue through the intersection of 169 and Muskoka Street.
4. Driving 4.9 kilometres will take you to 169 and Switch Road.
5. Continue driving 1.6 kilometres on 169 until you reach the PUTIN at the bridge.

Note: (The bridge is 500 metres past the Black River Wilderness Park campground on your right.)

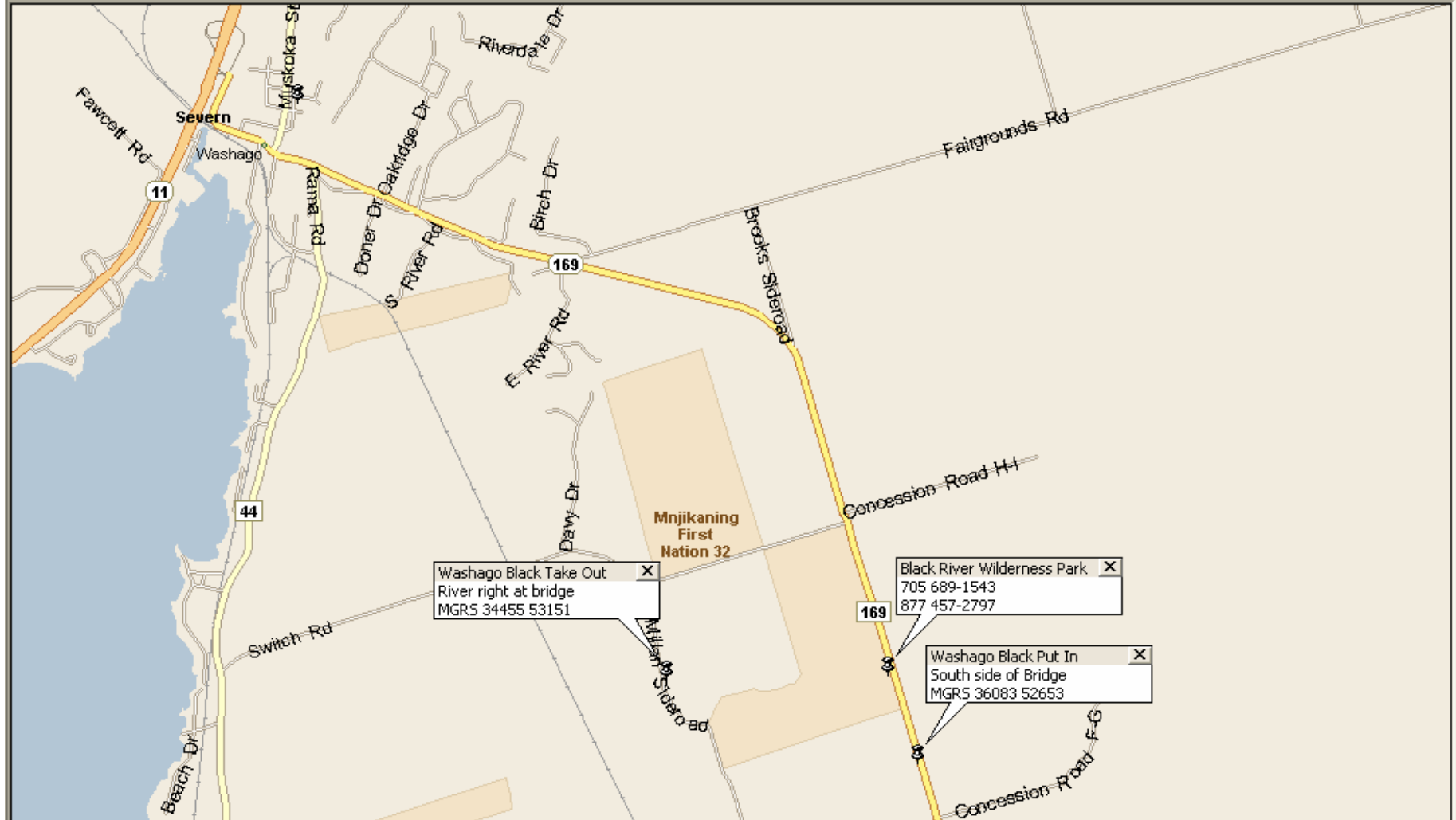
Directions to the TAKEOUT from the PUTIN

1. Continue driving 500 metres on 169 until you reach the 5th Concession Ramara. Turn right onto the 5th concession. You are now on a gravel road.
2. Drive slow for 2.7 kilometres on this road as it can be very bumpy. Follow the 5th concession. It will eventually have a 90 degree turn to the right that turns into MacMillan sideroad. Follow the road until you go over the single lane bridge.
3. The parking for takeout is on the gravel area on the left side. Takeout on river right before the bridge.

Directions to the PUTIN from the TAKEOUT

You can turn around and go back the way you came OR take a less bumpier road as follows:

1. Continue driving 700 metres until you reach Switch road. Turn right onto Switch road. You are now on a paved road.
2. Continue driving 1.3 kilometres until you reach 169. Turn right onto 169.
3. Continue driving 1.6 kilometres on 169 until you reach the PUTIN at the bridge.





Flow Calculations:

Credit: Flow information was provided by Thom Lambert.

There online gauge is <http://scitech.pyr.ec.gc.ca/waterweb/FullGraph.asp?stnID=02EC002>

METRES	CMS (Cubic Metres per Second)
7.4	6.8
7.5	8.0
7.6	10.4
7.7	13.2
7.8	16.2
7.9	19.4
8.0	22.8
8.1	26.8
8.2	31.2
8.3	36.0
8.4	41.2
8.5	46.7
8.7	59.0
8.8	63.6
8.9	72.2
9.0	78.8
9.1	85.5
9.2	92.2
9.3	99.9

make a note 8.27 equates to Putin rock showing by half metre

Detailed River Description:

I found this information posted on the boater board a long time ago. Author unknown.

The Squirts (1st real rapid, down around the corner from the PUTIN bridge) and Baby Ender (2nd Rapid on river left) are both fun at any level but anything over (I think) 20 cms and Baby Ender has some fun wave/hole play at the top of the whirlpool eddy on river Left. WICKED spot to learn how to get vertical as well because it's deep and has excellent down force coming off the river left ledge

Say My Name is the 2nd rapid on the river right channel above the campground and there can be a cool surf wave there at levels above 30 cms. Higher than that gives you some wicked squirt/cartwheel lines too. Deep and clean.

The Campground has all kinds of cool options and channels to run and if you check with the people that run the Campground they are usually cool with you getting out and hiking back up one of the islands to run another channel. The centre channel in the campground has a sticky little pourover hole named Dumbass that is REALLY shallow but quite strong.

After the campground it is a mellow float at low levels or good current at high levels (above 50 cms).

The Chutes at the end (above the takeout) are all good above 26 cms...but Bell Ringer (2nd from left) is always better with more water... Log Splitter (centre) is good even at lower levels (but again, more is better) because it channels water and Pinky's (far right) is good all the time. Different levels bring out different surf waves on that channel. Astroglide (very 1st wave) has some great soul surfing at most levels. Cool wave for launching wavewheels too.