

Rivers of Newfoundland Database

Region:	River:	NTS Sheet:	UTM Type:	Zone:
Burin Peninsula	Granite Brook	1 M16	NAD27	21

River Description:

Our own little piece of California. Steep creeking at its best with rapids, falls, and an awesome slide.

Difficulty Rating: Hardest Rapid: Flow Information:

V

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Best to hit this at medium to low flow. This probably occurs when Piper's Hole River is falling off towards its lower levels.

River Levels:

How to get there:

Put-in	Northing:	Easting:
	5306939	705145
Paddle straight across the bay and hike your boat up the brook until you see something you want to or don't want to run. The hiking is on open terrane and is reasonably easy, but really steep.		
Take-out	Northing:	Easting:
	5308668	705801
2.5 km south of Swift Current is an old gas station on the left side of the road. It is just past Kilmory Cabins. Park here and put-in on the bay. Paddle straight across the bay and hike your boat up the brook until you see something you want to or don't want to run.		

Gradient:

Section:	Max
Distance:	0.83 km
Elevation Loss:	76.2 m 250 ft
Gradient:	92 m/km 485 fpm

Detailed Description of the River

First descent: (2002) Stephen Arns, Chris Buchanan, Kevin England, and Jim Price.

The creek starts off with "Thread the Needle" (V), a narrow boulder garden containing tight lines and an L-shaped ledge drop into a narrow slot. A steep series of chutes (IV) leads to the next horizon line and significant rapid. "Stairway" (V) is entered from the side and drops 3 m onto a rock slab. This ends the first section of hard whitewater on the brook.

A series of smaller rapids in a continuous boulder garden range from III+ to IV. Some of this requires scouting, but is not as hard as the opening section. After the final slot canyon a small pool forms up behind a massive horizon line, "Edge of the World" (V - V+). This has been run from the top over the initial steep slab, threading the needle through a narrow, boat width, slot leading to the edge of a pourover style 5 m waterfall. The only really stylin' run was Jim Price who seal launched onto the top of the waterfall. Tread with care on this one and watch your face in the turbulent slot. A short pool below the falls gives you time to collect your wits and drop into the III+IV chute that dumps you onto the slide (IV+). The slide is steep, shallow, and granite. But it is definitely fun. In higher water this slab may be insane.

This is a classic steep creeking run and will definitely leave huge smiles on every paddlers face.