

Northern Tas River Guide – Within 90 min of Launceston

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(To quickly convert ML/d to cumecs, divide by 100 and add 15%. To convert cumecs to ML/d, multiply by 100 and subtract 15%.)

Under (Grade) 3 Trips

River Section	Drive Time to Top/ Bottom (from LST)	Best Trips	Approx Duration	River Level				Controlled by Hydro?
				Low	Good	High	Where	
South Esk R Hadspen Rapid	15 min	Picnic Ground Rapid	N/A	Summer & <1300 ML/d at Cressy 24 hrs earlier	Summer & 1600-3000 ML/d at Cressy 24 hrs earlier Trevallyn <-1.0m	? Trevallyn >-0.8m	Macquarie Flow at Cressy Trevallyn Lake Level	Summer and Autumn
South Esk R Longford Weir	20 min	Surf Wave	N/A	<0.59m Summer & <2600 ML/d at Cressy 11 hrs earlier	0.6 to 0.7 m Summer & 3000-3500 ML/d at Cressy 11 hrs earlier	>0.71m >3900 ML/d at Cressy 11 hrs earlier	Longford BoM Northern Rivers Macquarie Flow at Cressy	Summer and Autumn
South Esk R Perth Mill (Triple Drop)	15 min	Park near Pump Stn Paddle across river and carry kayak upstream	N/A	<1.9	2 to 3.7m Main wave ideal at 2.5 to >3m Lower waves ideal up to 3.7m	>4	Perth BoM Northern Rivers	No
Macquarie R Woolmers to Longford	20 min to Bottom	Woolmers to Longford	2 hrs	No Flow OK	1700 to 3400 ML/d at Cressy 11 hrs earlier	>4300 ML/d at Cressy 11 hrs earlier	Macquarie Flow at Cressy	Summer and Autumn
Nile R Lower section	40 min to Bottom	English Town Rd, 1.8km from Deddington Rd to Bryants Lane bridge	2 hrs	<1	1.1 to 1.4	>1.7	Deddington BoM Northern Rivers	No
North Esk below Corra Linn	10 min to Bottom	To St Leonards	1.5 to 2 hrs	< 1.30	1.4 to 1.6	?	Corra Linn BoM Northern Rivers	No
Meander R below Meander	40 min to Bottom	Meander, upstream of bridge to Long Ridge Rd bridge (Turn off A5, 5km sth of Deloraine)	3 hrs	<0.7m	>0.75 passable >0.9m comfortable >1m good	?	Meander BoM Northern Rivers	No
Meander R below the Westbury-Exeter Rd (Contact Ian Mitchelson on 0419105538 or 63931784 to organise access to exit)	20 min to Bottom	Upstream of bridge to ?	2 hrs	?	>1600 ML/d	?	Deloraine Meander R at Deloraine	No

Mersey – Echo Valley	1 hr 20 min to Bottom	Mersey Forest Rd Bridge to Olivers Rd Bridge	2hrs		2000 to 4000 ML/d 0.8 - 1.3m		Liena Hydro - Mersey - Liena Liena BoM Northwestern Rivers	
Mersey R - Kellys Cage Rd (Rogers Bridge) to Dynans Bridge	50 min to Bottom	Rogers Bridge to Dynans Bridge	2 hrs	<0.7m.	0.75 to 1.1m	>1.5m is almost washed out.	Kimberley BoM Northwestern Rivers	No
Mersey R Dynans Bridge to Railton Rd	50 min to Bottom	Dynans Bridge to Railton Rd portage Roaring Maggie (Grade 3)	?	?	?	?	Kimberley BoM Northwestern Rivers	No
Mersey R below Railton Rd	50 min to Bottom	?	?	?	≥ 1 m	?	Kimberley BoM Northwestern Rivers	No
Forth R Tas Canoe Club slalom course	1 hr 15 min	Slalom Course Below Paloona Dam to Slalom Course (largely Grade 1)	N/A 1hr	<2000	~3200 ML/d	>8000	Forth Flow below Paloona (Organised with Hydro thru/by Tas Canoe Club)	Yes
Ringarooma R below Derby	1 hr 20 min to Top	Derby picnic ground (LHS as you enter town) to Mutual Rd Derby picnic ground to Tasman Hwy bridge (INCLUDES A GRADE 3 RAPID)	<1 hr 2-3 hrs	<300 ML/d	700 to 2000 ML/d	?	Moorina DPIPWE - Ringarooma Flow	No
Leven R below Gunns Plains	1hr 30min to mid point (Bannons Picnic Grnd)	Gunns Plains to Bannons Picnic Ground or Bannons Picnic Ground to Purtons Rd	1.5 hrs 2hrs	<1500 ML/d	2000 to 5000 ML/d (15+mm in previous week)	?	Bannons Bridge DPIPWE - Leven Flow	No

Best summer and autumn options

Recommended Trips

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Upper Mersey	1 hr 30 min to Bottom	Below Rowallan Dam to below slalom course	45min (no play) to 3 hrs (with play)		2000 to 2500 ML/d	?	Mersey above Arm River Hydro - Mersey - Rowallan	Yes
North Esk at Corra Linn	15 min	Paddle from Corra Linn Picnic Ground to Scout Island. Carry kayak to top of island. Paddle upstream thru gorge to rapid and play on wave. Paddle downstream thru right hand channel back to Corra Linn Picnic Ground	30min or as long as you like	?	1.6 to ?	?	Corra Linn BoM Northern Rivers	No
Nile R Mid section	45 min to Bottom	Hut on track off Fishers Tier Rd before causeway to Deddington Rd Bridge	2 hrs	<1	1.1 to 1.4	>1.7	Deddington BoM Northern Rivers	No
Meander above Meander	50 min to Bottom	Dam to Meander			1 to 1.5	>1.8 (washed out)	Meander BoM Northern Rivers	No
Ouse	1 hr 20 min to Bottom	Lake Augusta to Hydro canal basin	1.5 hrs					Yes

Gr 4 Trips

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Nth Esk – White Hills to Corra Linn	15 min to Bottom		2 hrs	<1.5	1.6 to 1.8 for first timers 2.2 to 2.4 for competent Grd 4 paddlers	>3	Corra Linn BoM Northern Rivers	No
St Pats and Upper Nth Esk to Corra Linn	15 min to Bottom		4 hrs	<1	1.1 to 1.4	?	Nunamara BoM Northern Rivers	No
Mersey – Alum Cliffs run (Note: Call Sibelco mine switchboard on 6363 1187 to confirm if blasting is intended that day.)	50 min to Bottom	From Union Bridge Rd to Kelly's Cage Rd bridge (Portage the Grade 4+ rapid about mid-distance)	5 hrs, incl lunch and playing		2000 to 4000 ML/d 0.8 - 1.3m		Liena Hydro - Mersey - Liena Liena BoM Northwestern Rivers	No