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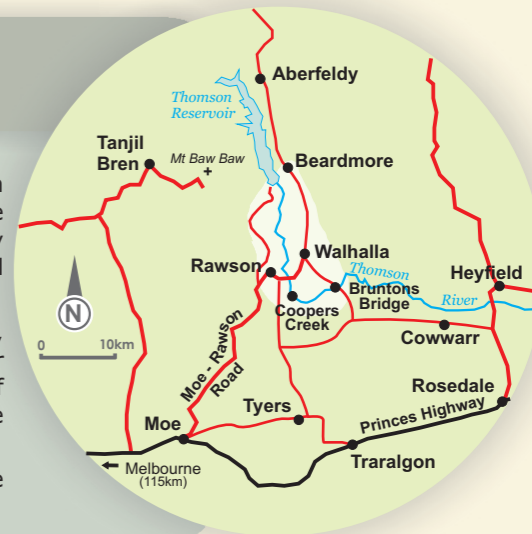


overview

The Thomson River is a pretty river with tall trees, ferns and gorges. There are sections to suit all paddlers from easy grade 2 rapids, to multi-day trips and more demanding rapids.

Flowing from the Thomson Reservoir, Melbourne's main water supply, the river winds through the historical area of Walhalla and the start of the Alpine Walking Track to Cowwarr Weir.

At times the river flows through remote terrain with steep sided valleys.



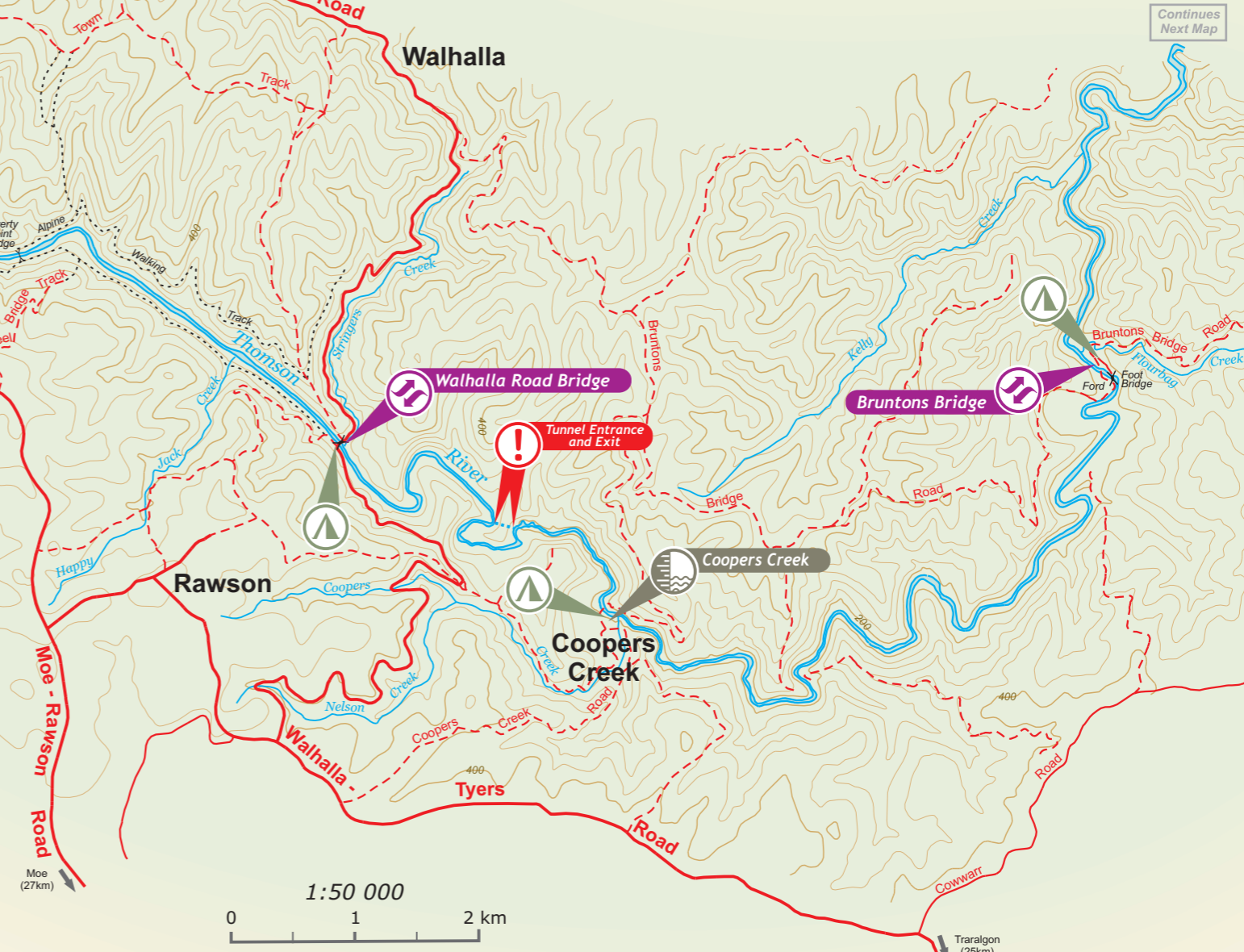
Thomson Reservoir to Walhalla Road Bridge

- Length:** 9 km
- Grade of rapids:** 2.
- River gradient/width:** 5 m per km width- medium.
- Section character:** Popular with beginner paddlers, the rapids are straightforward with only one demanding rapid. The Aberfeldy River can increase river levels after local rain. Several logs cross the river.
- Put in:** Thomson Reservoir, from picnic area at the end of Tyers-Thomson Valley Road.
- Pull out:** Walhalla Road Bridge, immediately after bridge on river left.
- Other access:** Narrows Road (4WD) provides two access points, approximately 4 km and 8 km from put in; Alpine Walking Track after confluence of Aberfeldy River provides access in an emergency.
- Other information:** Camping is available on the western side of the Walhalla Road Bridge. Various accommodation is available at Rawson, Erica and Walhalla. Consider combining sections for multi-day trip.
- Shuttle information:** Length - 21 km on good sealed roads.

Walhalla Road Bridge to Bruntons Bridge

- Length:** 10 km
- Grade of rapids:** 2.
- River gradient/width:** 2 m per km width- medium.
- Section character:** This section is not very popular. Most of the river is diverted through a miner's tunnel dramatically reducing the river's level and requiring an arduous portage. Plans to block off the tunnel have not yet come to fruition. The rapids in this section suit beginner paddlers when there is sufficient water.
- Hazards:** Tunnel cut by miners to divert river is extremely dangerous - requires arduous portage.
- Put in:** Walhalla Road Bridge, immediately after bridge on river left.
- Pull out:** Bruntons Bridge, via Bruntons Bridge Road, off Cowwarr-Walhalla Road/Cowwarr Road.
- Other access:** Coopers Creek - Coopers Creek Road (4WD), east off Walhalla-Tyers Road. Several other 4WD tracks provide access.
- Other information:** Consider putting in at Coopers Creek to avoid tunnel portage. For camping/accommodation information see Thomson River - Part II map.
- Shuttle information:** Length - 17.5 km, 3 km of 4WD tracks, 11 km on sealed roads and 3.5 km on unsealed roads.

- River level:** Coopers Creek - Min: 0.4 Good: 0.9 High: 1.7 Flood: 2.7
- Gauge:** Coopers Creek - Coopers Creek Road, east off Walhalla-Tyers Road.
- Emergency contacts:** Nearest Police - Rawson, Moe (24 hour); nearest hospital - Traralgon West; nearest town - Rawson, Erica.



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



True North and Magnetic North are shown for Coopers Creek on this map. Magnetic Declination is 12°10' East, correct for 2005, and increases at a rate of approximately 01' every two years.

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