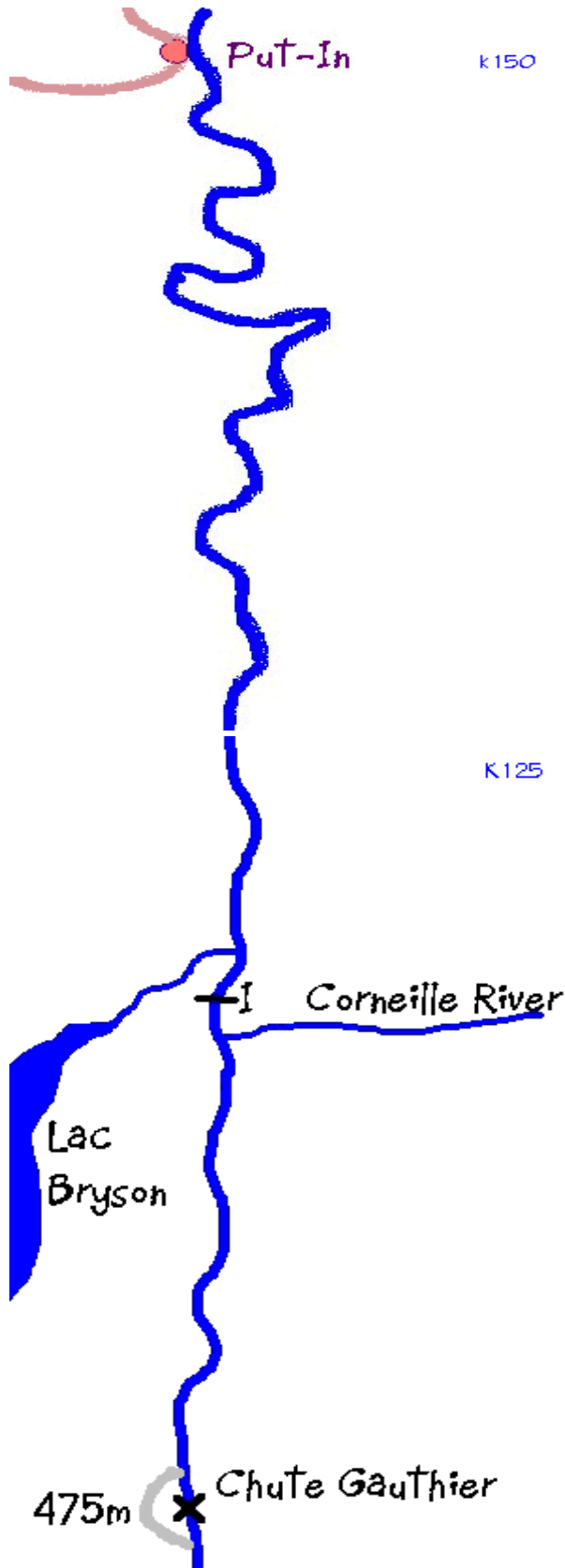


# The Coulonge River Route (Lower Half)

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Put in near an abandoned lumber camp at K150 on the river. If you arrive after dark (not recommended) there's a serviceable campsite here. Otherwise, a short paddle offers a variety of open and sandy sites.

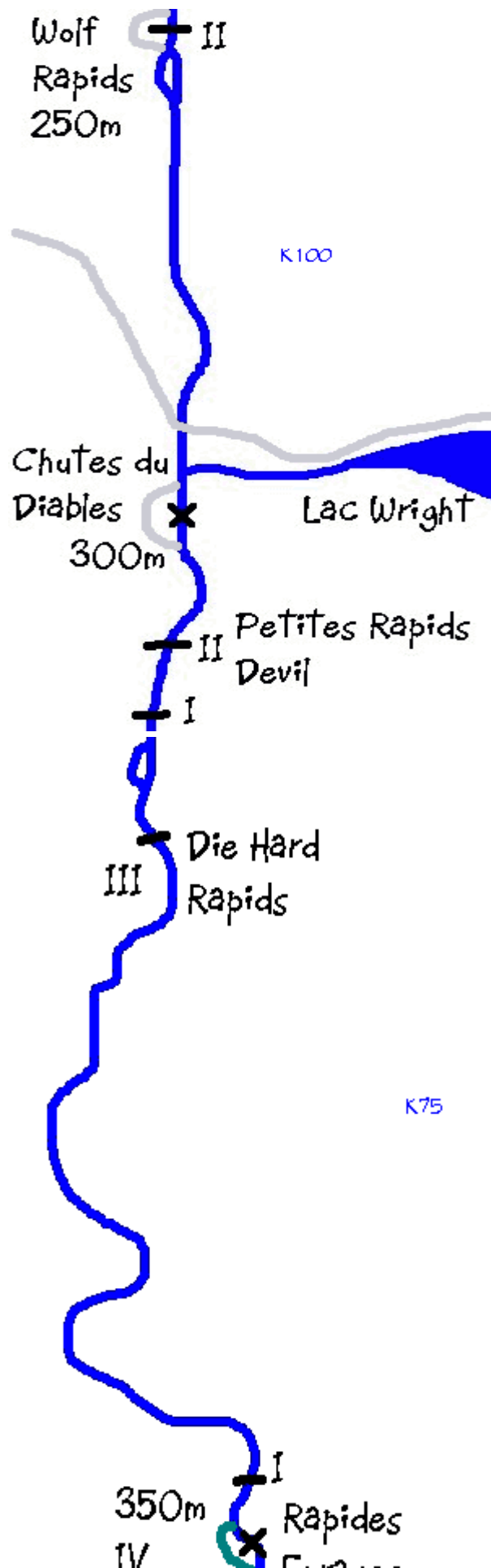
Slow water. Lots of meanders, sandy banks and bluffs, for the next 15k. One of the best stretches for big animal sightings.

A decent coldwater spring on the right bank at K127.

The river gathers speed as it approaches the confluence with the Corneille. Swifts and shallow Class I's for a few K. The campsite at the confluence is one of the best on the river.

Shallow swifts, on and off, for several K.

A brief French lesson: Chutes means Falls. Exercise caution accordingly. Gauthier is a double set of falls with some tricky stuff in between. The bottom falls are particularly impressive. 🚧



Wolf Rapids are a straightforward centre run.

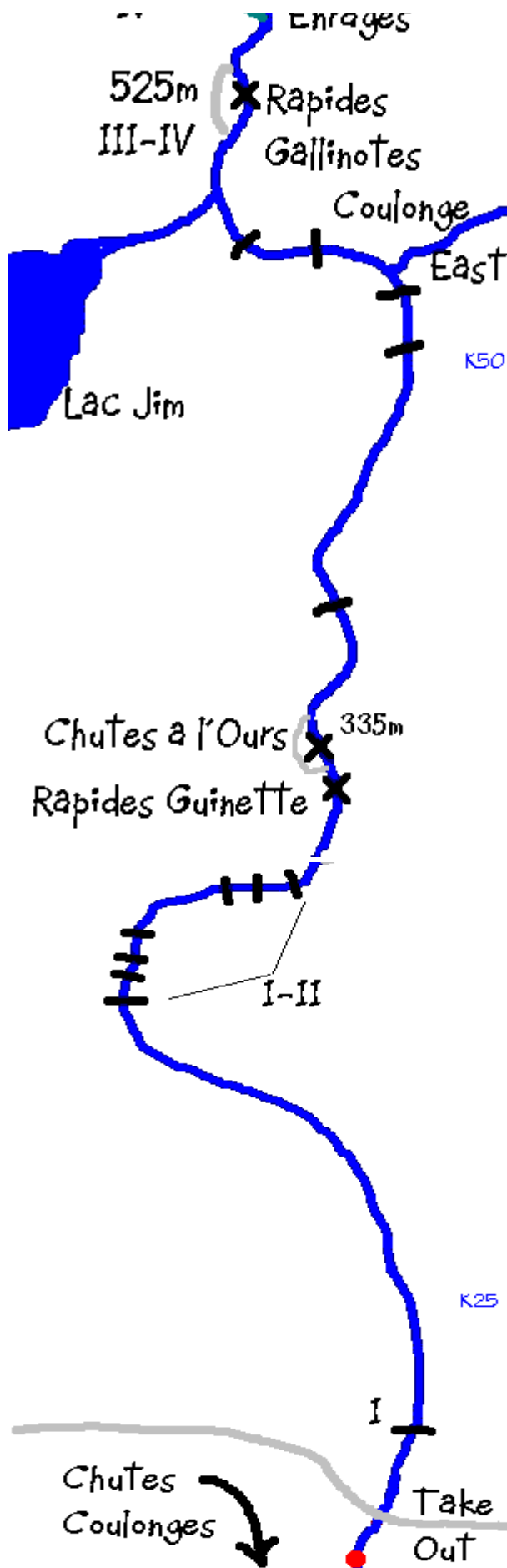
Paddle slowly up to Chute du Diable, stretch your legs, and enjoy the view! Many artifacts from the logging days ... a massive deflection wall with tons of wood debris behind it, iron spikes and rings anchored in rock for the booms. 🛠️

Petites Rapides Devil is short and fairly straightforward. Keep your line (right side) and watch for that last boulder and accompanying haystack.

The first section (Class III) of Die Hard rapids can be lined on the right. The bottom section is Class II -- ferry to centre and enjoy the big waves.

When the water's high enough, as it was in '98, there's a great set of Class II rapids just below Rapides Enrages with ledges, haystacks, holes, and eddies -- all you need for a few hours of fun while honing your skills. A bit of a rock garden at low water -- just shoot the left bank 🛠️

Excellent coldwater spring near the far end of the portage trail. portage trail..



Rapide Gallinotes has a set of falls at both the top and the bottom. The Class I between them can be safely run or lined. 🛶

A nice Class II roller coaster upstream of Chutes a l'Ours.

Nice campsite at Chutes a l'Ours (Bear Falls). 🛶

Rapides Guinette is a complex, kilometer long set of rapids which can be lined or run in any combination that suits your skills and temperament. Allegedly, there's a long portage on the left bank -- might be necessary in high water. Great campsite about halfway down. 🛶

After Guinette, there's a long run of Class I's and II's which, alone, are worth the price of admission. Great fun, and fastwater for the next 15k.

The take-out is just below the Terry Fox bridge, a few K above the falls (Chutes Coulonge).

Disclaimer: This map is a rough hand-made sketch -- I make no claims to accuracy, scale, etc., and I would **not** recommend running this river without the aid of REAL maps and/or detailed route descriptions such as those referred to on the RESOURCES page of this site