

Beaver River

This gentle flowing river is perfect for novice paddlers. Carved through a pre-glacial valley, the route offers some of the most spectacular scenery to be found in Southern Ontario including panoramic views of the Niagara Escarpment and the surrounding countryside. Along the way, the river valley provides excellent habitat for a wide variety of birds including green herons, great horned owls and waterfowl as well as white-tailed deer, muskrats and beaver.

Heathcote to Slabtown (Access Point # 3 - 4)

3 km / 1 hour
Small rapids and eddies may be encountered in this section. Once in Slabtown, disembark on the left (west) bank before the town dam.

Epping to Heathcote (Access Point # 2 - 3)

5 km / 2 hours
Paddlers will find this stretch of the river beautiful, wild and winding. The tree canopy opens up considerably. This stretch of the river is ideal for families although a few swift currents may be encountered depending on water levels and season. For paddlers completing their journey in Heathcote, note the dock on the right (south) side of the river prior to the bridge.

Kimberley to Epping (Access Point # 1 - 2)

10 km / 2-3 hours
This stretch of the River is rugged and scenic. Mature trees along the banks completely envelope the river in some locations, making it seem as if you are paddling in wilderness. Paddlers should be aware of possible debris, log jams and beaver dams around which you may need to make short portages.

Fishing The Beaver

Sport fishing opportunities are excellent for Rainbow and Brown Trout. Ardent fly fishers are a common sight along the river's upper reaches.

