<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/hmnf/passes-permits/recreation>

**Pine and Pere Marquette River Watercraft Permits**

Watercraft permits for the Pine and Pere Marquette Rivers are now on-line at [**www.Recreation.gov**](http://www.recreation.gov/) or by calling 1-877-444-6777.  You can begin making reservations for the permit season (Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend) beginning January 2 at 12:01 a.m.. until the Monday after Labor Day each year.

**Tips:**

* When searching on-line at Recreation.gov use one of these phrases to get to the right river:
  + “Pine National Scenic River Watercraft Permits”  "Pine River Permits" "Pine River Watercraft" "watercraft permits" "river permit" "river permit pine river"
  + “Pere Marquette National Scenic River Watercraft Permits" "Pere Marquette Permits" "Pere Marquette Watercraft" "watercraft permits" "river permit pere marquette"
* When calling the call center at Recreation.gov, select option 2 to reach the desk for the watercraft permits.
* You can print a copy of the permit to a pdf and keep it on your phone instead of printing a paper version.  You will need to have your phone on you during your trip so you can show you have your permit if you are asked.
* You have to print the permit, on paper or as a pdf, for the permit to be considered issued, the confirmation email will not be accepted as proof of a permit.

**Reservation Information:**

1. Permits are $2.00 per watercraft, per day.  There is a $6.00 transaction fee for each reservation made.
2. A maximum of 4 reserved trip dates with up to 8 watercraft per day, at one time, including one holiday weekend, per person will be allowed.
3. Permits may be obtained on the same day you plan to take a river trip.  Keep in mind, opportunities for obtaining a permit the day of your trip may be limited, particularly for weekends, holidays, or on certain stretches of the Pere Marquette River.