

Date: 27, 28 & 29 October 2013 (Friday to Sunday)

Rivers: Sungai Sedim Atas, Sungai Kampar

Time spent on the road: 22 hours

Time spent on the river: 4.5 hours

Time on road to time on river ratio: Terrible!!!

We left Singapore at about half past nine on Friday night and got to Kuala Lumpur at about two in the morning. We changed cars, loaded up, caught a little sleep and left Kuala Lumpur at 4am. We got to the take out at 9am, not that we needed 5 hours to get there, but we had car problem. Actually, even without the car trouble, we would still need 4 hours to get to the take out.



Anyway, here's a picture of my new boat sitting in my friend's shed in Kuala Lumpur. The Titan Exile, I am going to speculate that this is the cheapest creek boat out there, but also the bloody heaviest! I am sure that it weighs more than the Nomad 8.1 I took down the Franklin, which was fully loaded. The listed weight of the Titan Exile is 20kg, I swear it must have been at least 30kg. The dimensions of the Exile is similar to the Bliss Stick Tuna, go imagine.

The road to the put in was overgrown. That says a lot about how often this section of Sungai



Sedim is padded. Sungai = River, Sedim is the name, Atas = Upper. Picture of our guide clearing the road to the put in. Here's the



put in. The word has it that the state government has awarded exclusive rights to one operator to conduct white water paddling activities on Sungai Sedim and to help the operator, the government has put in a road for them. In return, the operator is solely responsible for all happens on the river.



Here's how the start looks like. But this section is really exciting. I reckon it's got more gradient than Big Bend. I was hazard a guess and say that the gradient is about 65m/km. It's full of sides and mini waterfalls.



That's Huzaini going down one of the many unnamed rapids.



Here's CK, another unnamed rapid.



The locals call it Triple Nightmare, but it more like a Triple Heaven, 2 slides followed

by a 2m drop.



Simply Heaven! Below is the slide which follows Triple Nightmare. That's not me paddling, I the guy standing in the background beside the yellow boat.





Does the cup look familiar Sam?



This reminds of the Notch on the Lea, but without the bend.



This is a straight forward grade 3 move. Ride of the wave coming off the wall on river right, shoot left and go between the boulder on the left of the picture and the wall. However, the challenge is to avoid the undercut on the right hand side of that boulder. It's not a serious undercut and so I was going to shoot it anyway. Furthermore I had a 30kg boat. Allegedly, I was the first person to paddle this rapid. A couple others followed, but ended in tears. I must be not too bad at paddling. Come on over, if you are after first decent bagging.

That's pretty much Sungai Sedim Atas. Steep and full of slides and drops.

On the next day, I had a go at Sungai Kampar. It was very mild compared to Sedim.





