

## CANTERBURY

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**Regulatory Authority** Environment Canterbury Navigation and Safety Bylaws 2017. See website. For river flows visit Environment Canterbury website. ([www.ecan.govt.nz](http://www.ecan.govt.nz))

**District Councils:** Kaikoura (District Plan 2008); Hurunui (District Plan 2015), Waimakariri (District Plan 2005), Christchurch City, Selwyn (District Plan 2008), Ashburton (District Plan 2014)

## ASHBURTON RIVER

Section	Uplifting	Description	Launching	Comments
North & South Branch above forks	Yes	Class 3-4. Boulders/shingle/braided/willows Gradient: 4.7m/km	Blowing Point Bridge in high flow	Needs high flow > 40cumecs

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Sea to forks	Yes	Class 2. Shingle/braided/willows 21km. Gradient: 4.5m/km	Below SH 1 Bridge	Flow required: > 20cumecs @ Ashburton gauging site

### ASHLEY RIVER

<i>Sea to SH1</i>	<i>No</i>			
Gilliespies Bridge to Middle Bridge	Yes	Class 2. Rocks/ gorgy/no access 8km. Gradient: 7.5m/km	As above, or at Middle Bridge with difficulty or off Mt Thomas Rd	Needs high flow as below. 50cumecs at Ashley Gorge recorder
Middle Bridge to Ashley Gorge	Yes	Class 3. Rocks, chutes/gorgy/no access 12km. Gradient: 8.3m/km	Ashley Camping ground	Needs high flow > 70cumecs @ Ashley Gorge site
Ashley Gorge to SH 1	Yes	Class 2. Shingle/braided/willows. 41km. Gradient: 5.0m/km	SH 1 Bridge, north side. Rangiora Township Bridge	Needs > 20cumecs @ Ashley Gorge gauging site

### BOYLE RIVER

Hope River to Lewis River Confluence	Yes	Class 3. Rocks, boulder, gorge 13km. Gradient: 9.2m/km Has been boated to 1km below Lewis	Hope	Need above average flow
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### BROKEN RIVER

Flock Hill Stream to Waimakariri	Yes	Class 3. Rocks, rapids 17km. Gradient: 8.5m/km Has been boated to Flock Hill Stream	Waimakariri	Need above average flows.
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### CLARENCE

Lake Tennyson to Leader Stream	Yes	Class 4. Rocks, boulders 24km. Gradient: 10.4m/km	Off riverbed where possible	Requires above average flows
Leader Stream to Jollies Pass	Yes	Class 3. Rocks, boulders 12km. Gradient: 6.7m/km	Off riverbed where possible	
Jollies Pass to sea	NOTE. For that part in the Kaikoura District a restricted discretionary resource consent is required	Class 3. Boulders, gorgy, rapids, isolated 185km. Gradient: 5.25m/km	Near Acheron accommodation House, or from farm land near Glen Alton. Quail Flat with permission from MUZZEL STATION	Minimum flow 10cumecs @ Jollies Pass recorder. Ideal about 15cumecs

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### CONWAY

	Source to sea	Class 3. Shingle, gorgy	Ferniehurst Rd Bridge	Needs high flow conditions
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### ESK

Gorge to Waimakariri	No	Class 3. Boulders, braided 10km. Gradient: 28m/km Has been boated 10km in high flow conditions??	From Waimakariri	Needs high flow conditions
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### EYRE

Depot Road Bridge, Oxford to the Waimakariri River	Yes – JBNZ Members only permit	Class 3. Shingle, willows, braided 35km. Gradient: 6.3m/km	Any of the fords or from the Waimakariri River, 2km downstream of the pylons on true left side	Needs high flow/flood. Users <b>must</b> complete JBNZ Rivers Run log to provide data to maintain currency and integrity of this uplift.
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### HAUPOKA

Sea to ???	Source to sea	Class 3. Steep, fast, mean 10km. Gradient: 36m/km		Needs high flow conditions
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### HOPE

Kiwi Hut to Waiau River Confluence	Yes	Class 3. Boulders 27km. Gradient: 7.8m/km	River bed near Gabriel's Gully if possible or Waiau or Hope Rivers	Needs high flow conditions
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### HURUNUI

No 3 Hut to Lake Sumner	Source to sea	Class 3. Shingle, braided 16km. Gradient: 7.2m/km	Loch Katrine	Requires high flow conditions. Seldom boated
Lake Sumner to Mandamus River	"	Class 3. Rocks, boulders, gorgy, rapids 40km. Gradient: 6m/km	The Peaks, ask permission	Requires high flow conditions. 100cumecs at Mandamus & less than 140cumecs
Mandamus to SH7	"	Class 2. Boulders, shingle, braided 20km. Gradient: 6m/km	Balmoral Bridge south side at times in to the Waitohi	40cumecs @ Mandamus
SH7 to sea		Class 1. Shingle, braided, gorge 49km. Gradient: 4.1m/km	SH 1	35cumecs @ Mandamus

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### KAHUTARA

Sea to SH 70 Bridge	Sea to source	Shingle willows. Fast and mean above SH 70. 16km. Gradient: 11.9m/km Please give information to JBNZ if you boat it	Railway Bridge at the mouth	No current information. History not known
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### KAIAPOI

	No	8km/hr policed	Kaiapoi town ship Hall Street by BMX track	
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### KOWAI

? to sea	Source to sea	Class 2. Shingle Please give information to JBNZ if you boat it	SH 1?	Needs high flow. No history known
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### KOWHAI

? to sea	Source to sea	Class 3. Shingle, steep, fast Please give information to JBNZ if you boat it	?	Needs high flow conditions. No history known
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### LAKE STREAM

Low Bridges to Rakaia	Yes, except for April May and June	Class 3. Boulders, shingle, braided 17km. Gradient: 5.3m/km	Access from Rakaia or below Lake Heron in high flow with permission	Needs high flow conditions. Has been boated to low bridges
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### MOTUNAU

Source to Bend above mooring area	Yes	No information	Motunau	
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### POULTER

Lake Minchin to East Branch	No	As below	As below	Has been boated to Thompson Stream
East Branch Confluence to Waimakariri	Yes	Class 3. Boulders, shingle, braided 18km. Gradient: 7.3m/km	Access from Waimakariri	

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### RAKAIA excluding HYDRA WATERS ABOVE SIGN AND GLENARIFFE STREAM

Jagged Stream to Wilberforce	Yes, but NOT in April, May or June	Class 3. Boulders, braided 32km. Gradient: 7.8m/km	Lake Coleridge Power Station outfall	
Wilberforce to sea	Yes	Class 1. Braided, shingle 96km. Gradient: 4.1m/km	SH1, Gorge Bridge	Always boatable

### RANGITATA INCLUDING HAVELOCK AND CLYDE

#### NOTE: DEEP STREAM (Mesopotamia) & DEEP CREEK (Mt Potts) are non-boating areas

Havelock. Forbes Junction to Clyde	Yes, but not during 1/3 to 31/7	Class 3. Boulders, braided 15km. Gradient: 12m/km		
Clyde	As above	Not usually boatable		
Clyde to Turnagain Point	As above	Class 1. Shingle, braided 25km. Gradient: 5.2m/km		
Turnagain Point to Gorge	Yes	Class 1. Shingle, braided 13km. Gradient: 1.4m/km	Ben McLeod Station beside road	
Gorge to Intake	Yes	Class 4. Rapids, rocks 6km. Gradient: 10m/km	Launch ramp at the head of the gorge using the easement on the boundary at Stew Point and White Rock Stations. Permission from Stew Point 03 696 3706. Beware of the silt/sinking sand	Has been boated @ 150cumecs. Note Waterfall. SHUT THE GATE. This is also the access used by Rangitata Rafts
Intake to SH 1	Yes	Class 3. Boulders 40km. Gradient: 3.9m/km	Below SH 1 north side at times	Flow required: 85cumecs at Klondike recorder Plus RDR abstraction
SH 1 to sea	Yes	Class 2. Boulders, braided 18km. Gradient: 5.5m/km	Rangitata Huts Nth side	

### SELWYN

From 1km upstream of SH77 bridge, Glentunnel to Brookside and Burnham Road / Corbetts Road Ford	Yes – JBNZ Members only permitted	Class 3. Shingle/braided 53km. Gradient: 5.2m/km	SH1, Highfield Road or Bealey Road	Needs high flow/flood. Users <b>must</b> complete JBNZ Rivers Run log to provide data to maintain currency and integrity of this uplift.
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### WAIAU

Ada to Narrows (Stanley River Confluence)	No			
Narrows to Hope Confluence	Yes	Class 3. Rocky, rapids, gorgy 19km. Gradient: 8.9m/km	Waiau riverbed above Hanmer Ferry Bridge	Narrows have been boated. Very isolated section
Hope to Ferry Bridge	Yes	Class 2. Boulders, braided 19km. Gradient: 6.3m/km	As above	
Ferry Bridge to Leslie Hills	Yes	Class 2. 1gorgy, rocks 16km. Gradient: 3.9m/km	Waiau township Mason River junction	Notify commercial operator
Leslie Hills to sea	Yes	Class 1. Shingle, braided 68km. Gradient: 3.75m/km	SH1 Bridge. Or Waiau township	Note: low flows can present issues / Minimum flow. 35cumecs. All huts along this section of river are privately owned. Seek permission from owners before using.

### WAIMAKARIRI

Bealey Bridge to Poulter Confluence	Yes, excluding April, May and June	Class 3. Braided, shingle 32km. Gradient: 5.3m/km	Mt White Bridge	Can be soft shingle to launch into
Poulter to Woodstock	Yes	Class 1. Rocks, rapids, gorgy. Note: benches between Esk and Poulter can be Class 3. 36km. Gradient: 4.6m/km	Woodstock. SH 72	
Woodstock to SH 1 Bridge	Yes	Class 1. Shingle, braided 69km. Gradient: 4.4m/km	Gorge Bridge, JBNZ SH 1 Ramp	
SH 1 Bridge to sea	No	6km		

### WAIPARA

White Gorge to sea	Yes	Class 3. Shingle, braided, willows, gorgy at top 24km. Gradient: 5.8m/km	Double Corner Bridge, or SH 1	Needs high flows
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**WAKANUI CREEK**

Above tidal influence	Yes	No information		
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**WILBERFORCE**

Rakaia Confluence upstream	Yes	Class 3. Shingle, braided, boulders 35km. Gradient: 6.6m/km	Mt Algidus crossing with difficulty. Or as per upper RAKAIA	Needs above average flows. Has been boated to Burnetts Steam in high flow
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