


# BIG MANISTEE RIVER

## ACTIVITIES

- TUBE
- FISH
- PADDLE
- RAFT/BOAT

## why you'll love it...

 Perfect for big groups and family floats because the river is smooth and steady offering plenty of areas to get out of your boat and stretch your legs.

There is abundant access to the river making it easy to stage vehicles for 2 to 6+ hour floats.

## TIME



Rent from a livery or bring your own boat. A half-day is ideal for most trips!

## INTENSITY LEVEL



With so much access and well established banks, this is a great family-friendly river - ideal for all skill levels.



## TRIP TIPS

This river is perfect for beginners or anyone looking for a relaxing day on the water. With no rapids or tight corners to navigate the river won't be too difficult. Much of the river is about 2-5' deep with a few deeper spots at the switch-backs.

Trips from Hodenpyl Dam down to Red Bridge and High Bridge down to Bear Creek or Rainbow Bend are perfect for families with kids and large groups on kayaks, canoes, rafts or tubes. **Each trip is about 3-4 hours** and offer plenty of sand bars, so you and your group can get out and stretch your legs.



## Float Times

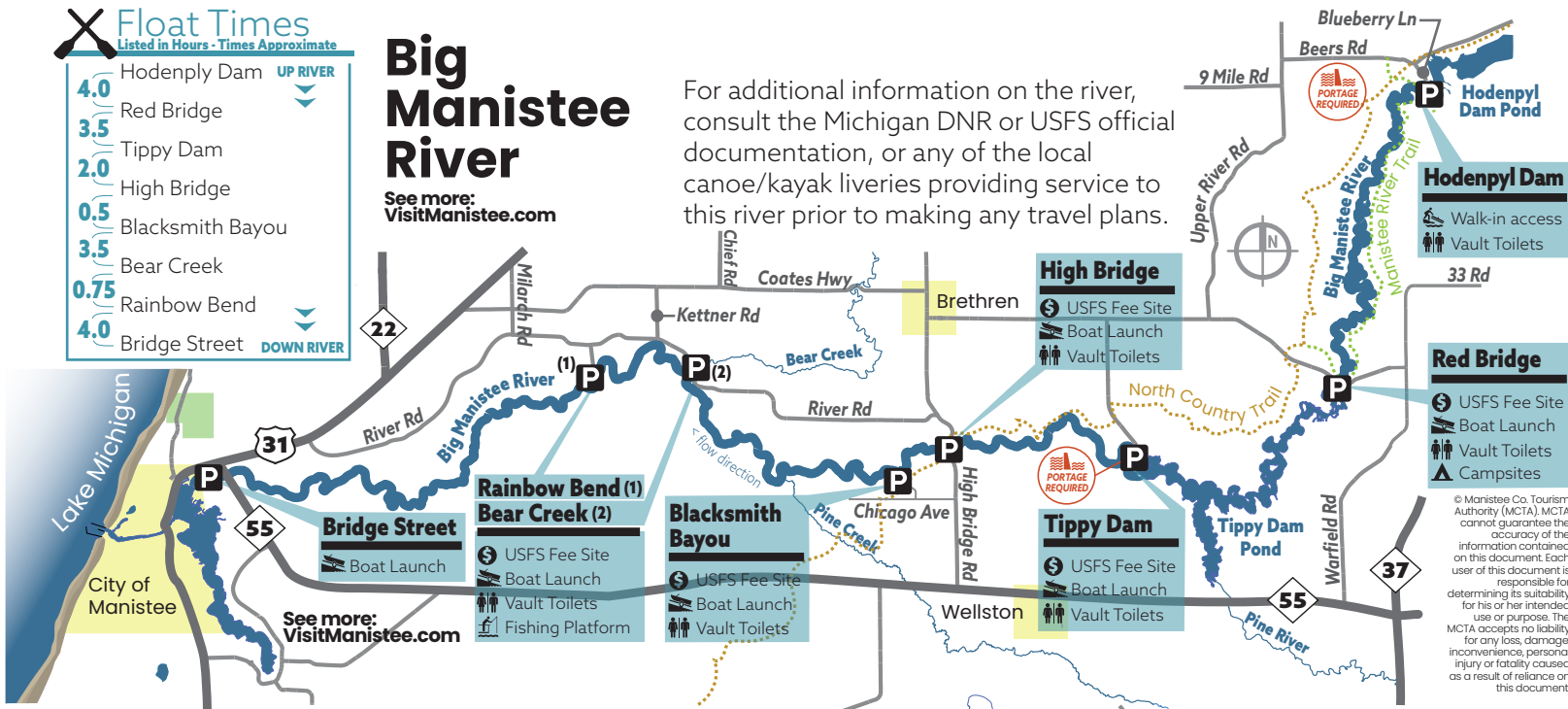
Listed in Hours - Times Approximate

- 4.0 Hodenpyl Dam **UP RIVER**
- 3.5 Red Bridge
- 2.0 Tippy Dam
- 0.5 High Bridge
- 0.5 Blacksmith Bayou
- 0.75 Bear Creek
- 4.0 Rainbow Bend
- 4.0 Bridge Street **DOWN RIVER**

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See more: [VisitManistee.com](http://VisitManistee.com)

For additional information on the river, consult the Michigan DNR or USFS official documentation, or any of the local canoe/kayak liveries providing service to this river prior to making any travel plans.



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