

# Segment 5

## Susan Creek to Cable Crossing

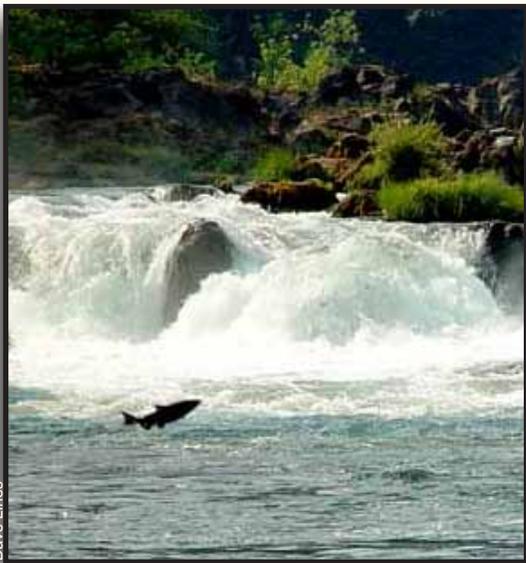
Length: 6 River Miles Float Time: 3-4 Hours

Avoid floating 6 pm to 10 am, July - October 31

Whitewater enthusiasts looking for an easier run may enjoy this segment. There are only two Class III rapids and five Class II+ rapids. The launch site is just down river from Susan Creek Day-use Area, and the take-out is at Cable Crossing.

**Do not float below Cable Crossing. Deadline Falls is a dangerous Class V rapids with a keeper undercurrent.**

Visitors to the Deadline Falls Watchable Wildlife Site may see anadromous salmon and steelhead jumping the falls as they make their way to the spawning grounds from May through November. The Rock Creek Fish Hatchery produces nearly a million salmon and steelhead trout annually for release into local rivers and lakes.



Deadline Falls



Swiftwater Success!

### Fishing

Fly-fishing-only regulations for steelhead and trout apply to this segment upstream from Deadline Falls. Downriver from Deadline Falls where a yellow line is painted on the rocks, thousands of anglers try their luck year-round to catch steelhead, Chinook, and Coho salmon with lures and bait. Several day-use areas accommodate users, offering access to the river for fishing or a picnic.

### Segment 5 Rapids - Class III and Above

Rapid	Backpaddlers Guide Suggested Approach
 <b>Upper Baker</b>	River right of tree in river, turning left into rapid. Go through small gap between rock on right and submerged rock on left. Once through gap, drop into hole, getting hit from left with whitewater. Maneuver is difficult (afternoon sun blinds you to approach). Left turn is difficult to see and many rafters go wide to the right and avoid a rocky grounding.
 <b>Baker Falls</b>	Right river center. Lining right side of your raft up with barely visible froth of water on right should guide you into correct position for drop. No other visible position marks. Come in slow and easy, last second course change is almost impossible. Position for rescue throw bags are close and available on right back at bottom of falls in slow, clockwise whirlpool. Kayak portage is easy around left side of falls on left bank, raft portage nearly impossible.  <i>Scouting is a must as the prescribed drop is only about 6 to 8 feet wide. Perilous unseen boulders are on the right and a pour-over ledge, capable of flipping a raft, shoots off the left side of the falls. Below is a boil and hydraulic that may high-side a raft or roll a kayak.</i>

Classifications, names of segment rapids and suggested approaches are adapted with permission from the *Backpaddlers Guide to the North Umpqua River*, by Ralph Corliss and Richard Chase, Walk on Water Publishing, Glide, Oregon.

