

WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

CHIPUXET AND PAWCATUCK RIVERS: TAYLOR'S LANDING TO BISCUIT CITY LANDING



LEVEL	Intermediate/Advanced
START	Taylor's Landing, Rt. 138, Kingston
END	Biscuit City Landing, Biscuit City Rd, Richmond
RIVER MILES	7.5 - 8 miles
TIME	6 - 7 hours
DESCRIPTION	Flat water, no portages, very narrow/sinuous
SCENERY	Forest, forested wetland, open marshland, open water
ACCESS	DEM Fishing Accesses

MAP LEGEND

- WATER ACCESS
- WATER
- POINTS OF INTEREST
- ROADS
- CONSERVATION LAND
- PARKING

2) Worden Pond to Biscuit City Landing (2.5 miles)

Put in at the DEM fishing access on Worden Pond Rd. Paddle west about 2 miles along the south shore, looking for the entrance to the Pawcatuck 5 (see paragraph at left). The crossing can be rough. Once in the river the swamp surrounds you. The current is steady but the channel is narrow and very, very sinuous. Beware of overhanging poison ivy. At about 3 miles the Usquepaugh River enters from the right doubling the flow. 7 Follow along the railroad embankment several hundred yards. Paddle up the backwater, pass under the railroad tracks, and *take out* at the DEM fishing access.

1) Taylor's Landing to Worden Pond (About 5 miles)

Put in at Taylor's Landing in Kingston, on the south side of Rt. 138 just west of the Rt. 110 traffic signal. Take care to avoid poison ivy at the beginning of the paddle. In about 1 mile, the South County Bike Path passes overhead. The narrow stream winds through the open marshland of the Great Swamp Management Area 2 for about 4 miles to Worden Pond. If you plan to *take out*, keep along the east side of the pond for about 2 miles (usually against a strong SW wind). *Take out* at the DEM fishing access on Worden Pond Rd.

To continue to the Pawcatuck River from the mouth of the Chipuxet, follow the north shore of Worden Pond to the Stony Point camp site. 4 From there go west across open water. The obscure entrance to the Pawcatuck 5 lies in the cove south of Case Point, 6 about 0.3 mile north of the last cottage. If you come in sight of the old seaplane hanger you are too far north. This two-mile crossing can be difficult against a strong west wind.