

# BATTLE RIVER PADDLE GUIDE: BURMA BENDS ROUTE

Battle River from Burma Park (N. of Brownfield) to Twp Rd 405A

#PaddleTheBattle



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## Why Go?

Being in the far south-east reaches of the main stem of the Battle River gives a beautiful perspective to how the watershed changes across its wide span.

This route is ~29km long. It took us about 4.5 hours of paddling time. In total we were on the water for 6.5 hours to include lunch and snack breaks and a big hike. You pass under transmission line approx 8km in.

Locals call the large hill at approx 15-18 km in "The Butte". It is a worthwhile viewpoint,



## Local Attractions

**Burma Park**, on the banks of the Battle River is a picture-perfect campground. The site features plug-in and non-powered camp sites, baseball diamonds, a playground, flush toilets, and shower facilities. There is free firewood and a camp kitchen. You will be well looked after by the caretaker Hughy. Call 403-578-4040 for bookings.



## Plant and Animal Life

This route is a prairie birders dream. We saw or heard 50 bird species on our trip (we were with a biologist. an untrained ear may not ID as many).

The Spotted Sandpiper was a regular sight. They stand on the sandy banks to find and eat invertebrates. We also saw a variety of waterfowl, Great Blue Herons, swallows, sparrows, warblers, hawks, and at least two Bald Eagles. The take-out bridge has a huge Cliff Swallow population.

We saw a lot of beaver activity including some of their broad behinds as they splashed into the water - one even making a belly flop from a high bank. Beaver runs (where they bring their food to the water) was a common sight. Watch for their lodges, hollowed into the bank and covered with branches.

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## Know Before You Go

To complete the route, leave a vehicle on Twp Rd 405A (from Twp Rd 410). On Google Maps there appears to be an earlier bridge on Range Road 94A, however that access road does not reach all the way to the river and is not visible from the water.

The banks along this whole stretch are sandy/muddy. Getting in and out of your boat can be a challenge as you sink into the mud. Be prepared to get your shoes or feet dirty. You can always rinse them off once you're in your boat!

There is a water monitoring station at the put-in location. To find out real time water levels and flow, check the Government of Canada site [wateroffice.ec.gc.ca](http://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca). Click "Real-time hydrometric data" and search by map or station number 05FC008.

*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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