NFCN Trail Update

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Date of Update: 3-18-2018
Location: Stone Dam Rapids Carry and Nulhegan Hut
Waterbody: Nulhegan River
Town: Bloomfield, VT

The Stone Dam Rapids are a Class III section of whitewater that begins soon after the Rt 105 bridge. Rocky and continuous, with several pinning hazards, it is generally not suitable for open boats. NFCT Maps suggest paddlers carry along Rt 105 to the East Branch of the Nulhegan and paddle or line to the main stem. Unfortunatelly the East Branch is generally to shallow to paddle and lining boats here can be a shin bruising and ankle turning affair.

The Vermont River Conservancy has conserved a 70 acre parcel at the confluence of the main stem just upstream of the east branch. The end of the portage has been rerouted on this property. Depending on water levels and abilitieis, paddlers can either put-in at an access near the road, or carry along a walking path to spots further downstream. Follow signs along a mowed path to the river. Note: during summer months, expect shallow waters until the confluence with the east branch, and the need for some boat draggin in the riffles that follow. Many through paddlers choose to portage this whole stretch.

A campsite and timber framed hut has been established on the site by the Vermont River Conservancy, the Northern Forest Canoe Trail, and other partners. The hut is a great place to get away from bugs and dry-off! For more information, visit http://www.vermontriverconservancy.org/completed-projects/nulhegan-hut-and-trails

Paddlers seeking to stay in the hut are asked to contact the Vermont River Conservancy in advance at (802) 229-0820 or e-mail info@vermontriverconservancy.org to obtain the key code.
Figure 1. Route On Map

Figure 2. New route and hut location
Figure 3. Nullhegan Hut

Figure 4. Inside hut