

# BATTLE RIVER PADDLE GUIDE: FERRY POINT REACH

Edberg Weir (Hwy 56) to Ferry Point Campground

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## Why Go?

There are very few meanders along this section of river! If you want a "straight-forward" paddle, this is as good as you will get on the Battle. The river is wide and maintains a good level of flow long into the summer. The reach is about 12km long, so plan to be on the water for 3-5 hours, depending on the flow. The shuttle between put-in and take-out is only about 15 min.



## Know Before You Go

There is a No Boating sign at the weir. We've checked with the GOA and have approval that people are able to put in here, just do not try to go over the weir (or even go near it!)

The BRWA did a riparian restoration program along here in 2014 to support landowners in keeping cattle out of the river. Although many folks participated, you will still see a lot of cows drinking from the water. Try not to splash it in your mouth and wash your hands before eating.

If you need to get a bite to eat after you take-out, try the Double Dam Golf Course!



## Plant and Animal Life

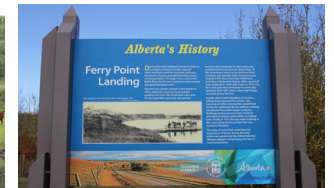
The weir at the start of this stretch changes the aquatic ecosystem in just the right way to create a birdwatchers paradise! Unlike a dam, the weir allows some water to pass by, creating fast flowing water that freezes later than other parts of the river. For this reason, fishing birds like bald eagles frequent this spot for an easy spring or fall meal. In the summer, fish begin traveling through the river to spawn, and sometimes encounter a lineup at the fish ladder- their only entrance into Dried Meat Lake. This attracts birds galore! A great blue heron is known to frequent the weir, can you spot him?



## Local Attractions

### Ferry Point Campground

A ferry boat to transport people and goods across the river was established here in 1902. There was a small but vibrant community here, until the railway boom drew people to towns along rail lines. There is a small campground with a playground, picnic shelter, washrooms, and campsites available seasonally.



### Meeting Creek

The Railway Station and Grain Elevator are both historical landmarks and volunteers have worked hard to maintain their original charm and create exhibits. Call 780-672-3099 for guided tours. There is also the Linear Park Trails, 2 km trail surrounded by native prairie complete with a labyrinth and interpretive signs.

*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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