

3 Hours – Iron Pin Trip – 6 Miles
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6 Hours – Little West Trip – Approximately 12 Miles

A Soaring Eagle Outfitters staff member will put you in at the Forsyth Township Canoe Launch site where you will begin your trip down the Escanaba River. In about 10-15 minutes, the Middle Branch and East Branch River's meet. In 40-50 minutes you will go under a swinging chair. In another 40-50 minutes, you will see on your left side, high power lines. More power lines will cross the river in approx. 50-60 minutes. On the left side after the Power Lines you will see the Iron Pin boat landing. You are at the half-way point of your trip. After another 1 ½ hours, you will see on your right, the where the Big West Creek enters the Escanaba River. You have about 50-60 minutes left on your trip. Watch for the Little West Road on your Right, this is where you will exit the River, where a member of the Soaring Eagle Outfitters staff will meet you and bring you back to our headquarters.

8-10 Hours – Boney Falls Trip – 30 Miles

A Soaring Eagle Outfitters staff member will transport you to the access site. The Escanaba River from Gwinn south to Boney Falls offers a Northwood's paddling adventure that can be a day trip or overnight experience. The river flows on the Precambrian shield, with rugged outcroppings of rock, sheer cliffs, towering hardwood forests, and pine plains. It can be a moderately swift flowing river especially early in the spring run-off and slows down as the summer progresses. This is a great trip to get close to nature and experience the outdoors. Wildlife such as white-tail deer, eagles, sandhill cranes, beaver, foxes, ducks, and black bear abound in this area. Excellent fishing opportunities. Being one of the best Michigan rivers for trout the Escanaba and its tributaries offer a varied and challenging experience.

