

Overview

An hour from Melbourne, this scenic stretch of the river is popular with beginners and advanced alike.

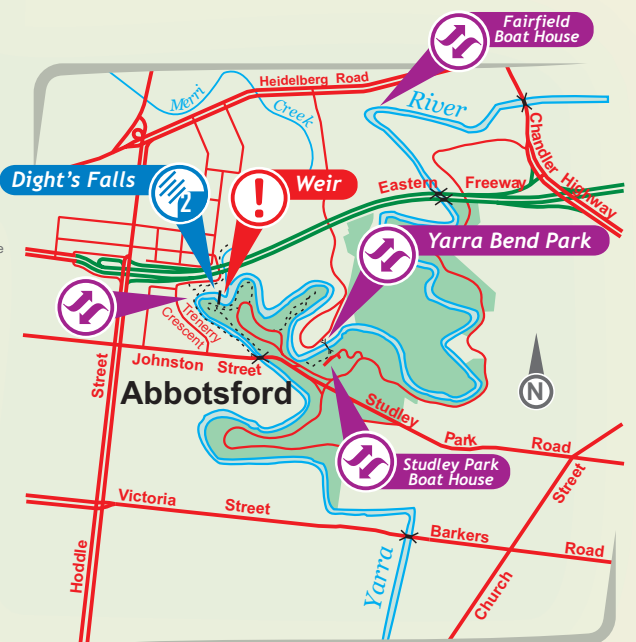
There is a sense of isolation as the river makes its way through bush and farmland. Kangaroos can be seen around Bouchiers Road. Jumping Creek Reserve is a haven for birds and walkers. Warrandyte is a weekend treat for shoppers while Westerfolds Park attracts picnickers, cyclists, walkers, paddlers and many others.

The river flows quietly to link these areas with long flat-water sections broken with many small rapids and wave trains. Depending on skill levels, paddlers may choose a single section or combine several sections for extended trips.

Dight's Falls

The falls are often used for slaloms and provide a good location to practice paddling skills. A car park off Trenerry Crescent and walking/bike tracks provides easy access to the river and there are toilets nearby.

Be careful of hazardous rubbish and snakes in the area.



- ### Bouchiers Road to Jumping Creek Reserve

Access: Car park at end of Bouchiers Road (see previous map).

Length to next access: 7 km.

Section character: The river makes its way through rock gardens and grass tussocks followed by several small rapids that require negotiation. 100 m from the put-in there is a sharp descent on river right beneath some overhanging trees that requires care. The countryside is open but merges into forested areas.

Other information: Blue Tongue Bend sign posted on river right. Several walking tracks follow the river. Jumping Creek Reserve has excellent picnicking, parking and toilet facilities. It is popular with bushwalkers. Check park closing times or notify a ranger if you could be late. The car shuttle to Bouchiers Road is tedious.
- ### Jumping Creek Reserve to Warrandyte Bridge

Access: Jumping Creek Reserve - steps lead from car park to river.

Length to next access: 4 km.

Section character: An easy and enjoyable paddle to Warrandyte Bridge.

Other information: The bridge is in the centre of Warrandyte village, a popular and busy area for paddlers, local residents, and visitors. Make the most of an enticing shopping centre specialising in arts and crafts; be tempted by culinary delights.
- ### Warrandyte Bridge to Taroon Reserve

Access: Car park on either side of the bridge.

Length to next access: 1.5 kilometres.

Section character: Occasional wave trains of 30 cm and more. A path follows the river on its left and is a popular stroll for visitors. This is a short trip ideal for beginners.

Other information: Picnic areas, shops and toilets are close by.
- ### Taroon Reserve to Pound Bend

Access: Off Everard Drive, at the intersection with Taroon Avenue.

Length to next access: 5.5 km.

Section character: Forming a large loop in Warrandyte State Park the banks become forested. Although residential areas are close by, the area appears secluded - a good place to enjoy the surrounding bushland. There are several well-spaced grade 2 rapids.

Hazards: The Pound Bend Tunnel which should only be paddled by experienced paddlers at lower levels after inspection for snags. Rapid at the outlet requires quick manoeuvring. Keep to river right to paddle past the tunnel's entrance.

Other information: Foot track prior to tunnel (river left), leads across neck of loop to tunnel outlet - use for inspection purposes or awkward egress to the car park if ending trip. Tunnel was constructed to divert the river, for (unsuccessful) gold mining purposes. Pound Bend is an ideal lunch stop. Check park gate for closing times.
- ### Pound Bend to Alexander Road

Access: Enter Pound Bend and drive to the car park at the southern end of the park.

Length to next access: 4.5 km.

Section character: A quiet and uneventful part of the river.

Hazards: The take-out at Alexander Road is steep, awkward, and easy to miss. The walk back to the car is steep and tiring.
- ### Alexander Road to Westerfolds Park

Access: Drive to the gate at the end of Alexander Road and walk 300m down a steep and rough foot track to the river.

Length to next access: 8 km.

Section character: In parts, willows crowd the river contrasting the eucalypt and wattle of the earlier sections. There are two main rapids; the Wild Cherry rapid and Griffith Park (island) which divides the river into two fast flowing, bouncy sections.

Hazards: Steep bank at Alexander Road makes it difficult to place a boat on the water and get into it - a challenge for beginners and hazardous for the unwary.

Egress: Westerfolds Park - via 'Canoe Launching Area', river left, northern end of park. Walking track track to Car Park. Check gate for closing times.

River Level: Min: 0.5 m. Good: 0.8 m. High: 1.8 m. Flood: 2.8 m.

Gauge: Warrandyte - Approx 50 m. upstream of Forbes Street.

True North and Magnetic North are shown for Warrandyte on this map. Magnetic Declination is 11°33' East, correct for 2005, and increases at a rate of approximately 02" every three years.

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

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