Traditional Owners and paying your respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may be with you today.'

When paddling in this area consider that you are on the traditional lands of the Brayakooloong clan of the Gunaikurnai people and consider acknowledging them as such.

Huggetts Crossing to Wombat Flat

Length: 14 km
Grade of rapids: 2 – 3
River gradient/width: 3 m per km, width – narrow
Section character: This section is generally fast flowing with several grade 2 rapids. The Channels is a narrow rocky section with a series of drops and is grade 3. There are few rapids between Huggetts Crossing and the Channels and including this part adds significantly to the shuttle. Note that after Wombat Crossing there are few rapids so consider pulling out here rather than continuing to Wombat Flat.

Hazards: Logs can be a problem and the low bridge at Wombat Flat can be hazardous at high levels
Put in: Huggetts Crossing, Huggetts Track
Pull out: Wombat Flat, at the Wombat Road Bridge, off Knackery road
Other access: The Channels, Channel Track – a picnic area provides access immediately above the rapids (river right), Dermody Track (river right); Wombat Crossing, Back Wombat Road (river right)
Other Information: A walking track follows the river on river right
Shuttle information: Length – 32 k on dirt roads (2 wheel drive vehicles are O.K.) however the road can be slippery in wet conditions

The Avon River is a pretty river flowing through the Avon-Mt Hedrick Scenic Reserve, which includes some great lookouts. The river is mainly grade 2 but has an interesting narrow gorge, known as The Channels. The Channels consists of a series of drops and it is possible to run The Channels several times by accessing the left bank. The river is in a rain shadow and the shuttle is long for the section of river paddled. However it is a pleasant paddle.

Other Information:

**River level:** The Channel - Min 2.0m, Good: 2.5m, Flood: 5.0m

**Gauge:** The Channel

**Emergency contacts:** Nearest Police: Stratford, Heyfield, Sale (24hs); Nearest Hospital - Sale; Nearest town - Boisdale and Maffra

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