

Rivers of Newfoundland Database

Region: Burin Peninsula **River:** Big Southeast Brook **NTS Sheet:** 1 M10 **UTM Type:** NAD27 **Zone:** 21

River Description:

This is steep creeking. A collection of six drops composed primarily of mind-blowing waterfalls. This spot is worth a picnic lunch even if you don't plan on paddling here.

Difficulty Rating: V+ **Hardest Rapid:** VI **Flow Information:** After heavy rain on the Burin or spring melt when Piper's Hole River is high. This creek will runoff very quickly.

River Levels:

How to get there:

Put-in	Northing: 5285048	Easting: 676285.4
A bridge crosses the brook 5.8 km south the turn-off on RD. 210 to go to Terrenceville. Park at the side of the road and head downhill to see the waterfalls that are pretty much under the bridge.		
Take-out	Northing:	Easting:
The take-out is at whichever waterfall you decide you can't run. The only egress is carrying your boat back upstream to the highway. There is a trail in the meadow on the northside of the river. The final bit of this carry is very steep and difficult.		

Gradient:

Section: Avg
Distance: 0.57 km
Elevation Loss: 64.0 m 210 ft
Gradient: 112 m/km 594 fpm

Detailed Description of the River

This collection of waterfalls was discovered by Jim Price several years ago and finally in 2003 people got back to take a look at them. The first scouting party returned with beautiful pictures of the first three waterfalls. In late November, about five days after a flood event, we had a trip (Chris Buchanan, Darrin MacDonald, Dave MacDonald, and Geoff Minielly) down the Paradise River and afterwards stopped by to look at the waterfalls. We skidded down the hill from the highway for a look see. Unfortunately the brook had already dropped off to very low levels and it was quickly determined that it was too low for the first 12 m drop (V). However, we decided the second 7 m drop was runnable and got the boats out.

Prudence over came the group and we checked the depth of the pool under the drop. This was discouraging. In a Survivor type group consensus an alliance of wimps decided Dave MacDonald was the swimming guinea pig and he dove in. We could only determine the water was at least 2 m deep, but a paddle probe hit bottom at less than 2 m all around the landing zone. The group decision was to not run the drop on this day and wait for slightly higher water. The falls is boofable and a flatish landing is almost guaranteed, but at very low water the entry to the falls is scraping over rock and the concern was losing speed and dropping straight into 2 m of water. I think most people would agree this is a class V drop because the necessity of landing flat in shallow water greatly reduces the acceptable margin of error.

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Since there were boats in the water we ran the last 3 m slide (III+) and pushed our way down stream to see what was around the corner. The first rapid was a short boulder garden (IV) that drops around a corner, past a boulder sieve into a big pool. The far side of the pool is a crazy horizon line. Paddling up to the edge you're presented with a 7 m stairstep class V- entrance to a 7 m class VI waterfall. The mainfalls is a clean ledge that pours the entire brook in behind a strongly undercut fin of rock. The last waterfall (VI) on the brook looks to be about 15 m. It is a combination cascade\slide type waterfall that drops into a pool of unknown depth. After this waterfall the brook flattens out and runs into Terrenceville Brook.

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Burin Penninsula	Black Duck Brook	1 M\10	NAD27	21

River Description:

This is the next brook down from the waterfalls of Terrenceville Brook. It looks sweet on the map. It should be an excellent ledge\waterfall run.

Hardest Rapid: Flow Information:

NA

River Levels:

How to get there:

Put-in

Northing:	Easting:
5286466	673922.1

The put-in is easy for this river, but it is 2 km from the actual river. From the junction of the Terrenceville Rd. and Rd.#211 drive 4.8 km, you will see a small pond SW of the highway. This is the put-in. Paddle (890 m) across the pond to its southern most corner and start hiking. Hike, 960 m, south over the barrens until you intersect an east-west trending river. That is Black Duck Brook.

Take-out

Northing:	Easting:
5284173	674810.9

Duck Brook t-junctions with the lower canyon of Terrenceville Brook. The highway is just on the east side of Terrenceville Brook and should be easy access.

Gradient:

Section:	Avg
Distance:	1.90 km
Elevation Loss:	66.2 m 217 ft
Gradient:	35 m/km 184 fpm

Detailed Description of the River

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Black River

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UTM Type: Zone:

NAD27

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River Description:

Hardest Rapid: Flow Information:

NA

River Levels:

How to get there:

Gradient:

Section: Avg

Distance: 2.60 km

Elevation Loss: 64.0 m
210 ft

Gradient: 25 m/km
130 fpm

Section: Max

Distance: 0.47 km

Elevation Loss: 30.5 m
100 ft

Gradient: 65 m/km
346 fpm

Detailed Description of the River

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River: Grand Le Pierre Brook

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Region:

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River:

Grand Le Pierre Brook

NTS Sheet:

1 M\10

UTM Type: Zone:

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:

IV+

Hardest Rapid: Flow Information:

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

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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 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.

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River: Granite Brook

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Region:

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River:

Granite Brook

NTS Sheet:

1 M\16

UTM Type: Zone:

NAD27 21

River Description:

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

Difficulty Rating:

V

Hardest Rapid: Flow Information:

V

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 "Sesame Street" (V), a narrow boulder garden containing tight lines and an L-shaped ledge drop. A steep series of chutes (IV) leads to the next horizon line and significant rapid. This drop (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.

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River: Granite Brook

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

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River: March Brook

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River:

March Brook

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UTM Type: Zone:

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River Description:

A nirvana of runnable waterfalls. Beware of the traipse through eternal hell to reach these gorgeous waterfalls.

Difficulty Rating:

V

Hardest Rapid:

VI

Flow Information:

When Piper's Hole River is cranking in the spring, up over 75 on its gauge, than this brook is likely low - medium. Perfect!

River Levels:

How to get there:

Put-in

Northing: Easting:

5315958 702819

Starting at the Piper's Hole River parking lot, a partial change in the parking lot is required before the 3.8 km forced march to the put-in. March Brook is the first major brook that crosses the old rail bed. Our team bush crashed (1.2 km) up the western side of the brook and scouted on the way up. There is a trail several hundred meters before the crossing that possibly goes to the pond that the brook originates in. This is probably easier hiking than the bush crash.

Take-out

Northing: Easting:

5311920 703612

March Brook is a tributary of Piper's Hole River. The take-out is where the river flows under the old highway bridge. The normal take-out for Piper's Hole.

Gradient:

Section: Max

Distance: 1.30 km

Elevation Loss: 69.0 m
226 ft

Gradient: 53 m/km
281 fpm

Detailed Description of the River

First descent: (March of 2002) Kevin England dared the freezing temperatures (-7C) and was observed by Stephen Arns and Chris Buchanan.

March Brook is a beautiful set of waterfalls in a narrow canyon. The falls are the only whitewater with short intervals of class I water in between each drop. Time constraints limited the team to running only four of the drops, but there are two or three 7.5 - 9 m drops left to be looked at on the river. The first falls is an 8 m affair with multiple rocks protruding from its face. The landing is on a slab into a flushing hole. The narrow pool below the falls must be traversed in order to line up on the far river left side for a boof onto the narrow tongue beside a particularly nasty hole. Definitely not a place to be messing up.

Second falls starts with a series of small ledges, losing about 3 m of elevation into a narrow pool above an 8 m curtain falls. There are probably two options to run this drop, but be careful of hanging

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up on shallow rocks at the edge of the drop. There is a resting eddy on the river right side of the second pool. A slide type 7 m falls is the final portion of this spectacular triple drop. This last bit is hard to scout and care should be taken running it.

Third falls (VI) would be an awesome 9 m curtain falls, but it presents some problems. The entire brook passes through a narrow cleft in the canyon walls indicating that the pool is probably very deep. Unfortunately the steeply dipping cleavage of the rock units creating the cleft form a hideously undercut ledge on the river left side of the landing zone. Complicating the issue is a large, diagonal wave at the top of the drop that pushing into the undercut. Ideally a skilled boater could ride up on top of the curling wave and boof hard on the river right side neatly avoiding the hole and undercut. This requires a brilliant set of moves and excessively large, brass balls.

Two options are presented to run the last portion of the brook. Approaching the final horizon line an island in the river splits the flow into two channels. The river left channel is a 2 m wide slot canyon with two 3 m drops leading to a final 7 - 8 m falls. Everything probably goes in this canyon, but rescue options are limited and stakes are high. The river right channel starts with a 5 m falls that can be run off a curtain falls or split into two ledges. There are two very sticky, riverwide holes backing up the pool on this drop.

The final 200 m of the brook is a steep IV boulder garden with three distinct rapids which can be mostly boat scouted.

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Burin Peninsula	Mothers Brook	1M/16	NAD27	21

River Description:

This short run is the southern tributary of Piper's Hole. It looks like great class IV whitewater leading up to the last drop, an 80 or 90' waterfall onto rocks.

Difficulty Rating:	Hardest Rapid:	Flow Information:
VI	NA	

River Levels:

How to get there:

Gradient:

Section:	Avg
Distance:	1.00 km
Elevation Loss:	38.0 m 125 ft
Gradient:	38 m/km 201 fpm

Detailed Description of the River

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River: Paradise River

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Region:

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River:

Paradise River

NTS Sheet:

1 M09

UTM Type: Zone:

NAD27 21

River Description:

A beautiful drop pool river flowing through a remote valley on the Burin Peninsula.

Difficulty Rating:

III

Hardest Rapid: Flow Information:

V-VI

Levels are judged using the Northwest River Gauge. This is the next drainage over, but if the NWR is over 20, than the Paradise is likely runnable.

River Levels:

How to get there:

Put-in

Northing: Easting:

The put-in for the Paradise River is straight forward. From the TCH in Goobies travel south on highway #210. At kilometer 40 the highway passes over a bridge which is labeled Dunn's Brook. This is the confluence of the Paradise River and Dunn's Brook and also the put-in.

Secondary Take-out

Northing: Easting:

An intermediate take-out exists for the Paradise which utilizes the bulk of the good whitewater on the river and significantly shortens the day. From the put-in travel 1 km north and turn right onto the road to Monkstown. Travel between 6 and 10 km down this road and watch for a narrow lane on the right hand side of the road. This pulls out into a clearing that looks over the river valley and the river is visible from this point. The take-out is recognized on the river by a 7 m cliff face perpendicular to the river flow on the river left bank. From the river the vehicles should be visible on the hillside. This egress point is below all the fun whitewater and above the big falls. If you don't know the river than study a topo map or run the entire river. The hike out is a bush crash, as there is no trail at this point.

Gradient:

Section: Avg

Distance: 18.20 km

Elevation Loss: 91.1 m
299 ft

Gradient: 5 m/km
26 fpm

Section: Max

Distance: 3.90 km

Elevation Loss: 41.5 m
136 ft

Gradient: 11 m/km
56 fpm

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River: Paradise River

Take-out

Northing: Easting:

The shuttle is long for this river and it is often pleasant to run shuttle the night before the run. From the put-in travel north for 1 km and turn right onto the gravel road to Monkstown. Travel this road for about 19 km to the first right hand turn. This turn is near the road to Davis Cove. Turn right and follow the gravel road for around 4 km to the first right hand turn on this road. After the right hand turn follow this road until it ends at the reservoir behind the dam.

Detailed Description of the River

First Descent: (19??) Mark Dykeman, Stuart Gillis, and Mark Dykeman. This was also the only complete descent of the river. Shortly after this trip the dam was constructed, drowning 6 kilometers of good whitewater.

The Paradise River is one of my favorite runs on the Burin Peninsula. It isn't real hard, but it offers a variety of challenge and it can be run from almost bone dry to stonking big water. However the Paradise River should come with a warning; the optimistic moniker of this river may not reflect the nature of your paddling trip. I've had several epics in my paddling career and three of them have been on the Paradise River. These range from friends being brutally pounded in nasty holes to walking around a frozen reservoir. This is remote river with some technically difficult rapids and good scouting practices are required to safely run this river.

I'd like to talk about a few of my favorite drops on this river, because that is all I can really remember in any great detail. Most of the rapids are straight forward. There is an inordinate number of horizon lines on this river and if your group is unfamiliar with the river it is always a good idea to have someone hop out and quickly scout a drop. The river starts with a few class II riffles leading up to a 5 m river wide ledge (IV - V). The ledge has several runnable lines and is a great warm-up drop. Enjoy this one because there is a 3 km steady immediately after the rapid. Your adrenaline rush from successfully running the first rapid will last about 5 minutes into the steady and then you'll begin to swear. The steady winds across the plateau and when the rapids start to appear you should be on your toes. The river will pass through some class II rapids and take a ninety degree turn to the left. This is the start of a class -IV rapid. The lines are obvious, but it should be scouted your first time down. The crux section of the rapid is a blind corner and the eddies are small and sketchy at the brink of the ledge.

Following this rapid the whitewater is pretty continuous. A lot of class III ledges and rapids. When the river begins to steepen and the drops become closer together you're approaching the first waterfall (V). Eddy out and portage on the river right side of the pool above the falls. This 5m falls can be run at various levels in a variety of ways. It probably goes at really high water too, but it looks positively scary at high water. An alternative is the slot (IV+) on river right. This narrow (2.5 m wide) falls careens around a corner and plunks you in a small pool. It's tons of fun, but I almost broke my nose there when I missed the move, went really deep, and clipped my paddle off the wall and into my face. The whitewater eases up after this drop, but there are plenty of fun rapids and a few class III+ drops that are difficult to scout and may surprise the unsuspecting boater. If you're using the secondary take-out, you should be keeping an eye out for it. It is a large, bald rock face on river left which is perpendicular to the current. The vehicles can also be seen on the hillside. This rock appears in a reasonably quiet section of the river as you float along.

Once the whitewater picks-up again it is in the form a of class II+ rapid leading to the brink of the

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River: Paradise River

"The Falls" (IV+ - VI). This is a double drop starting with a 7 m falls into a short pool. The exit of the pool is a 3m, river wide, horseshoe shaped ledge. At high water this ledge disappears and is replaced by the most hideous, massive, frowning hole that I have ever seen anywhere. The boil line is 15m (50') wide and sucks back into the hole like a freight train. At low water this becomes the highlight of a run on the Paradise River, although the hole behind the ledge still looks unfriendly. The arduous portage is located on the river right shore. It is a feat of mountaineering and involves a 2.5 m seal launch off a thin ledge. For those of you in playboats the wall along the bottom edge of the final pool is the best splat location I've seen on the island. The pillow current here is great, give it a try.

After the waterfall the river bends sharply to the right and a long class I float begins. The rapids below this are easily boat scouted for the most part and there is a few decent play spots in some of them. Watch out for "Hole Bait" (IV+). It is a narrow, 3 m wide, slot canyon with several lines to drop into it. Scout carefully, at high water any of the obvious 4 m waterfalls go and all are fun. At low water the only option is to enter the canyon on the upstream waterfall on river left. This is at least a 4 m (12') drop and possibly 5 m. The ledge is angled to the right and a boil backs-up the down stream end of the hole. If you miss you boof and pencil in you will become intimately acquainted with this hole. Two good boaters have been beaten to a pulp in this hole and released only when they felt there was no more air to be had. It is a scary spot to watch a beating and a difficult rescue to perform. Just be careful on low water runs and make sure you know how to boof.

After this rapid the river has only one or two surprises left. There are a few corner rapids and then you come to a distinct, blind horizon line. The ledge is the obvious line, but on the right side of the slide there is an undercut ledge that likes to pin Saltos. At lower water the only option is to run the rapid as close to the right hand wall as possible and boof hard over the hole. This hole has also worked people several times at various water levels. Fortunately it is fun to watch this one and boaters always wash out the moment they swim. I have never seen a paddler escape this hole in their boat. This is pretty much the last rapid on the river, at very low levels there is some class II/III rapids just before the reservoir. The reservoir is something in the order of six kilometers in length. On a nice day it is no big deal to paddle. We've had some trips here that take forever to battle the head wind coming up the reservoir.

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River Description:

This is a great play run. Lots of good surf waves and a good hole at the right levels. Plus, a few nice rapids just for variety.

Difficulty Rating: Hardest Rapid: Flow Information:

III

IV

Early spring (April) and late fall (November) are the seasons for this run.

<http://scitech.pyr.ec.gc.ca/waterweb/fullgraph.asp>

River Levels:

Low	0.8	to	1.25
Medium	1.25	to	1.6
High	1.6	to	3.5

How to get there:

Put-in	Northing: 5313471	Easting: 702687
From the take-out hike along the old trail bed along the north side of the river. The hike is about 2.0 km and the put-in is recognized when you reach the big steady. All the rapids can be seen from the trail during the hike in.		
Take-out	Northing: 5311874	Easting: 703665
Located 28 km south of Goobies on RD. #210 is an old Provincial Park. The turn off is on the right hand side of the road. If you miss the turn you'll pass over the river a few hundred meters later. Follow the park road to where it ends and park in one of the campsites. Camping is available. On the river the take-out is recognized by the old bridge. If the gate is locked the river can be paddled into the estuary and the take-out can be done beside the highway.		

Gradient:

Section: Max
Distance: 1.70 km
Elevation Loss: 33.5 m 110 ft
Gradient: 20 m/km 104 fpm

Detailed Description of the River

First Descent: (19??) Jim Price et al.

Kudos to John Smeda and Kayak Newfoundland and Labrador for sorting out the access issues to Pipers Hole River. Thanks to these dedicated paddlers, members of KNL now have access to the municipal park at Swift Current. I think it is important that avenues of communication are opened and maintained within these communities. Micro-hydro projects are already a reality in Quebec and British Columbia. Last year Newfoundland also re-opened their list of proposed micro-hydro projects and many excellent paddling rivers had the grade for hydro. Maintaining good relationships with communities and sharing our passion for their natural resources will, in the long run, help protect

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these rivers for the future. So, when you're at Pipers this fall and next spring rejoice that you don't have to walk so far and take home a little extra garbage to help show our dedication to the river and its space. Access keys can be obtained from Mark Simpson (739-1724) and Darren McDonald (738-3135).

Piper's Hole is the first river that Jim Brown and Michael Wrinch introduced me to when I first got to Newfoundland. It was highwater, we hiked in on the snow, and the water was bitterly cold, but what a fun trip. Jim promised me that river was even better at lower levels. I was sceptical, but I must admit this is a great play river at low to medium levels and fun river running at higher levels. All of the rapids on this river can be scouted during the hike into the top of the river. The first rapid is obvious, stop hiking when you reach the big steady.

The first drop (III+IV) is at the end of the steady, somewhat intimidating looking and has caused much consternation. The line is simply down the middle and work your way a bit to the right of center. Of course this line involves punching a tricky hole. A multitude of variation exists and should be explored on this rapid. Three things to watch out for are the excellent surf waves at the top, the marginal play hole below the first ledge, and the nasty hole on river left at the bottom of the rapid. The river right eddy at the bottom of this rapid is exceptional for stern squirts and cartwheels. Immediately below the rapid is a flat, river wide wave. This is ok surfing. Longer boats catch it easier, but there is a spinning pile that is good for very short boats. Don't wear yourself out on this wave the best stuff is yet to come.

A little further downstream on river left is a small fluffy, breaking wave. This is a great wave for spinning and front surfing. It is shallow which limits cartwheels to the short boats, but they can be done. The eddy line here is very powerful for cartwheels and stern squirts. This spring I'm going to explore its potential for downtime. Peeling out from the eddy here starts you onto a descent into some nice class II+ wave trains. There are lots of eddies along both sides of the river and a few spots that are good for wavewheels and kickflips. As you're approaching a left bend above a distinct ledge there is a wave that will "elevator" you straight into the eddy on river right. This is a good thing. Behind this wave is the prime playspot on Piper's Hole. There are three waves, each one exists at different water levels. Each of these waves offers crazy spins and blunts (the extreme limit of my playboating skills). When you blow off the waves make for river right and work your way back up the eddies. Plan on spending a lot of time at these waves.

Below the waves eddy hop along the river right bank, following the main flow of the water. Below the ledge in river center is a great big eddy. River left also has a sneak route into this eddy. Tucked into the corner, beside the eddy, are some steep, fast, and fun waves. Surf here, its worth it. But beware, lurking downstream is a monster ledge hole (the rodeo hole - IV-). This hole can be avoided using several options. A. Don't flip over, B. Surf the soft, angled hole above the big hole and attain the eddy, C. hit the river right eddy above the hole, D. run the tongues on the left and right, or E. run the guts of that hole and see what happens (most people don't even slow down).

This is the rodeo hole and it is a big one. There is a big steady below this hole so don't be afraid to swim here. This is one of the easiest places to perform a rescue on the river. It is a big chunky hole with spots to cartwheel, spin, loop, and get worked in. It is much friendlier at lower water levels. In fact it offers a serious beating at high water when you lose control in it. This is the type of hole that rips arms out of their sockets, please, please, try and low brace in this hole.

The playboating pretty much ends at this point and the river becomes slightly more difficult. At the end of the steady there is an island to scout on, both channels have been run, but the river left channel (III+) is the easier of the two routes. It starts with a 2 m boof into a 90 degree corner, behind which is an eddy. The river is very narrow through here winding down and over a small ledge. Boof the ledge into the river right eddy and take a breath. The next move is a long traverse across

Region: Burin Peninsula

River: Pipers Hole

squirrely water in front of two very large holes. Eddy out beside these holes and peer in, its quite spectacular. They are safe to play in, but these are examples of full depth hydraulics. When you get worked you will bounce off the bottom and it hurts.

A small steady follows the two holes and leads to a river wide series of ledges. The most common line is over the river left side of the center ledge (IV) and there are equally exciting lines down the river right ledges too. The river left channel provides a class III sneak around the meatier ledges and deposits you safely at the bottom of the river. A short section of boogy water brings the exhausted boater to the final rapid of the day, under the bridge (III). This is essentially a fun wave train on river left. Hitting the river left eddies allows for one last surf wave to be played on, a short, fast, dynamic, fun surf. The take out is immediately after the bridge on either the river right or left banks, depending on how much walking you want to do. At high water there is a decent surf wave a bit further downstream that is worth checking out.

All in all a great play run.

Region: Burin Peninsula

River: Sandy Harbour River

Rivers of Newfoundland Database

Region:

Burin Peninsula

River:

Sandy Harbour River

NTS Sheet:

1 M\10

UTM Type: Zone:

NAD27 21

River Description:

Hardest Rapid: Flow Information:

NA

River Levels:

How to get there:

Gradient:

Section: Avg

Distance: 17.00 km

Elevation Loss: 114.0 m
374 ft

Gradient: 7 m/km
35 fpm

Section: Max

Distance: 2.20 km

Elevation Loss: 38.1 m
125 ft

Gradient: 17 m/km
92 fpm

Detailed Description of the River

Region: Burin Peninsula

River: Terrenceville Brook

Rivers of Newfoundland Database

Region:

Burin Peninsula

River:

Terrenceville Brook

NTS Sheet:

1 M\10

UTM Type: Zone:

NAD27 21

River Description:

Apparently this starts out with a couple of rock studded waterfalls at the highway. Nobody has ever been downstream to see what the rest looks like.

Hardest Rapid: Flow Information:

NA

After high rainfall or spring melt. This brook will have quick runoff.

River Levels:

How to get there:

Put-in	Northing: 5286592	Easting: 675730.4
From the road to Terrenceville turn right onto RD. 211 to Grand Pierre. The bridge over Terrenceville Brook is 2.1 km down the road.		
Take-out	Northing: 675017	Easting: 5284364
Your best bet is probably to continue down Terrenceville Brook until the road parallels the brook. This occurs at the end of a steady. It is probably shallow paddling and you might have to drag your boat, but I bet this is better than hiking through the woods up the side of a canyon.		

Gradient:

Section: Avg
Distance: 3.24 km
Elevation Loss: 68.5 m 225 ft
Gradient: 21 m/km 112 fpm
Section: Max
Distance: 1.40 km
Elevation Loss: 61.0 m 200 ft
Gradient: 44 m/km 231 fpm

Detailed Description of the River

Region: Burin Peninsula

River: Terrenceville Brook - East Prong

Rivers of Newfoundland Database

Region:

Burin Peninsula

River:

Terrenceville Brook - East Prong

NTS Sheet:

1 M\10

UTM Type: Zone:

NAD27

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River Description:

This is intermittent (read spring flood) brook in an insanely deep gorge. This looks like a narrow gash in the earth as you drive by it on the road.

Hardest Rapid: Flow Information:

NA

River Levels:

How to get there:

Gradient:

Section: Avg

Distance: 1.70 km

Elevation Loss: 91.0 m
298 ft

Gradient: 54 m/km
283 fpm

Detailed Description of the River