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River Stage information: www.erh.noaa.gov/dpfl
Water levels of Pine Creek can be obtained from the U.S. Weather Service by calling (814) 234-9861. The
minimum “no scavenging” water depths for Pine Creek are:

Ansonia to Blackwell - 3.0 feet
Blackwell to Cammal - 3.0 feet
Cammal to Waterville - 2.8 feet
Waterville to Route 220 - 2.5 feet

These readings are part. (PFD) found and may change on a year-to-year basis. During high water large waves capable of swamping
open boats may develop at a number of locations.

Pine Creek, from Ansonia to Blackwell, is classified as Class III
water with frequent rapids and swift flowing water.

Creek conditions can also be determined from the gauge on the
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canoeing should only be undertaken with great caution. On the
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Pine Creek Gorge affords the whitewater enthusiast a real
challenge during high water conditions. In normal years, this would be in
April and early May. Scenery along this route is rugged and unpolluted.

CAUTION: A single paddler should not attempt this section alone. The
only access to Pine Creek between Tidioute and Blackwell is from
the railroad grade.

Please help us maintain the natural character of Pine Creek. Our
state laws prohibit littering, but many people still litter our stream sides.
Help keep Pine Creek litter free, pull out a bag of trash. Remember the
natural beauty that you have seen, leave it unspoiled for those who
follow in your wake.

Be considerate of fishermen you encounter. Where possible, pass
behind them. Otherwise, allow them as wide a berth as stream
conditions permit.

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