

INTRODUCTION

The Boreas river is a tributary of the Hudson river, in New York state. The section described here runs from Blue Ridge Road (84) to route 28N.

FACT SHEET

Length : 6.5 mi (10 km)
Difficulty: class II-III

DESCRIPTION

Wild and scenic section of the Adirondacks.

First half

The first half starts with a few rapids, the last class 2/3 being fairly steep. The next 2.5 miles are quiet, and ends at the remnants of a dam that make a class 2/3. At low water level, it was crowded and almost impassable. With more water it should be nicer.

Second half

The second half of the section is more sustained, with a more difficult stretch. At all times, the river is far from any road.

Walk along the Lower Boreas from the take-out

From the take-out, a trail on the left bank follows the river downstream and allows to see a few difficult rapids of the next section (Lower Boreas). This next section has a reputation of being reserved to very experienced boaters.

American Whitewater page for the River

<https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/view/?#/river-detail/1266/main>

WATER LEVELS

American Whitewater provides flow information in its page for the river. They use the flow of the Hudson as a benchmark.

Another alternative is to use (0.2 times the flow of the Boquet at http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ny/nwis/uv?site_no=04276500).

ACCESS**Put-in**

Accessible from highway 87, exit 29.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/43.9427,-73.9548>

Take-out

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/43.8918,-74.0151>

Shuttle

12.5 miles, 0h15

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/43.8918,-74.0151/43.9427,-73.9548>

LEGEND

NOTE : for this map, the rapids are indicated using the French convention, and R stands for « rapide » (rapid). So R2-3 means a class 2-3 rapid.

Access

Road access



Floatplane access

Rapids

FW (or EV)	Fast Water
C1, C2, ... C6 (or R1,..., R6)	Rapid with class of difficulty
C2-3	Rapid between two classes of difficulty
C2+3	Rapid with variable class of difficulty
L2, L3, ..., L6 (or S2,... S6)	Ledge (or drop, slide) with class of difficulty
C, Chute	Fall(s)
K, Cascade	Cascade
P 250m G	Portage with distance, L (or G) = left, R (or D) = right
B.D., BD, B.C., BC	Beaver Dam (barrage de castor)

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220 cfs (0.2 times the flow of the Boquet at http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ny/nwis/uv?site_no=04276500). 220 cfs is too low. An estimate of 400 cfs is recommended.

Map Work

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Upper Boreas River

The map shows the Upper Boreas River area with various rapids and landmarks labeled. Key features include:

- Rapids:** R1, R2, R2/3, R3, R4, S5, EV, R1/2.
- Landmarks:** sortie, put-in, ancien barrage rapide encombré, Lester Flow, Boreas River, Charles M. Star Pond, MINE RIVER.
- Other labels:** S5, R4, R2/3, R1, R3, EV, R2, R2/3, R1/2, Boreas River, Charles M. Star Pond, MINE RIVER, ancien barrage rapide encombré, Lester Flow, Boreas River, Charles M. Star Pond.