

Niagara River Drifting

Baker Creek > Black Creek > Boyer's Creek



Baker Creek to Black Creek

Enter the water at the parking lot just downstream of Baker Creek. This area of the river will have you drifting in about 20ft of water. A surface marker/ diver flag is recommended due to the boat traffic. The current is mild in this area as the river curves and the faster flow is toward the US side of the river. The speed can vary but generally takes about 30-40 minutes to cover the 1.1km distance to the exit at Black Creek if you are toward the Canadian side.. The exit is just past the entrance of Black Creek into the Niagara. The bridge on the Niagara Parkway over Black Creek can be seen from the river to indicate location from the water. The parking lot here also has a boat launch for personal watercraft so due not swim into this area underwater. The shallow shoreline has a loose sediment bottom so it is best to swim toward the shoreline on the surface and remove your fins as close as you can get without stirring up the bottom.

Hazards :

- This is a drift dive and as visibility can change buddy separation can happen.
- There is also heavy pleasure and fishing boat traffic in this area during the summer months so a "Diver Down" float or deploy-able surface marker should be used.
- The boat launch at the exit makes swimming underwater in this area hazardous. You should surface and swim in on the surface.

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Black Creek to Boyer's Creek

The current from Black Creek to Boyer's is a little faster as the river straightens out. You enter the water at Black Creek in the same location you exited at coming from Baker Creek.

This diver is a little longer as you are covering 2.3km. If you find the middle of the river the dive will last about 45 minutes. If you spend time in the slower shallows nearer the shore it will take longer.

It is best to start the dive by swimming out from shore on the surface and descending 50-100ft out. This should get you away from the loose sediment bottom. If you descend and it is still loose sediment swim further out trying to stay off the bottom. This will also get you out toward the main current that will take you drifting downstream near the center of the river.

We advise divers to use a "Diver-Below" float

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