

BATTLE RIVER PADDLE GUIDE: CAMROSE SOUTH

Ross' Flats at Duhamel (Hwy 21) to Aberhart Bridge

#PaddleTheBattle



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Why Go?

This is a must do for everyone who wants to Paddle the Battle. The route is about 18km, which we did in 3 hours (including breaks) during spring runoff. There are no obstructions along the route and no rapids (small ones do occur other places) so this is also a great route for families.



Aberhart Bridge

Know Before You Go

This is a good route to do in the spring when the water is flowing. Having some current to help push you along will help during the twists and turns. Although you are somewhat sheltered from wind, a strong wind can feel difficult to paddle into, so try to go out on a calm day.

As you near the end, you will see a few houses (named Ferlow Junction) on the north slope, and cross under a railroad bridge. Here you are at the confluence of the Stoney Creek into the Battle. Once you see the Aberhart Bridge, you still have about 1 hour to paddle. There are large meanders here!



Plant and Animal Life

In the spring the river tends to flood over the land upstream of Aberhart Bridge, and large flocks of geese land here, especially in spring and fall during migration. In addition, pelicans are often spotted in the area, as well as the stunning and graceful trumpeter swan. As you paddle watch for beaver lodges made into the sides of the bank, and muskrat houses in the cattails. We have also found bones along here, once bringing home a deer skull!



Local Attractions

Migratory Birds

Between the Aberhart Bridge and the city of Camrose lies two lesser-appreciated bird watching hot spots that provide unique habitat for our feathered friends: the lagoon and the landfill. Both of these locations are known by local birders as a great place to find less common species in the watershed.



Dried Meat Lake

Just past Aberhart Bridge is the beginning of Dried Meat Lake. Check out our Guide to that paddle for more details.

Please use discretion when choosing a paddling route. You are expected to follow all traffic and boating laws, be aware of weather, respect private property, and assess hazards before going out. Prepare to be out longer than expected- bring extra food, water, and lights. The Battle River Watershed Alliance holds no responsibility for injuries or damage sustained on your paddle.



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