

## LOWER PATAPEDIA

### DESCRIPTION

- Location: Patapedia River
- Stretch type: Daily Crown Reserve
- Stretch length: 10 kilometres
- Number of named pools: 15
- River width: 10 to 20 metres
- River bottom: mixture of gravel, small and large rock
- Fishing licence for Patapedia Daily Crown Reserve is valid for two consecutive calendar days

### ACCESS

**NOTE:** Access to certain stretches may require four-wheel drive vehicles.

- **Distances given are approximate and may not correspond exactly to the reading on your odometer.**
  - From Campbellton to the 7 Mile camp and boat launching site, expect approximately a **2-hour** drive.
1. From Campbellton, **travel 19 km** westward on Route 134. **Turn right** onto the Matapédia Bridge.
  2. After crossing the bridge, **turn left** and **travel 2 km** on Route 132 to the town of Matapédia.
  3. At Matapédia, it is strongly advised that you stop to register your party and check on road conditions with staff at the office of the Corporation de Gestion des Rivières Matapédia et Patapédia (CGRMP) : 2, rue des Saumons; 418-865-2080, or call no charge at their Causapsca office: 1-888-730-6174). This is also where you have to pay for additional services (camp and canoe rental, and vehicle shuttle).
  4. From the CGRMP office in the town of Matapédia, **travel north 8 km** on Route 132. **Turn left** onto Route 1 at the bridge at Saint-Alexis.
  5. From the bridge at Saint-Alexis, **keep your right** on Route 1 (rue de l'Immaculée) and **travel 13.5 km** to St-François d'Assise. **Turn left** at the flashing light ("Gaz Optimum" garage).
  6. **Travel 10 km** to L'Ascension-de-Patapédia. At the Stop sign by the SER Max convenience store, **turn left** on rang de l'Église sud.
  7. **Travel 0.1 km** (100 m). **Turn right** on route Du Pin-Rouge (Route 1 South).
  8. **Travel 3 km** to where the road makes a big curve. Take the gravel road on your "**middle left**" where you see the sign: "Réserve faunique des Rivières Matapédia et Patapédia" (Route 1 South). Do not stay on Pin-Rouge South (to your extreme left), nor on Pin-Rouge North (to your right).
  9. **Travel another 10 km** on this section of Route 1 South, until you reach an intersection. At this intersection, **keep to your right**, still on Route 1 South, towards the 7 Mile and the 23 Mile camps. If you take a left turn that will bring you to the 2 Mile Landing (Daily Crown Reserve) at the bottom of the stretch (approx. 12 km).
  10. **Travel 3.3 km** and you will encounter the intersection of Route 1 and Route 13. **Turn right** onto Route 13. Do not take a left turn on Route 1. That will bring you to the 7 Mile camp on a road that is very rough with a steep hill, and which absolutely requires a 4X4 vehicle.
  11. **Travel 11 km** on Route 13 to the intersection with Route 2 and Route 22. **Turn left** onto Route 22 South to the 7 Mile camp.
  12. **Travel 14 km** on Route 22 South to the 7 Mile camp and its boat launching site.

## **EXIT**

- Distances given are approximate and may not correspond exactly to the reading on your odometer.
  - From the 7 Mile camp and boat landing site to Campbellton, expect approximately a **2-hour** drive.
1. From the 7 Mile camp, take the left Route 22 North and **travel 10 km**. (Do not take the right Route 1 North. This section of road is in a very bad shape and recommended only for 4X4 vehicles.) You will arrive at an intersection with a road leading to the 19 Mile camp. **Stay on Route 22 North**.
  2. **Travel another 4.3 km** to the intersection with Routes 2 and 13 described in Step 11. **Turn right** on Route 13. (From here on, you will be following directions in reverse from your way coming in.)
  3. **Travel 11 km**. You will arrive at the intersection with the other road to the 7 Mile camp. **Turn left** on Route 1 North.
  4. **Travel 3,3 km**. You will arrive at the intersection with the road to the 2 Mile landing. **Keep your left** on Route 1 North.
  5. **Travel another 10 km**, until you leave the woods on route Du Pin-Rouge. **Take the “right center”** (still on Route 1 North) to L’Ascension-de-Patapédia.
  6. **Travel 3 km. Turn left** on rang de l’Église.
  7. **Travel 0,1 km** (100 m). At the SER Max convenience store, **turn right** to St-François d’Assise.
  8. **Travel 10 km. Turn right** at the flashing light (“Gaz Optimum” garage).
  9. **Travel 13.5 km** to the Saint-Alexis bridge.
  10. **Cross the bridge and turn right**, towards Matapédia.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

- A camp operated by Quebec is available at the 7 Mile site. For information on camp fees and amenities or to make a reservation, visit or call the CGRMP office in Matapédia at 1-418-865-2080 or in Causapscal at 1-888-730-6174.
- Anglers not using the Québec camp must bring their own shelter and cooking gear.
- Water: no running water. **Anglers must provide their own drinking water.**
- Firewood is not provided. It is recommended that only kiln dried firewood be brought to Crown Reserve to minimize the risk of spreading invasive insects and disease. If using firewood that has not been kiln dried, buy it locally (as close to your destination as possible), burn it all on site and do not bring any remaining firewood home.
- Garbage removal is the angler’s responsibility. Littering is strictly prohibited.

## **VEHICLE SHUTTLE and CANOE RENTAL**

- Contact the CGRMP office for information on vehicle shuttle and canoe rental services including applicable fees.

## **REGULATIONS**

- For information on current salmon conservation measures such as live release requirements, visit the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada website.
- General angling regulations for New Brunswick are in effect. Consult the *Fish* book for additional information.