

# Rivers of Newfoundland Database

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<b>Region:</b>	<b>River:</b>	<b>NTS Sheet:</b>	<b>UTM Type:</b>	<b>Zone:</b>
Terra Nova	Black Brook	2 C\04	NAD27	21

## River Description:

A short, crazy steep river with a huge waterfall that almost looks runnable. A ton of gradient remains before the ocean, so there must be more good rapids or another huge waterfall.

<b>Difficulty Rating:</b>	<b>Hardest Rapid:</b>	<b>Flow Information:</b>
V+	VI	Medium - high flows after big rainfalls around Clarenville or spring melt.

## River Levels:

### How to get there:

<b>Put-in</b>	<b>Northing:</b>	<b>Easting:</b>
	5322608	279093.8
The put-in for this river is upstream of the TCH bridge. The bridge is located 8.5 km north of Goobies Junction. North of the bridge a driveway is located on the left side (west) of the TCH and parking is available for a couple of vehicles. The actual put-in is where ever you feel comfortable.		
<b>Take-out</b>	<b>Northing:</b>	<b>Easting:</b>
	5322764	279478.9
The take-out is located in the town of Northwest Brook. The river empties into Southwest Arm after passing under a bridge in the town.		

### Gradient:

<b>Section:</b> Avg
<b>Distance:</b> 0.61 km
<b>Elevation Loss:</b> 76.0 m 249 ft
<b>Gradient:</b> 126 m/km 665 fpm
<b>Section:</b> below falls
<b>Distance:</b> 0.36 km
<b>Elevation Loss:</b> 41.0 m 134 ft
<b>Gradient:</b> 114 m/km 604 fpm
<b>Section:</b> Max
<b>Distance:</b> 0.26 km
<b>Elevation Loss:</b> 35.0 m 115 ft
<b>Gradient:</b> 137 m/km 723 fpm

## Detailed Description of the River

The river flows under the highway between Goobies and Clarenville. I've been looking at it for a couple of years now as I drive by on the way to the Northwest. It looks pleasant enough on the west side of the highway, a few small ledges and a 5 m waterfall. On the east side of the highway all that can really be seen at 100 km/h is an airy looking horizon line. I've heard rumours from Jim Price about a big waterfall here and finally my curiosity got the best of me.

A big waterfall is an understatement, this is a behemoth and it is gorgeous.

Under the highway the river drops 5-6 m through a narrow, runnable slot (V). A short flat section (75

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m) leads up to the brink of the waterfall. The waterfall (VI) is created by a river wide ledge and is split into two falls by a river center pillar. The right side plunges 16+ m into a shallow pool formed in a narrow box canyon. The river left side of the falls drops over a 3-4 m ledge into a really small pool with two eddies, before plunging 12+ m into the narrow box canyon. From above the plunge pool looks pretty deep and it is obvious that at higher water levels the main flow of the river is on this side of the falls. It will require rappelling into the canyon below to continue down stream. From above the river can be seen to wind through the canyon over a series of small ledges, which are likely to be bigger than they appear.

The elevation loss below the waterfall is still really significant, 41m over 359 m (604 fpm). There must be another huge waterfall hidden in the canyon before it enters the ocean or just possibly some really cool rapids and waterfalls. The next time I'm heading up for a run on the Northwest River I'll definitely be checking this one out from the bottom to see what is downstream of the falls.

If you have never stopped to see this waterfall I urge you to take the time and hike into it. It literally is right beside the TCH and takes less than 2 minutes of bush crashing to visit. In fact the real reason I'm writing this description is to let the world know about the natural beauty of this waterfall. Enjoy.

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### River Description:

A great pool-drop run with constant action and some sweet drops that will keep you on your toes.

### Difficulty Rating:      Hardest Rapid:      Flow Information:

**IV**

V-

When the Terra Nova gauge is above 75 and rising steeply than Maccles Brook probably has good water on it. This is typically only a spring run off river. (more)

[www.gov.nf.ca/WRMD/ARDS/30dgraph.htm](http://www.gov.nf.ca/WRMD/ARDS/30dgraph.htm)

### River Levels:

<b>Medium</b>	75	to	150
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### How to get there:

<b>Put-in</b>	<b>Northing:</b> 5391244	<b>Easting:</b> 711093
Head north on the TCH from the take-out for 6 km. Turn left onto a small woods road and drive for about 1.4 km to a t-junction with the old railway line. Turn left onto the railway bed and follow this for 4.7 km to a small bridge over the narrows between two portions of Maccles Lake. Head down stream across the lake and enjoy the run.		
<b>Take-out</b>	<b>Northing:</b> 5391366	<b>Easting:</b> 717870
The take-out for Maccles Brook is the same as the Terra Nova River. Leave vehicle on the east side of the bridge crossing the Terra Nova River.		

### Gradient:

<b>Section:</b> Avg
<b>Distance:</b> 7.80 km
<b>Elevation Loss:</b> 100.0 m 328 ft
<b>Gradient:</b> 13 m/km 68 fpm
<b>Section:</b> Max
<b>Distance:</b> 5.70 km
<b>Elevation Loss:</b> 96.0 m 315 ft
<b>Gradient:</b> 17 m/km 89 fpm

### Detailed Description of the River

The first corner on Maccles Brook is the worst. It is essentially an unscoutable 1 m ledge (II+) with a clean tongue on the left. The first real rapid (III+) is just downstream and can be scouted from the river right shore. This is sweet boof move into the slot over a 1 m ledge. All the water pumps out of the slot creating big smiles. Boogy water for a stretch relaxes most boaters and after crossing a very short steady a distinct horizon line appears. Scout on the river right. This drop (IV) has certainly caused some moans over time. It is a rocky slide that is trickier than it looks, lots of stuff hidden in there to knock you off line and bump your head on before you get stuck in the hole at the bottom. A bit of class III action below this leads you up to the Canyon (V) This is the first big drop on the river. Dodging around the shallow, rocky entrance ledge can be tricky and once you drop off the 2 m ledge and into the slot it is non-stop action before you hit the final 2.5 m ledge that launches you into the pool at the bottom. It is fairly important, but difficult, to hit the final ledge on the right side. There is a massive boulder lurking on the left side that has to hurt when you hit it. The far river right side of

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the central fin is a 5 m (V+) waterfall with a very tight river right line that has never been run.

The next major rapid has a class III line on river left and a class IV line on river right. Scout carefully, the right side has a large, tricky, although not sticky, hole hidden on the second drop. It isn't that hard to hit the line, but you'll get hammered below the third ledge if you miss your boof on the second ledge. Right, Geoff? One of the most fun class IV rapids follows shortly after, a narrow slot with three holes to punch. Watch out for the rock sticking out into the line on river right, its better to sub out by running too far left than it is to piton this nasty little rock. The bottom hole offers nice ends. Constant class III below here leads to the brink of the next class -V rapid. This is a sweet set of ledges that must be scouted. The first ledge is normally run on the left and into the river right eddy just after the ninety degree corner. The final ledge is a 4 m slide that can be run right down the middle off an awesome boof flake. There is also a sneak on the far river right. The left side drops into an ominous hole and care should probably be taken to stay out of this self feeding nightmare.

At the fork in the river you have a difficult choice. It is commonly accepted practice to go left at all forks, its kind of a coin toss on this brook. The left channel starts as a class II series of riffles leading up to the brink of a 1 m ledge followed immediately by a 5 m falls. Very fun and it can be run on the left or right. If you choose to follow the less travelled road at the fork you will be a very busy paddler for a few minutes. At higher water the right channel picks up and quickly becomes a class IV boulder garden. The grand finale on this channel is the blind corner leading to a IV+ slide into the pool at the base of the waterfall. There is no chance to scout on this one so be warned. At lower water this section drops a grade. Personally I recommend the right channel, it is super cool and you can always climb back up to run the falls. This is also the last drop on the river, all that remains is a shallow class III boulder run out to the confluence with the Terra Nova River at the take-out.

This description only hits the major rapids, I know there are few more class III drops hidden in there that I haven't described.

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**River:** Northwest River

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Terra Nova	Northwest River	2 D\8	NAD27	21

### River Description:

A narrow river with steep, drop-pool style rapids. The quantity and spacing of rapids gives a good creek like feeling to the river.

<b>Difficulty Rating:</b>	<b>Hardest Rapid:</b>	<b>Flow Information:</b>
III+	V,V+	Levels for the Northwest R. are available from the WRMD-ARDS website.

[www.gov.nf.ca/WRMD/ARDS/30dgraph.htm](http://www.gov.nf.ca/WRMD/ARDS/30dgraph.htm)

### River Levels:

<b>Low</b>	7	to	14
<b>Medium</b>	14	to	30
<b>High</b>	30	to	100

### How to get there:

<b>Put-in</b>	<b>Northing:</b>	<b>Easting:</b>
	5365943	701736

Travel 950 m south on the TCH from the take-out. Turn right onto the gravel road leading to the Boy Scout camp. At the first intersection (815 m) continue straight along the main road; this is the railway line. A right turn here leads to an old train bridge over the river. Continue along the road to the next fork (4 km). A red gate bars the right hand fork, 25 m past the gate is a bridge spanning the river. This is the put-in.

<b>Take-out</b>	<b>Northing:</b>	<b>Easting:</b>
	5364493	706539.8

The take-out is 20 km north on the TCH from the Irving station in Clarendville. Just past the bridge over the Northwest River (150 m) is a small parking lot on the left hand side of the highway. DFO usually has a small trailer parked here for salmon counters. An alternate take-out/put-in is the train bridge (see put-in description). When approaching this take-out on the river be very carefull of the salmon counting apparatus. It is a river wide fence used to corral fish and kill kayakers.

### Gradient:

<b>Section:</b>	Avg
<b>Distance:</b>	5.70 km
<b>Elevation Loss:</b>	94.4 m 310 ft
<b>Gradient:</b>	17 m/km 88 fpm
<b>Section:</b>	Max
<b>Distance:</b>	0.50 km
<b>Elevation Loss:</b>	16.8 m 55 ft
<b>Gradient:</b>	34 m/km 178 fpm

### Detailed Description of the River

The Northwest River can be broken into three sections: Upper, Second Canyon, and the Golf Course.

The upper section begins with three class II+ warm-up rapids. A nice spot to practice eddy turns and get used to the boat. The first major rapid is Wake-up Call (IV) and can be recognized by a sharp

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right turn along a low rock wall. It starts with a ledge, a fast right hand turn, and finishes by punching the corners of two large, shallow holes. Wake-up call sets the tone for the rest of the river, if you don't like this one you're still not far from the trucks. A short pool leads to the Price is Right (III\III+). Three slots converge on a short pool above a 5' slide, which is run just left of center. The river right slot provides the easiest, most controlled access to the main drop. Around the corner from this is Fish Hook (IV-). Looks can be deceiving, hit the left side of that little hole or go for a ride, but don't go to far right or you'll flush out the Backdoor. Thirty meters of eddy hopping brings you to the brink of a 6' double ledge (III). This is a nice spot to practice hitting small eddies at the brink of a drop. Run the ledges on the right side with a bit of speed to get through the bottom hole, which can be quite sticky at low water. Following this rapid is a 500 - 600 m section of class III to III+ river running. There is lots of eddies in this section, so get in some good practice. The section starts off with a 2 m ledge (Jim's Grin III) and is one of the best boofs on the river. "On Your Face" (III+) follows quickly after this ledge. A multitude of lines exist here and it might be a good idea for a quick scout. The center is definitely a meaty hole at medium water levels, but opens up in high water. A bit of boogy water leads you to the brink of a 10' slide and is run in river center, from a river right eddy. In low water there is a nice boof on far river left. A short steady after the ledge ends with a distinct river wide horizon line (Toilet Bowl III+). This is the start of the first canyon. It can be scouted on the river left shoreline or on the island in the middle, but it should be scouted on your first few trips. The right side offers a boof on a narrow tongue right of the island. The hole (Principle's Office) is sticky at high water and should be approached with caution. The second ledge on this rapid can be run anywhere, it's bark is worse than its bite. However, the river left side is a little munchier and has a squirrely eddy. Flush Box (III) is a steep class III rapid with no major obstacles. The standard line starts on the right and finishes the rapid on the left in a narrow slot. The only caution here is the pourover at the bottom, while not dangerous and offering big air, has a recirculating eddy on the river right side. The "Main Vein" (IV+\V) is the crux rapid of the First Canyon and must be scouted before committing to the line. It is a 100 m long section in a deep canyon with shear walls and a must make eddy, especially if you're boat scouting. The entrance to this section is a class III ledge ("I.V.") with a nice sneak at high water, followed by a bit of tricky class III boogie water. The final eddy on river right is large at low - medium levels and non-existent at high water. The "Main Vein" itself is a 2.5 m weir type drop into a deep, narrow hole with the boil 15 m downstream. It is angled and kicks to the right, but it would not be a pleasant place to be hammered. After the "Main Vein" are two insignificant rapids. The first is Fruit Loops (II) and is a nice spot for trying loops and cartwheels, but beware of the face munching rock in the main flow. Trestle (III) is a 1 m river wide ledge. In lower water the only option is a boof on river left into the eddy. The hole here is sticky and has been swam out of many times, right Wrinch? The trestle bridge marks the end of the Upper Section and can be used to make a short trip or as an emergency exit from the river. It is only a few kilometers to the TCH from this location.

Below the trestle bridge is Big Falls (VI). Kevin England ran a daring line called Feeling Lucky (V+) just left of center. On a second descent of this line Kev pioneered a new line down the left side of the main ledge of the falls, which has not been named. Most boaters opt for the salmon ladder (Slot Machine - III) or portage on the river right side. Be careful in the Slot Machine it is narrow, rocky, an ideal spot for nasty wood, has pinned people, and broken an eardrum.

Second Canyon starts below the falls with a bit of a bang. A couple of nice surf waves precede the first ledge (III) which consists of a big hole, go left or be daring and boof extreme right. Second Canyon is narrow and has higher walls than the First Canyon, but ultimately is an easier section of the river. Two ledges (III) appear after the opening drop and are easily boat scouted from eddies and run on river left. After the second ledge the canyon becomes very narrow and turbulent, but, with the exception of one flushy hole (III), flows uninterrupted out of the Second Canyon. Boatbusters (III+) marks the end of the Second Canyon Section. It has a burly line that starts on river right, punches a diagonal hole, exiting on far river left beside a sticky, self-feeding hole. On river right a nice little sneak line appears during high water. The remainder of this section is class II boogie water

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leading up to the start of the Golf Course Section. Difficulty increases towards the golf course and the final bit above the obvious bridge is class III and requires that a river left eddy be hit before passing under the bridge.

The Golf Course Section is without a doubt some of the finest whitewater in the Terra Nova Area. The gradient increases dramatically and 15 m (50') of elevation is lost in three distinct ledges over 500 m . First Drop (IV) has a multitude of lines. In low water the most fun is to be had on river right. At higher water the left lines are safer. Be wary of the right side line with increasing water levels, the river right eddy at the bottom of the ledge is depressed by 1 - 2 m and backed up by an undercut rock, not a nice place to hang out. I saw a swimmer disappear here for a very long time. Second Drop (V), on river right, involves four critical paddle strokes to achieve a grin, miss these strokes and you'll get hammered in the shallow self-feeding hole at the bottom of a steep 4 m slide. Other options for this line is the 5 m falls (V+) in the middle of the ledge. It looks like fun, but rescue opportunities are limited, it is horseshoe shaped with a bad right side slot, and the entrance is virtually unscoutable at possible water levels. A class IV\IV+ line has also been run on far river left. Third Drop (IV) has good lines everywhere, but the center and right sides become very difficult at highwater and are unscoutable at any water level. A 3 m ledge on river left always offers a sweet little boof. If you don't know the line into this ledge you probably want to scout it a few times.

The best part is that the river isn't over yet. A bit of a steady follows the Golf Course Section, ending in the horizon line of 50\50. An ominous and well deserved name. The 3.5 m falls is run on the river right slab and if you do this enough times you'll agree with the statistics of being upright at the bottom. All that remains before the take-out is a class II rapid typically run on the right side of the boulder and left of the shallow, sticky hole. Just follow the tongue. The take out is about 100 m downstream on river left, above the highway bridge and apparatus for the salmon counter. There are rapids downstream of the highway bridge. However, flooding in 2004 washed the salmon counting fence downstream; depositing several hundred pounds of re-bar into these rapids.

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**River:** Salmon Brook

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### River Description:

A drop pool style river with narrow rapids and tight, technical lines. A couple of nice ledges and the last few rapids make this a fun river for intermediate and advanced paddlers.

### Difficulty Rating: Hardest Rapid: Flow Information:

III

IV

Flows for Salmon Brook are based on the Northwest River gauge. If the Northwest river is under 40, this will be a very low water run.

### River Levels:

<b>Low</b>	35	to	45
<b>Medium</b>	45	to	60

### How to get there:

#### Put-in

<b>Northing:</b>	<b>Easting:</b>
536137	701351

This set of UTM's are for Salmon Pond. This pond is the starting point of the 6.9 km run. A quad trail starts on the NW River road at the power lines (1.2 km from the railway tracks). The trail is on the left side of the road and travels south to south west for 5 km to Salmon Pond. The trail anastomoses a bit, but they all go to the same place. It swings out to the west and follows the eastern shoreline of Eastern Salmon Pond. Shortly after crossing a short bridge Salmon Pond will be visible in the distance, cut across the swamp until you hit the pond. This hike in will be arduous if there is no snow on the ground to drag the boats on.

#### Secondary Put-in

<b>Northing:</b>	<b>Easting:</b>
5364035	705901

An alternative put-in is right at the bridge on the old rail bed. When the Northwest River road crosses the old rail bed turn left and the bridge over Salmon Br. Is about 600 m down the road. Most of the best rapids are below this point anyways. A second alternative is to hike along the power lines and put-on where they cross the river (not enough rapids to really make this worth the effort.

#### Take-out

<b>Northing:</b>	<b>Easting:</b>
5363646	706678.4

The brook ends in the ocean just south of the Northwest River. Take-out anywhere along the north side of the river and follow the fairways back up to the highway.

### Gradient:

#### Section: Avg

**Distance:** 6.90 km

**Elevation Loss:** 129.6 m  
425 ft

**Gradient:** 19 m/km  
99 fpm

#### Section: Max

**Distance:** 1.80 km

**Elevation Loss:** 45.7 m  
150 ft

**Gradient:** 25 m/km  
134 fpm

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### **Detailed Description of the River**

First Descent: (19??) Jim Price (From the train bridge down?). First descent from Salmon Pond: (2003) Steve Arns, Chris Buchanan, and Dave MacDonald.

We headed off to paddle the Northwest River this spring after a cold snap reduced the volume in many of the rivers of eastern Newfoundland. On the way up the put-in road we were side tracked by Salmon Brook. The rapids near the highway had just enough water to scrape down them and scrape we did. A hasty decision and a strong desire to paddle a new river set this group off on an adventure.

Getting ready to head down the trail to the put-in a friendly, quad-riding local suggested that it might be a 20 minute hike to Salmon Pond. So, in high spirits, on a sunny day, we dragged our boats up that trail for an hour and ten minutes. It should be duly noted that a case of beer or \$20 bucks might get you a ride to the pond, or at least your boats. The trail is in excellent condition and there is no real concern about getting lost. We were fortunate to have a lot of snow covering the trail, as this reduced the friction of dragging the boats. This put-in would be much harder without snow on the muddy, rocky trail.

To block the wind at the put-in we hunkered down behind some trees and a large snow drift to change into our gear and catch a few rays. Once on the water our smiles got larger and we laughed louder as we encountered the first few rapids. The first section of Salmon Brook is similar in nature to the top of the Northwest River. It twists and turns over a series of fun ledges and short, class I\III rapids. Our group boat scouted all of this section, catching the many eddies and resting in the pools between ledges. Watch out for Blindman's Cleaver (III+), I got worked a bit in the hole below the ledge. It is a blind right-hand corner and there is no eddy to hop into at the brink of the ledge. In highwater this ledge might hand out a bit of a whupping. Shortly after this rapid is another significant horizon line which requires scouting. It is a straight forward class III+ rapid on the right side of the island and it looked like two little ledges on the left side of the island. After this rapid nothing happens for a while, except a 600 m steady.

A cool looking 2 m wide slot in a granite wall indicates the end of the steady. This is class II+ at low water, but might get harder, or easier, at higher water. A double ledge (Class -IV) after the pool is one of the best rapids on the river. It offers a great 2 m boof, followed by a 4 m drop into a narrow slot canyon. Excellent fun, and Steve was right, the current pumped Dave and I directly into the opposite wall. This wouldn't normally be a problem except for the over hanging ice on this day. A short 150 m jaunt downstream brings you to the next fun looking rapid, two small ledges. There is a high probability that in highwater this becomes a river wide hole. A long section of class I\II swifts marks the run up to the power lines.

After the power lines a series of fun, boat scoutable class III, drop-pool rapids occur leading up to and passing under the old train bridge. The first horizon line after the bridge is a class III+ rapid and immediately after it is the start of two class IV rapids. The creek splits in two channels, each with class IV rapids. The river left channel was blocked by a river wide log in 2002. Just past the log is a steep and bony chute with a nice line down the middle that is difficult to scout from the island. A large eddy is present on river right at the top of the drop. The river right side of the island is a narrow, easy channel ending at a narrow waterfall. The waterfall is not exceptionally difficult, but has significant hazards. The hole at the bottom will be sticky in higher water and the opposite side of the 2 m pool is a severely undercut wall. This is not a good spot for a swimmer. The drop immediately after this is the rapid which can be seen from the TCH as you travel south. The teaser rapid. It is a fun III+ with a beefy guard hole at the top.

Passing under the highway bridge you find a couple of II+\III rapids that end at a serious looking horizon line. This rapid is probably a great class IV at highwater. Scout the lines by eddying on river right. Avoid the river left side as it is pretty much a nasty, unrunnable, jagged jumble of boulders.

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Take-out immediately after this drop and hike back to the highway. The only thing down stream is the ocean and an unnecessary extension of the hike out. This is a cute run and worth doing as an intermediate type spring creek run.

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**River Description:**

Unrun and only topo scouted. Looks good when you drive by it on the highway.

<b>Hardest Rapid:</b>	<b>Flow Information:</b>
NA	High water in the spring.

**River Levels:**

**How to get there:**

**Gradient:**

<b>Section:</b> Avg
<b>Distance:</b> 3.00 km
<b>Elevation Loss:</b> 49.0 m 161 ft
<b>Gradient:</b> 16 m/km 86 fpm

**Detailed Description of the River**

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**River:** Southern Bight Brook

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**Region:**

Terra Nova

**River:**

Southern Bight Brook

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**UTM Type: Zone:**

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**River Description:**

**Hardest Rapid: Flow Information:**

NA

**River Levels:**

**How to get there:**

**Gradient:**

**Section:** Avg

**Distance:** 3.90 km

**Elevation Loss:** 76.5 m  
251 ft

**Gradient:** 20 m/km  
104 fpm

**Section:** Avg

**Distance:** 4.90 km

**Elevation Loss:** 122.0 m  
400 ft

**Gradient:** 25 m/km  
132 fpm

**Detailed Description of the River**

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**River:**

Southwest River

**NTS Sheet:**

2 D/8

**UTM Type: Zone:**

NAD27

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**River Description:**

A series of shallow boulder gardens in an open river bed, which is set in a pretty canyon.

**Difficulty Rating:**

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**Hardest Rapid: Flow Information:**

VI

**River Levels:**

**How to get there:**

**Gradient:**

**Detailed Description of the River**

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### River Description:

A great introductory run for beginner paddlers. The whitewater sections are fun, with a broad range of difficulty. Unfortunately those steadies leave something to be desired.

**Difficulty Rating:** III      **Hardest Rapid:** V+VI      **Flow Information:** [www.gov.nf.ca/WRMD/ARDS/30dgraph.htm](http://www.gov.nf.ca/WRMD/ARDS/30dgraph.htm)

### River Levels:

<b>Low</b>	15	to	30
<b>Medium</b>	30	to	75
<b>High</b>	75	to	150

### How to get there:

<b>Take-out</b>	<b>Northing:</b> 5391366	<b>Easting:</b> 717870
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### Gradient:

<b>Section:</b> 1. Big Falls
<b>Distance:</b> 3.10 km
<b>Elevation Loss:</b> 31.0 m 102 ft
<b>Gradient:</b> 10 m/km 53 fpm
<b>Section:</b> 2. Jim's Drop
<b>Distance:</b> 5.00 km
<b>Elevation Loss:</b> 41.0 m 134 ft
<b>Gradient:</b> 8 m/km 43 fpm
<b>Section:</b> Avg
<b>Distance:</b> 21.20 km
<b>Elevation Loss:</b> 72.0 m 236 ft
<b>Gradient:</b> 3 m/km 18 fpm

**Detailed Description of the River**

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**River:** Terra Nova River - Ruins

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## Rivers of Newfoundland Database

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<b>Region:</b>	<b>River:</b>	<b>NTS Sheet:</b>	<b>UTM Type:</b>	<b>Zone:</b>
Terra Nova	Terra Nova River - Ruins	2 D\09	NAD27	21

### River Description:

A short set of rapids with a few small play waves and one ledge in Glovertown. This spot is used for beginner instruction and practice.

**Difficulty Rating:**      **Hardest Rapid:**      **Flow Information:**

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Flows most of the time, although it is better at higher water in the spring.

### River Levels:

### How to get there:

### Gradient:

<b>Put-in</b>	<b>Northing:</b>	<b>Easting:</b>
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From St. John's off the TCH follow signs to Traytown. This involves a right off the highway followed by the first left. At the t-junction turn left toward Glovertown and follow the road for 5 km to where it crosses the Terra Nova River. Just past the bridge is a white church, turn left at the church. Follow this road to where it ends at the ruins of a giant mill of some sort. Crash around here a bit and you'll find the ruins, there isn't much to it. This is also a reasonable place to camp, although it can be busy.		

### Detailed Description of the River

Description provided by Andrew Stewart (April 2005)

The run usually starts where the power lines cross the river. A small surf wave is present just above the power lines on river right which is a good warm-up wave and ender's. Below this wave there is a large concrete pillar towards river right. To the right is an eddy that sometimes has a small hole (120+ cms) and good spots for stern squirting at lower water levels (30-40 cms). At super-high water some big standing waves form below the eddies, but require some scouting at these levels. The "Bench" is a river wide ledge that is quite safe at most levels, although at very high water it turns into a smaller version of the Rooster Tail on the main Terra Nova run. At lower levels the hole becomes kind of sticky, although, this is the hole I got my first cartwheels in at 40 cms and 120 cms.

Below the Bench is a wave called "Shotgun," a dynamic and difficult little wave (ed. It is good for spins and blunts). To the side of Shotgun is a hole, and glassy wave at high water, that is also a good surf wave. A few small surf holes are playable just above the boulder garden. Mark Dykeman teaches in these waves so I assume everyone will know where they are located. The king wave at the Ruins is "Magic Mountain." This large wave forms under certain flow and tide conditions. The optimal conditions are 180+ cms (spring conditions) and low tide, generally a half-an-hour past the low tide mark. The wave is pretty big (Virgin Wave size) and is rumored to be a lot of fun by the local paddlers. And the best feature about "Magic Mountain" is the HUGE eddy beside it, that is

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directly beside the road. True park and play.

Ed. This is an excellent run to practice on for beginners and it seems that it may have harboured one of the islands best play waves. I guess we'll have to try and get up there for a play session when "Magic Mountain" is working. Check with the local paddlers about tidal conditions before heading up and I'm sure that you will find willing paddling partners. Thanks for the beta Andrew.