

NORTH BRANCH KEDGWICK

DESCRIPTION

- Location: North Branch Kedgwick River
- Stretch type: Regular Crown Reserve
- Stretch length: 17 kilometres
- Number of named pools: 12
- River width: 10-30 metres
- River bottom: Gravel, rock, and ledge
- Additional information: Pools can be accessed by canoe in moderate to high water conditions. Non-motorized canoe is recommended. Falls at Falls Pool can be portaged. Note rapids at Lady Step and Devils Elbow. Canoeing experience is advised. Three major pools near camp may be accessed by foot trails: one leads from camp to lowermost pool, one leads from forest clearing 100 m above camp to uppermost pool. These three pools can be fished on foot, but canoe will provide better casting opportunity. There is one canoe landing upstream on Gin Creek road and one downstream immediately on the right after crossing the Belle Kedgwick (100 m past camp turn off).

ACCESS:

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

Option 1 (From Kedgwick) (Yellow route on map)

1. From the intersection of Route 17 and Route 265 on the outskirts of Kedgwick, travel 2.6 km on Route 265 to the four-way intersection. Turn left at intersection and continue on Route 265.
2. From the four-way intersection of Route 265, travel 10 km on Route 265 to the Montgomery Bridge crossing the Little Main Restigouche River.
3. From the Montgomery Bridge, travel 60 meters, then bear right onto the Kedgwick River Road (dirt road).
4. Travel 10.9 km on the Kedgwick River Road to the Falls Brook crossing.
5. From the Falls Brook crossing, travel 2.7 km on the Kedgwick River Road to intersection. Bear right.
6. From intersection, travel 17.3 km on the Kedgwick River Road, and bear left at Y in road at Rapids Depot.
7. From the Y in road at Rapids Depot, travel 14.5 km. Bear right at the Y onto Camp 28 road.
8. Travel 3 km on Camp 28 road to South Branch Kedgwick River crossing.
9. From the South Branch Kedgwick River crossing, travel 7 km to intersection with North Branch Camp road (approximately 100 m before Belle Kedgwick River crossing). Turn right.
10. Travel 450 m on North Branch Camp Road to camp on left.

OR

Option 2 (From Edmundston) (Green route on map)

1. From Exit 16 off Trans-Canada Highway in Edmundston, turn left onto Carrier Street and continue to traffic lights at intersection (T) with Victoria Street. Turn right and travel approximately 0.8 km to Olivier Boucher Road. Turn right.
2. On Olivier Boucher Road, travel 2.2 km and cross Iroquois River. Continue an additional 10 km to Y in road.
3. At Y in road, bear right. Travel 100m and cross steel bridge over Green River. Continue 340 m to Y in road at Second Falls.
4. At Y in road at Second Falls, bear right. Pass Acadian Timber tree nursery. Road changes from tar to dirt. Travel 19.6 km to Y with Gounamitz Road. Bear right.
5. On Gounamitz Road, travel 17.6 km to Y with Camp 69 road, immediately after crossing North Branch Gounamitz River bridge. Bear left.

6. On Camp 69 road, travel 28.4 km to T with Rapids Depot Road. Turn left.
7. On Rapids Depot Road, travel 1.5 km. Bear right at the Y onto Camp 28 road.

At this point, continue with item 8 under Access Option 1 (from Kedgwick).

NOTE: to access upper part of stretch from North Branch Camp (Brown route on map):

1. Travel back to Camp 28 road. Turn right. Travel 100 m to Belle Kedgwick River crossing.
2. From the Belle Kedgwick River crossing, travel 6.4 km to the Y in Camp 28 road. Bear right.
3. From the Y in Camp 28 road, travel 3.4 km to intersection with Gin Creek Road. Turn right onto Gin Creek Road.
4. Travel 2.7 km on Gin Creek Road to the North Branch Kedgwick River.

ACCOMODATIONS

- Camp: accommodates four (4) people
- Beds: two (2) bunks with mattresses
- Water: no running water. **Anglers must provide their own drinking water.**
- Incidentals: all equipment not listed above is responsibility of the angler
- 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.

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.