

## Buckland River - Harris Lane to Mount Buffalo Road

- Length:** 4 km.  
**Grade of rapids:** 2 - 3.  
**River gradient/width:** 5 m per km, width-narrow.  
**Section character:** The river flows through farmland and the banks are generally steep. The first rapid is the largest with a 2 metre drop into a swirly pool. The other rapids are straight forward grade 1-2 and there are some fun play spots. The egress is immediately before the bridge on the river right up a steep bank.  
**Hazards:** Logs occasionally cause hazards.  
**Put in:** Harris Lane Bridge, off Buckland Valley Road - river left, a track leads to an easy access point downstream of the bridge.  
**Pull out:** Mount Buffalo Road Bridge, immediately before the bridge on river right.  
**River level:** Harris Lane - Min: 0.6 Good: 0.9 Flood: 1.8  
**Gauge:** Harris Lane - off Buckland Valley Road.  
**Other information:** It is possible to enter the river further upstream, either at the Buckland Bridge where the Buckland Valley Road crosses the river or even further upstream at Buckland Junction (see overview map) near the confluence of the east and west branch. The upstream sections are grade 1-2 and are prone to snagging. Accommodation is available in Bright and Porepunkah.  
**Shuttle information:** Length - 6km on good sealed road.  
**Emergency Contacts:** Nearest Police - Bright; nearest hospital - Mount Beauty; nearest town - Porepunkah, Bright.

True North and Magnetic North are shown for Porepunkah on this map. Magnetic Declination is 11°55' East, correct for 2005, and increases at a rate of approximately 02' every five years.

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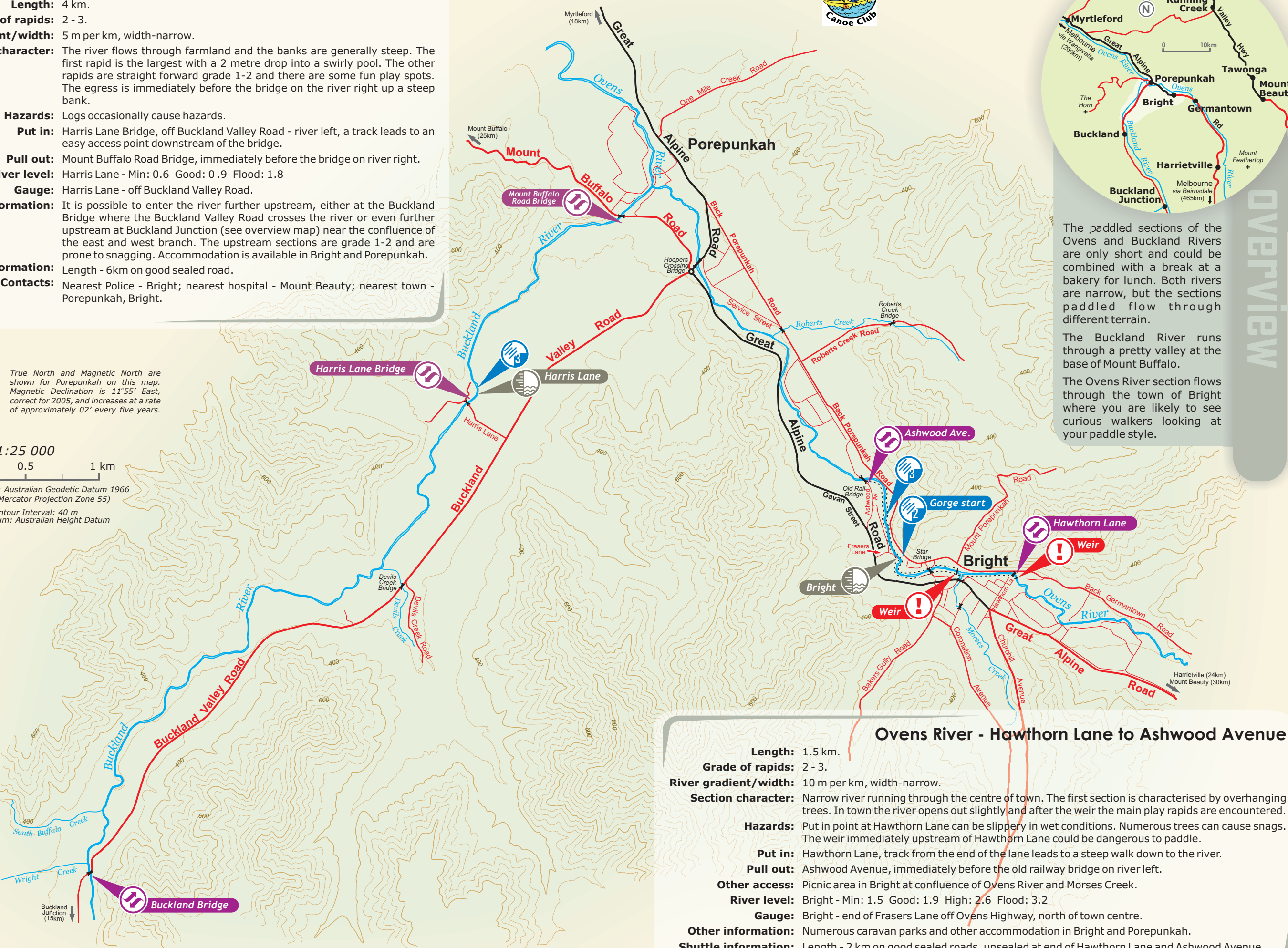
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Horizontal Datum: Australian Geodetic Datum 1966  
(Transverse Mercator Projection Zone 55)

Contour Interval: 40 m  
Vertical Datum: Australian Height Datum



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The paddled sections of the Ovens and Buckland Rivers are only short and could be combined with a break at a bakery for lunch. Both rivers are narrow, but the sections paddled flow through different terrain. The Buckland River runs through a pretty valley at the base of Mount Buffalo. The Ovens River section flows through the town of Bright where you are likely to see curious walkers looking at your paddle style.

Overview

## Ovens River - Hawthorn Lane to Ashwood Avenue

- Length:** 1.5 km.  
**Grade of rapids:** 2 - 3.  
**River gradient/width:** 10 m per km, width-narrow.  
**Section character:** Narrow river running through the centre of town. The first section is characterised by overhanging trees. In town the river opens out slightly and after the weir the main play rapids are encountered.  
**Hazards:** Put in point at Hawthorn Lane can be slippery in wet conditions. Numerous trees can cause snags. The weir immediately upstream of Hawthorn Lane could be dangerous to paddle.  
**Put in:** Hawthorn Lane, track from the end of the lane leads to a steep walk down to the river.  
**Pull out:** Ashwood Avenue, immediately before the old railway bridge on river left.  
**Other access:** Picnic area in Bright at confluence of Ovens River and Morses Creek.  
**River level:** Bright - Min: 1.5 Good: 1.9 High: 2.6 Flood: 3.2  
**Gauge:** Bright - end of Frasers Lane off Ovens Highway, north of town centre.  
**Other information:** Numerous caravan parks and other accommodation in Bright and Porepunkah.  
**Shuttle information:** Length - 2 km on good sealed roads, unsealed at end of Hawthorn Lane and Ashwood Avenue.  
**Emergency contacts:** Nearest Police - Bright; nearest hospital - Mount Beauty; nearest town - Bright.

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