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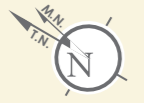
The Snowy River has many facets from snow melt alpine river, to power station outlets and finally on to one of Australia's classic touring rivers.

The river runs through its own national park, the Snowy River National Park, and is popular with campers, hikers and paddlers. The river has great rapids, sandy beaches for camping and spectacular scenery.

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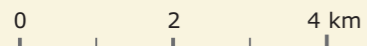


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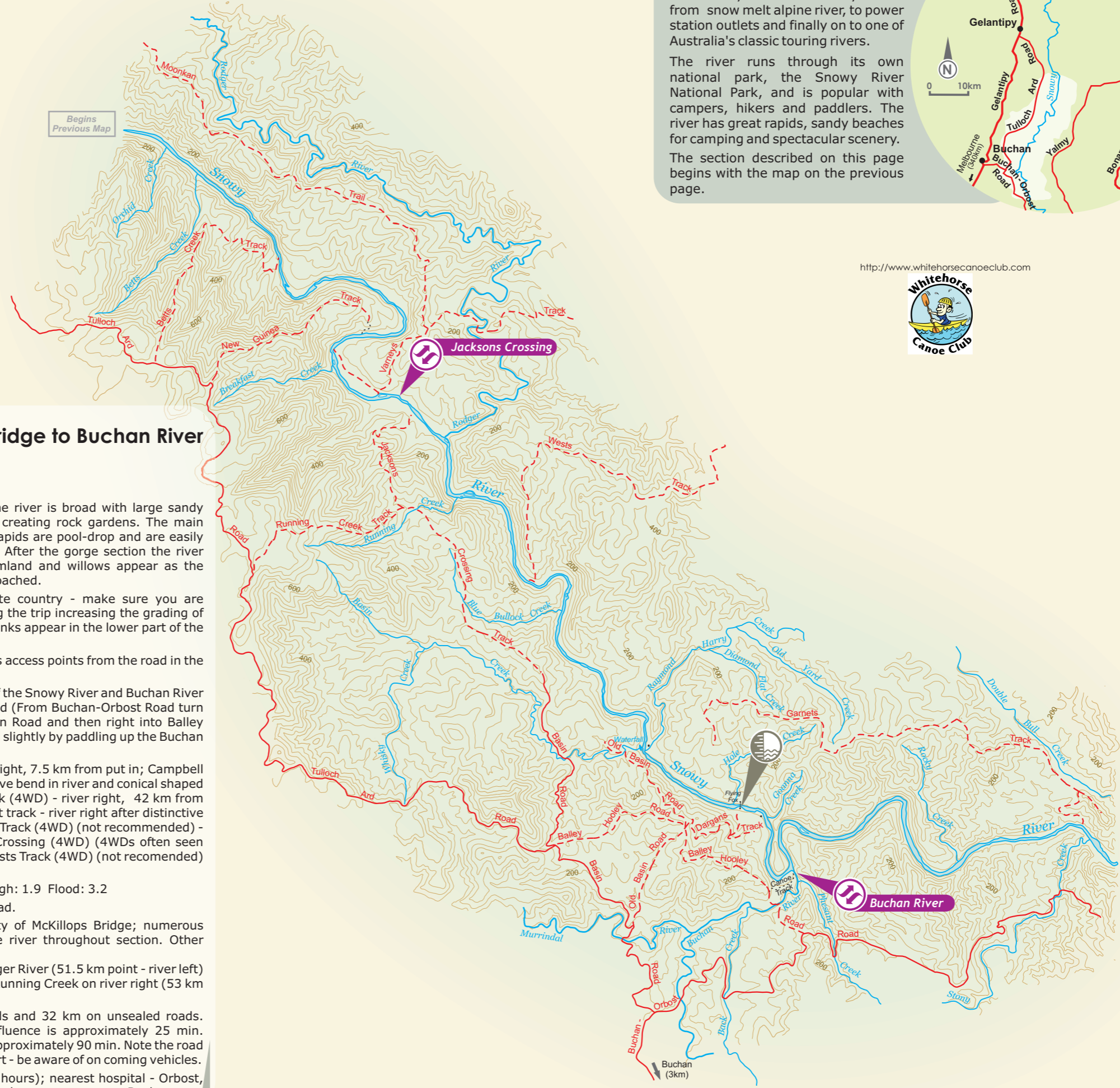
True North and Magnetic North are shown for Jacksons Crossing on this map. Magnetic Declination is 12°47' East, correct for 2005, and increases at a rate of approximately 01' every four years.

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

Contour Interval: 40 m
Vertical Datum: Australian Height Datum



McKillops Bridge to Buchan River

- Length:** 67 km
- Grade of rapids:** 2 - 3+.
- River gradient/width:** 2 m per km width- wide with gorge.
- Section character:** This section is a classic touring trip. The river is broad with large sandy banks. There are many large boulders creating rock gardens. The main rapids are in the gorge section. These rapids are pool-drop and are easily portaged by less experienced paddlers. After the gorge section the river slows and after Jacksons Crossing farmland and willows appear as the confluence with the Buchan River is approached.
- Hazards:** This is a multi-day trip through remote country - make sure you are prepared. The river level may rise during the trip increasing the grading of the rapids. When the river is low, sandbanks appear in the lower part of the section so allow additional time.
- Put in:** McKillops Bridge, McKillops Road, various access points from the road in the vicinity of the bridge.
- Pull out:** Buchan River, foot track at the junction of the Snowy River and Buchan River leads to a car park off Balley Hooley Road (From Buchan-Orbost Road turn left into Basin Road, right into Old Basin Road and then right into Balley Hooley Road). The walk can be shortened slightly by paddling up the Buchan River.
- Other access:** Little River Junction Track (4WD) - river right, 7.5 km from put in; Campbell Knob Track (4WD) - river right at distinctive bend in river and conical shaped hill, 21 km from put in; Betts Creek Track (4WD) - river right, 42 km from put in; New Guinea Track (4WD) and foot track - river right after distinctive escarpment, 47 km from put in; Varneys Track (4WD) (not recommended) - river left, 48 km from put in; Jackson Crossing (4WD) (4WDs often seen here) - river right, 50 km from put in; Wests Track (4WD) (not recommended) - river left, 56 km from put in .
- River level:** McKillops Bridge - Min: 0.5 Good: 0.7 High: 1.9 Flood: 3.2
- Gauge:** McKillops Bridge, access via McKillops Road.
- Other information:** Camping - various places in the vicinity of McKillops Bridge; numerous camping places on sandy banks of the river throughout section. Other accommodation available at Buchan.
Side trips - possible to paddle up the Rodger River (51.5 km point - river left) and walk to a small gorge. After rainfall Running Creek on river right (53 km point) leads to a good waterfall.
- Shuttle information:** Length - 88 km, 56 km on sealed roads and 32 km on unsealed roads. Buchan township to Buchan River confluence is approximately 25 min. Buchan township to McKillops Bridge is approximately 90 min. Note the road into McKillops Bridge is very narrow in part - be aware of on coming vehicles.
- Emergency contacts:** Nearest Police - Buchan, Bairnsdale (24 hours); nearest hospital - Orbost, Bush nursing facilities at Gelantipy and Buchan; nearest town - Buchan.

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