Overview: The Nulhegan Gorge can be challenging to navigate. We are working with landowners to establish a more straightforward route to get around the gorge. In the meantime, navigation through the gorge requires two small portages (under high and low water conditions you will likely need to do two, when you can navigate the rocky section one will be required around the gorge) and a short ferry across the river.

Site Information: During high waters you will encounter a flat stretch of what can typically be classified as Class 1-2 waters just above the gorge, in low waters, this area is very rocky and hard to navigate. On river right you will find the Silvio O. Conte Nature Trail, installed by the Northwoods Stewardship Center. You can access this trail (currently there is not a formal take-out or portage signage) and use the corridor to portage around or scout this area. When you put back in you will be in view of the railroad bridge. You will need to ferry across this section. Depending on the water conditions, you may need to line on the shore for a short distance. The take out allowing portage around the section of the gorge that can be Class 3-4 waters is on river left, just downstream of the railroad bridge. The portage around the gorge has a tendency to become grown-in. The NFCT annual maintains this corridor, but we have noticed that signage has a tendency to disappear.
View approaching the rocky section near the Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge Nature Trail.

Getting ready to ferry across the Nulhegan River to the Moore Portage around the lower gorge.
The NFCT works to maintain landowner agreements and maintain the access, portage, and campsites along the 740-mile trail corridor. Please become a member or give to the Trail Fund to keep the Trail alive.