Black River Landings #1-10 — Miles (approx.)

Dam-1 (West Hatfield Dam to Hatfield Powerhouse) ..... 4 miles (1 hr.)
1-2 (Powerhouse to Halls Creek Landing) ..... 4 miles (1 hr.)
2-3 (Halls Creek to Black River Falls - exit above dam (Holmgreen Landing)..... 6 miles (2-3 hr.)
4-5 (South 3rd St. [Cormican Landing] to Perry Creek State Park) ..... 2 miles (1/2-1 hr.)
5-6 (Perry Creek Park to Mason's Landing) ..... 1.5 miles (1/2-1 hr.)
6-7 (Mason's Landing to State Forest Canoe campsite near Hawk Island)..... 1 mile (1/2 hr.)
7-8 (State Forest Canoe Campsite near Hawk Island to the David Hansen Memorial Landing at Irving)..... 6.5 miles (2-3 hr.)
8-9 (Irving to Melrose Hwy 108 Bridge) ..... 12 miles (3-4 hr.)
9-10 (Melrose Hwy 108 Bridge to North Bend HWY VV)..... 12 miles (3-4 hr.)

Lake Arbutus to Black River Falls

Put in at the foot of the West Hatfield Dam near junction of Cty. E and K. From the dam to Powerhouse is a 4 mile paddle with two class III rapids and many class II rapids. The Hatfield power canal makes a quiet flat water paddle from the railroad trestle into several wooded backwaters. It is a 4 mile run with two class III rapids from Powerhouse to the Halls Creek Landing. After this the Black river has only a few class I rapids.

Black River Falls to North Bend

Put in at the South 3rd Street (Cormican) Landing in Black River Falls. It is a short 2-mile stretch to Perry Creek Park and 1.5 miles further is Mason's State Landing.

The State Forest Canoe Campsite on Hawk Island is just 1 mile downstream opposite bank from Mason's Landing. Camping at this site is free of charge but campers are limited to a one-night stay. From the State Forest Canoe Campsite downstream, it is 6.5 miles to the David Hansen Memorial Landing at Irving. From Irving it is 12 miles to the Highway 108 Bridge in Melrose.

Lastly, the flat water canoe trip from Melrose to North Bend is 12 miles.

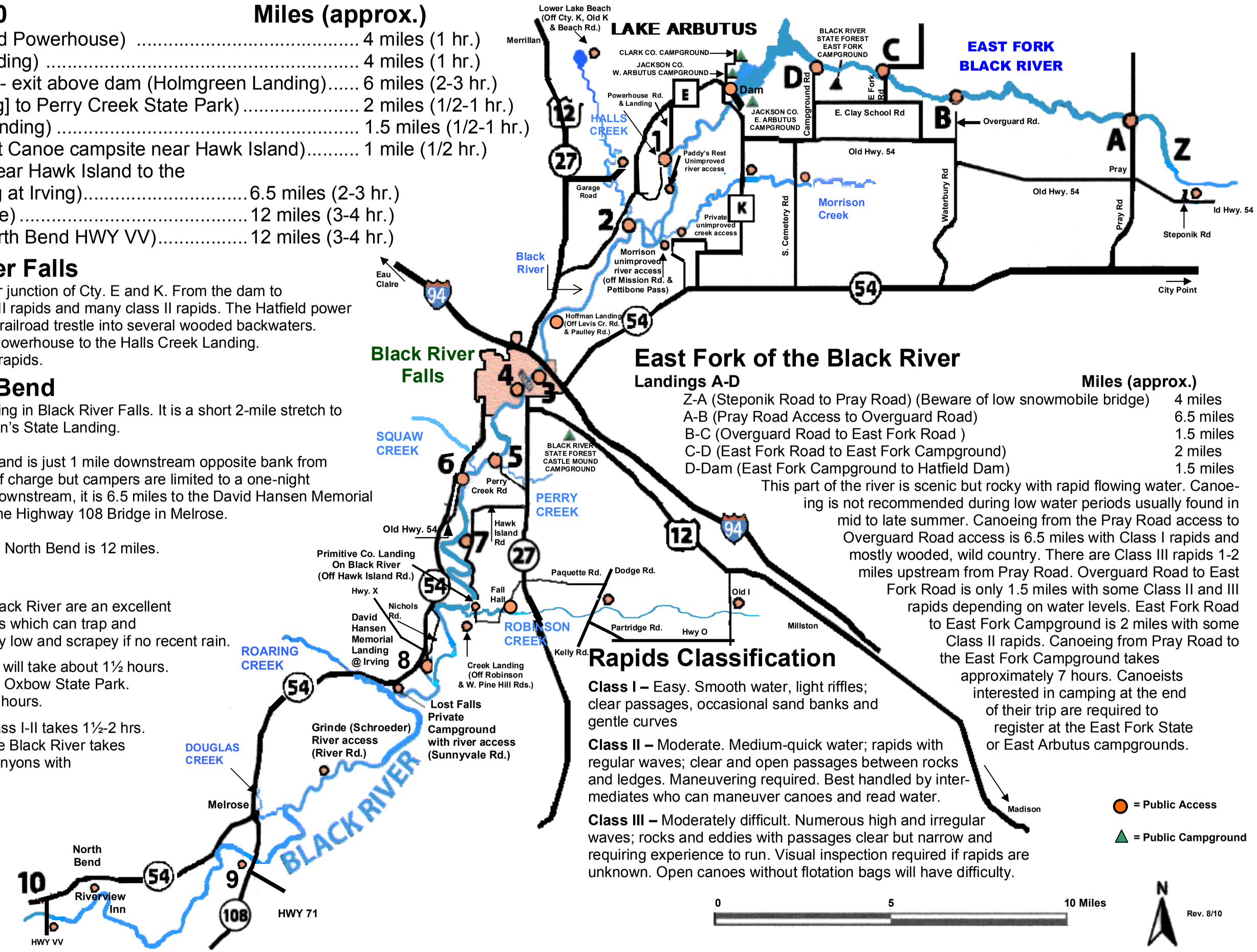
Creeking

Some of the feeder streams running into the Black River are an excellent paddling option. Always be aware of down trees which can trap and pin you and your boat. Creek Flows can be very low and scrapey if no recent rain.

Morrison Creek –Cemetery Road to County K will take about 1½ hours. It is considered Class II, with one Class III near Oxbow State Park. County K to the Black River is approximately 2 hours.

Halls Creek – Lower lake to Garage Road, Class I-II takes 1½-2 hrs. From Garage Road Bridge to the landing on the Black River takes 2-3 hours to paddle through beautiful walled canyons with Class II-III rapids.

Robinson Creek – Beautiful, mostly Class I-II, with large pines. Class II-III rapids below Dodge Road. Portage 6 ft. Polly Falls, it is one-third of the way between Dodge Rd. & Hwy. 27. Several Class III ledges in the gorge just past Fall Hall Road.



East Fork of the Black River

Landings A-D — **Miles (approx.)**

Z-A (Steponik Road to Pray Road) (Beware of low snowmobile bridge) 4 miles
A-B (Pray Road Access to Overguard Road) 6.5 miles
B-C (Overguard Road to East Fork Road) 1.5 miles
C-D (East Fork Road to East Fork Campground) 2 miles
D-Dam (East Fork Campground to Hatfield Dam) 1.5 miles

This part of the river is scenic but rocky with rapid flowing water. Canoeing is not recommended during low water periods usually found in mid to late summer. Canoeing from the Pray Road access to Overguard Road access is 6.5 miles with Class I rapids and mostly wooded, wild country. There are Class III rapids 1-2 miles upstream from Pray Road. Overguard Road to East Fork Road is only 1.5 miles with some Class II and III rapids depending on water levels. East Fork Road to East Fork Campground is 2 miles with some Class II rapids. Canoeing from Pray Road to the East Fork Campground takes approximately 7 hours. Canoeists interested in camping at the end of their trip are required to register at the East Fork State or East Arbutus campgrounds.

Rapids Classification

Class I – Easy. Smooth water, light riffles; clear passages, occasional sand banks and gentle curves

Class II – Moderate. Medium-quick water; rapids with regular waves; clear and open passages between rocks and ledges. Maneuvering required. Best handled by intermediates who can maneuver canoes and read water.

Class III – Moderately difficult. Numerous high and irregular waves; rocks and eddies with passages clear but narrow and requiring experience to run. Visual inspection required if rapids are unknown. Open canoes without flotation bags will have difficulty.