

Rivers of Newfoundland Database

Region:	River:	NTS Sheet:	UTM Type:	Zone:
Burin Peninsula	Grand Le Pierre Brook	1 M10	NAD27	21

River Description:

A steep, narrow creek located within the confines of a small canyon. There is a lot of fairly easy portaging on this run.

Difficulty Rating: Hardest Rapid: Flow Information:

IV+

VI

This was run shortly after a 120+ mm rainfall event. There was lots of water for this creek. Perhaps too much, this area is low volume boating.

River Levels:

How to get there:

Put-in	Northing:	Easting:
	5286075	666685
The put-in for this run is located in a small pull-out beside the bridge which crosses the river on highway #211. The brook is not marked by a sign, but is located approximately 13 km past the turn off for Terrenceville. It is the second major brook that the road crosses over.		
Take-out	Northing:	Easting:
	5284681	666146
The take-out for the river is located at the first obviously easy spot to climb up the river right bank after the brook has started to meander at sea level. This point is an old gravel quarry and is located right beside the road. A bit past the gravel pit, on the right and side of the road is an active forest access road (as of Sept. 2004) which may be used for parking. Or, walk the shuttle.		

Gradient:

Section:	Max
Distance:	1.20 km
Elevation Loss:	46.0 m 151 ft
Gradient:	38 m/km 203 fpm

Detailed Description of the River

First Descent (2004): Chris Buchanan and Kevin England

This brook is all about horizon lines and broken ledges with hideous looking slots. There is about seven large, beefy drops which account for the bulk of the elevation loss on this brook. The main drops are separated by short sections of fun, boat scoutable class III-IV whitewater. There is a lot of horizon lines, so if you can't see your next eddy it is definitely worth getting out to scout.

We completed this run during a flood event caused by Hurricane Ivan during September 2004. On this descent only one of the large drops was deemed runnable. With less water some lines and key eddies may appear on several of the other big drops. It was the second significant drop on the river. Kev described the currents as treacle and I think the name sticks, Treacle (IV); pun intended. The drop consists of a 2.5 m slide into a diagonal hole. The boily, squirrely runout eats all of your speed as you approach the main 4 m ledge river right of the island. A precise boof stroke is required to style this drop after losing all of your boat speed, this may be harder than it looks from shore. There is also an ugly looking narrow slot on the river left side of the island, but it is easily avoided in the

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slow currents.

Below this is an eddy hopping section which leads up to an impressive, large horizon line. It is a Big Drop (V) with a couple of stacked holes which drops into a narrow (4 - 5 m wide) canyon and made Kev drool. A couple of well placed tongues through the holes makes this look like a pretty fun drop. Unfortunately the ensuing canyon appears to have no eddies, two river wide holes, narrows down to less than 2 m, bounces off the canyon wall through a ninety degree corner and plunges off a 7 m waterfall. Sounds like a Nike commercial doesn't it. We portaged on the left.

The last waterfall (VI) is marked by a huge horizon line and a plume of spray rising out of the pool at the bottom. Although it was one of the more aesthetic waterfalls I have seen in a long time, it was not runnable. The portage is on the right where a narrow swale cuts down the cliff face and into the canyon below. This is pretty much the end of the run. The brook drops over a couple of easy class III ledges, makes a right hand bend and flattens out as it meanders to the ocean.