

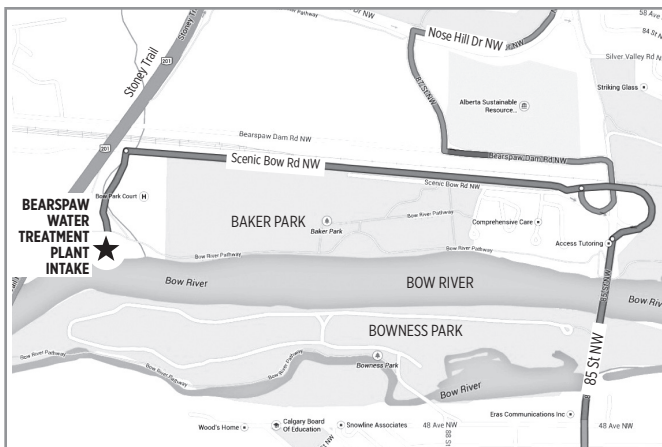
2019 BOW RIVER FLOATS

Put-in / Take-out Km, Time	Features
Ghost Dam / Cochrane 27 km, 4 hours	The Put-in can be difficult as it's a longer carry down a steep hill. Class II rapid sections, some sweepers and strainers on outside of corners. Take out River-left under Hwy 22 bridge.
Gas Plant / Cochrane 10 km, 2 – 3 hours	Class I sections, some sweepers and strainers, ¾ km portage to start. Take out River-left under Hwy 22 bridge.
Cochrane to Bearspaw Dam 25 km, 5 - 6 hours	Slow moving water, must cross Bearspaw Reservoir (6 km) long portage at end on North side (1+ kms).
Baker Park Boat Launch / Calgary Zoo Bridge 19 km, 3 – 4.5 hours	Class I sections, fast water by bridge abutments (8 or 9 bridges). All bridges are very hazardous—give all abutments a wide berth. Take-out is on River-right, under the 12th St. bridge. Avoid Harvie Passage just downstream of the take-out unless you are an experienced paddler.
Baker Park Boat Launch / Shouldice Park 6 km, 1 – 2 hours	Treed islands which branch river, sandstone cliffs (3 bridges) Take out River-left under the 16th Avenue bridge.
Baker Park Boat Launch / Prince's Island 15 km, 2 – 4 hours	Treed islands, difficult parking at Prince's Island, (8 bridges). Use caution at 10 Street as the current bends around bridge pillars.
17th Ave SE (just downstream from Harvey Passage) / Fish Creek 15 km 2 – 4 hours	About 7 bridges, watch for trees (strainers) or obstacles near shore. Carburn Park on River-left is about ½ way for bail-out option.
Fish Creek Park (22x, under bridge) / McKinnon Flats 32 km, 4 – 8 hours	Class I section just before take-out (on River-right of island), sandstone cliffs, treed islands. Trees in river creating some hazardous sweepers.
Fish Creek Park (22x) / Carsland Dam 55 km, 8 – 12 hours (best as an overnight)	Class I section at McKinnon Flats, pelicans, blue herons, sandstone cliffs, treed islands. Trees in river are creating some hazardous sweepers. Do not go close to the dam: major spillway and extreme drowning hazard.
Harvie Passage 1 km, 5 min – 4 hours (experienced paddlers)	Portage around Harvie Passage unless you are an experienced paddler. River-left high-water channel is Class 3+ for experienced whitewater paddlers. River-right low-water channel is a Class 2 section.

Note: Float times are based on average river speed of 6-8 km/hour (does not include headwinds and shuttle times).

THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. An approved lifejacket or personal flotation device (PFD) must be worn at all times while boating.
2. A bailer, rescue throw line, 2 paddles and a whistle are required by law.
3. Be prepared for cold water immersion! Bring extra clothes in a waterproof bag. Wear a wetsuit when immersion is more likely.
4. Bring drinking water, snacks and lunch, sun protection and wind/rain protection.
5. Stay alert at all times! Watch for rocks, trees (*sweepers, strainers*), shallow sections, bridge abutments & river braiding.
6. Tell someone where you are going, and when you expect to return.
7. Inflatable rafts are not permitted on Glenmore Reservoir.
8. The Kananaskis River is a Class 2/3 section **for experienced paddlers only**. Rafts bigger than 16 feet are not permitted and must be self-bailing (*8-man rafts and under are fine*). If you intend to paddle the Kananaskis River, make sure you are prepared with the proper equipment, skills and knowledge for white water.



Baker Park Boat Launch: Head west on Scenic Bow Road and drive to the Bears paw Water Treatment Plant Intake.

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