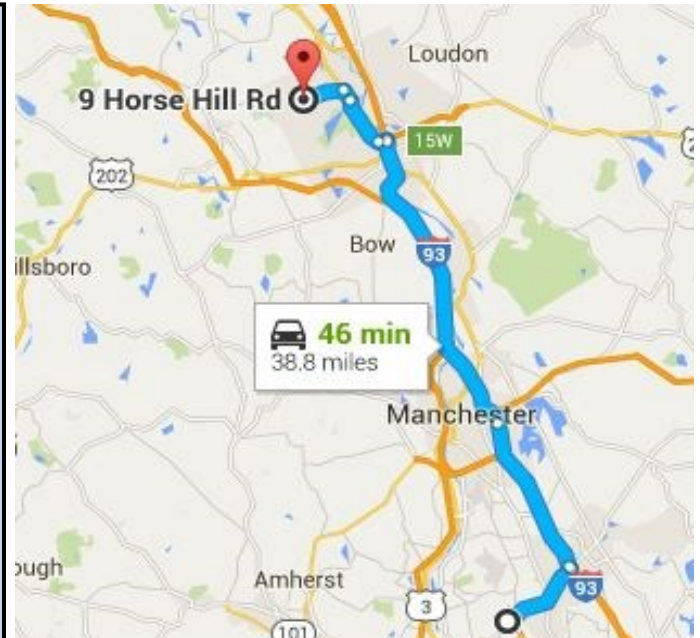




Merrimack River—Concord NH

Quick Facts

Distance: 46 miles (~45 mins)
Convenience: Good
Restrictions: Open Jun 1 thru Sep 1
Parking: Excellent
Ease of Launch: Excellent— (See below)
Wind Factor: None— Great in any conditions
Nature: Very Good—Mostly natural shoreline
Est. Time: Allow 2—3 hours
Traffic: Minimal year round
Other Interests: Boat rentals and transportation



Observations:

Kris and I enjoyed our cruise down the lazy Merrimack river from Bow to Concord. We drove to [Contoocook Canoe & Kayak Co](#) in Concord NH. They rent kayaks and will transport you and either a rented boat or your own for a modest fee. They will drop you off either 5 or 10 miles up river. The longer one will take 3-5 hrs depending on your pace and stops along the way. The 5 mile trip will take 2-3 hrs. The river's current is very slow but strong enough that you can just drift and soak up the sun and nature and let the current drift take you. We stopped along the way to picnic on some sandy beaches. It was a hot day and we wished we had our swim suits as the water looked very refreshing. We saw a bald eagle and a lot of other wildlife along the banks. You paddle down to their dock. This would be a great tip to do with other boating enthusiasts. The Contoocook Co proprietors could not have been more helpful. They also give lessons and sell equipment. I encourage everyone to experience this at least once!



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Directions

Exit HW on RT 102. Go left on Rt 102 and follow to Rt 93 N. Take 93N to Concord at exit 15W Rt 202 west. At end of road take right on Rt 3. Go 3.6 mi and take left on Bog Rd. Follow 2.2 miles and you will see Contoocook Canoe Company on your right. Just park in the grass lot. Go into Barn where the store is located. Have FUN!