

Pontook Dam (Up-Stream of Dam) Coordinates: 44; 38'; 00.60" 71; 14'; 57.78"

Location: Dummer, New Hampshire. The site is directly off of Route 16, between Milan and Errol, NH.

Owner: Brookfield Power Manager: Brookfield Power

Launch facilities:

Upstream: Concrete ramp suitable for trailered boats and in good condition.

Downstream: Gravel slope to gravel beach.

Portage: Easy walk about 250 feet through park

Miles to downstream access: 2.5 miles

Parking:

There is excellent parking in two lots; one gravel and one asphalt

Amenities:

Toilets (seasonal) Information kiosks Land trails

Water Conditions:

Upstream: River Bottom in immediate area is muddy with sunken logs, pulp wood and stumps. The calm water is moderately shallow. Paddling upstream on dam pond is possible but area general used as takeout.

Downstream: The River Bottom is gravel and rocks. There is fast current at launch site and rapids downstream. Can be half mile of Class II whitewater downstream during periods of high flow or during dam releases. (possibly Class III depending on base flow at time of release). Release times are posted at large kiosk at site.

General Comments:

A hiking path along the river leads downriver to Bofinger Conservation Area. This is currently the most southern site on the Androscoggin River of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail. The NFCT is improving hiking path from Pontook

to the area near the intersection of Routes 16 and 110.

Large grass area for picnics and small group activities.

