

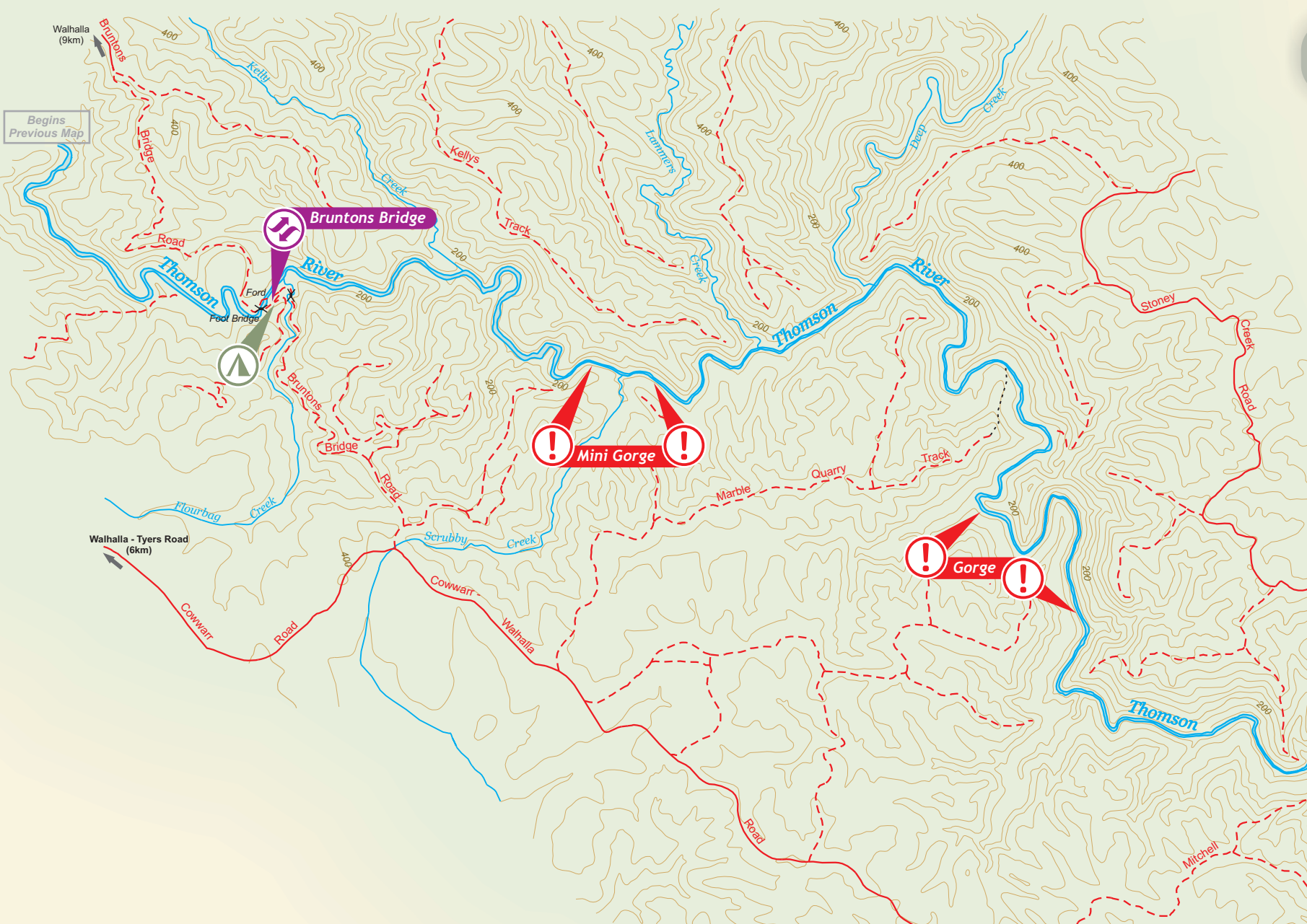
## overview

The Thomson River was one of Victoria's most popular rivers. The river is close to Melbourne, has sections for beginners and intermediate paddlers and a range of day trips and multi-day trips.

Years of low rainfall and the low level of the Thomson Reservoir dramatically reduced the river's level and consequently its popularity. The Thomson River, however, is a great river, flowing through a steep gorge with tall trees and ferns lining the bank. Wildlife is prolific and camping spots plentiful.



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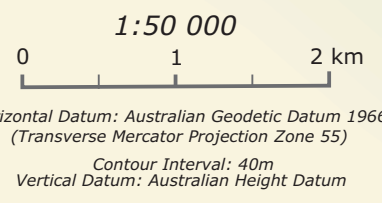


### Bruntons Bridge to Cowwarr Weir

- Length:** 28 km
- Grade of rapids:** 2 - 3.
- River gradient/width:** 4.3 m per km width- medium with gorge.
- Section character:** This section includes pool drop rapids formed by large boulders with a small gorge and a main gorge. The longest rapid is Triple Stager with the third drop being the biggest. There are a couple of long sections of flat water, particularly approaching Cowwarr Weir.
- Hazards:** This is a long day trip so allow plenty of time as walking out is a difficult option. If the river is low or a late start made, consideration should be given to an overnight trip.
- Put in:** Bruntons Bridge, from camping area accessed via Bruntons Bridge Road, off Cowwarr-Walhalla Road/Cowwarr Road.
- Pull out:** Cowwarr Weir Picnic Area, river right before weir, accessed via Weir Road off Toongabbie-Cowwarr Road.
- Other access:** Various access via 4WD tracks on both sides of river - Marble Quarry Track at 11 km point; tracks off Stoney Creek Road at 12 km and 24 km points; track off Downings Road 1 km prior to Cowwarr Weir.
- 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-Tyres Road (see previous map).
- Other information:** Camping is available at Bruntons Bridge, various other accommodation at Cowwarr, Erica and Rawson.
- Shuttle information:** Length - 12.5 km, mainly on unsealed road, Bruntons Bridge Road is poor.
- Emergency contacts:** Nearest Police - Rawson, Heyfield, Moe, Traralgon (24 hours); nearest hospital - Traralgon West; nearest town - Erica, Rawson, Cowwarr, Traralgon.

- Triple Stager** (Rapid 3)
- S Bend** (Rapid 2)
- Hole in the Wall & Waterfall** (Rapid 2)

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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