

## WEST COAST

**Please log your river runs on the JBNZ website (link on Home Page) or JBNZ APP. By doing so, we build up data on use of each river. This helps when discussing access to specific rivers with the relevant authorities.**

**Regulatory Authority:** Maritime New Zealand (MNZ). Upliftings granted: Zealand Gazette: 1991 P 967. Crooked River and tributaries NZG 8 June 2006 p 1430, Totara River NZG 26 Sept. 1995

**Westland Regional Council** are currently happy with the job MNZ does with respect to Navigation Safety and sees no need to accept another responsibility

**District Councils:** Buller District Council, Grey District Council, Westland District Council

### General Information

**Lake Brunner:** Tributaries (Hohonu & Orangpuke) are not uplifted. Crooked has short term uplifting. Arnold River is prohibited  
River levels vary very rapidly depending on weather conditions  
Launching sites: Check with locals  
Take care in tidal areas during whitebait season

## AHAURA RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

Section	Uplifting	Description	Launching	Comments
Trent River to Haupiri River Confluence	Yes. (See under Grey River)	Class 2. 20km Shingle, rocks, rapids Gradient: 8.9m/km		
Haupiri River to Earthquake Rapid	Yes. (See under Grey River)	Class 2. 24km Rocks, short gorge Gradient: 4.4m/km	Kopara	CAUTION: EARTHQUAKE RAPID NEEDS GOOD FLOW
Earthquake Rapid to Grey River Confluence	Yes. (See under Grey River)	Class 1. 21km Rocks, gorge, rapid Gradient: 2.5m/km	Ahaura under rail bridge	

## ARAWATA RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

Williamson River to Yasmac Creek	Yes	Class 4. 7.5km Rocks, gorge, rapids Gradient: 20m/km		10 HOUR GORGE ONLY BOATABLE 1KM
Yasmac Creek to sea	Yes	Class 2. 52km Shingle, logs, braids Gradient: 1.6m/km	Neils Beach, Bridge with difficulty, Jackson River	

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## BULLER RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES - SEE NELSON/MARLBOROUGH

### BURKE RIVER

Cowen Creek to Strachan Creek	Yes (See under Haast River)	Class 4. 12km Gorgy, boulders Gradient: 10.8m/km		
Strachan Creek to Haast River Confluence	Yes (See under Haast River)	Class 2. 4km Gradient: 5m/km	Haast River at Pleasant Flat	Note: Very scenic deep pools < 1km from Confluence

### CASCADE RIVER. (Tributaries excluded)

Falls Creek to Woodhen Creek	Yes	Class 4. 13km Rocks, boulders, rapids Gradient: 7.7m/km		
Woodhen Creek to the Bend	Yes	Class 3. 6km Rocks, boulders Gradient: 5.8m/km		NEEDS GOOD FLOW
The Bend to sea	Yes	Class 2. 30km Shingle, logs, tidal Gradient: 1m/km	Launching into Martyr no longer possible due to sometimes locked gate	Contact Cascade Cattle Company

### CLARKE RIVER

Rough Creek to Landsborough Confluence	Yes, see Haast River	Class 3. 10km Shingle, braids, boulders Gradient: 4m/km	Haast River via Landsborough River	
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### COOK RIVER excluding tributaries

Fox River to sea	Yes	Class 3. 13km Rocks, boulders Gradient: 5.8m/km	Contact locals	Glacier fed, milky. NEEDS HIGH FLOW Lower 5km are in Westland National Park
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### COPLAND RIVER

Ruera River to Architects Creek	Yes (See under Haast River)	Class 4. 7km Gorgy, boulders, rocks, rapids Gradient: 33m/km		This section is in Westland National Park
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Architects Creek to Karangaroa River Confluence	Yes (See under Haast River)	Class 3. 6km Gorgy, fast, boulders, rocks, rapids Gradient: 8.3m/km		Boulder bar prevents access usually This section is in Westland National Park

### **CROOKED RIVER, NZG 2006 p 1430**

Mount Howe to Evans River	1/8 to 30/9 each year, sunrise to sunset	Class 4. 11km Boulders, logs, gorgy Gradient: 23.6m/km		
Evans River to Main Road (Lake Brunner Rd) Bridge	1/8 to 30/9 each year, sunrise to sunset	Class 3. 8km Rocky, logs, rapids Gradient: 5m/km		
Main Road (Lake Brunner Rd) Bridge to Lake Brunner	1/8 to 30/9 each year, sunrise to sunset	Class 2. 12km Shingle, logs Gradient: 2.9m/km	Lake Brunner: Moana, Mitchells or Iveagh Bay	

### **GREY RIVER. All tributaries except for Arnold River and Haupiri River**

Upper Grey/Blue Grey Confluence to Robinson River Confluence	Yes	Class 4. 12km Boulders, gorgy Gradient: 8.3m/km		
Robinson River Confluence to McVicars	Yes	Class 4. 11km Boulders, gorgy Gradient: 3.6m/km		Has been boated to Robinson River
McVicars to Clarke River Confluence	Yes	Class 4. 13km Boulders, gorgy, rapids Gradient: 6.9m/km		Has been boated upstream only
Clarke River Confluence to Ikamatua	Yes	Class 3. 21km Rocky, rapids Gradient: 2.5m/km		Caution at impasse below Clarke River
Ikamatua to Ahaura	Yes	Class 2. 17km Shingle, braided Gradient: 3.3m/km	Ahaura, Ikamatua under bridge	

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Ahaura to Rail Bridge at Greymouth	Yes	Class 2. 34km Shingle, shallows Gradient: 1.6m/km	Launching at Greymouth Harbour boat ramp, various locations up river off SH 7	

### HAAST RIVER including tributaries

Wilson Creek to Burke River Confluence	Yes	Class 4. 10km Gorgy, rocks, rapids Gradient: 47.5m/km		UNBOATABLE
Burke River Confluence to Landsborough River Confluence	Yes	Class 2. 8.5km Shingle, logs Gradient: 2.5m/km	Pleasant Flat	
Landsborough River Confluence to sea	Yes	Class 2. 47km Shingle, rocks Gradient: 2.25m/km	Many places off SH 6	

### HALL RIVER

Lake Paringa to Paringa River	Yes, see Paringa River	Class 3. 5km Weeds, narrow, logs Gradient: 1.6m/km	Launching at Lake Paringa or Paringa Bridge off SH 6 400m downstream on south bank	CAUTION Narrow, can be busy
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### HAPUKA RIVER

Mouth upstream	No	Class 2. 7km Tidal, weedy Gradient: 1.7m/km	As per Okuru	
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### HAUPIRI RIVER

Hot Springs to Gorge	Yes, 1/5 to 30/9 each year	Class 4. 9km Rocky, gorgy, logs Gradient: 10m/km		
Gorge to Confluence with Lake Haupiri outflow	Yes, 1/5 to 30/9 each year	Class 3. 4km Narrow, boulders, open Gradient: 7.5m/km		
Lake Haupiri to Ahaura River	Yes, 1/5 to 30/9 each year	Class 2. 12km Boulders, logs Gradient: 2.5m/km	Bridge to Kopara below Lake Haupiri	Weir at bridge forms an impasse

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### HINDLEY CREEK

Waiatoto Estuary upstream	No	Class 3. 10km Narrow, logs Gradient: 2m/km	Waiatoto Estuary	
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### HEAPHY RIVER. Tasman DC, no uplifting & in National Park

Landing Creek to Lewis Creek	No	Class 3. 12km Rocky, gorgy Gradient: 4.1m/km	Karamea. Requires 30km sea trip and bar crossing	NEEDS HIGH FLOW
Lewis Creek to sea	No	Class 3. 8km Rocky, gorgy Gradient: 0.8m/km		NEEDS HIGH FLOW

### HOKITIKA RIVER excluding Mahinapua Creek

Mungo River to Whitcomb River Confluence	Yes	Class 4. 12km Gorgy, rapids, boulders Gradient: 21.8m/km		
Whitcomb River to gorge swing bridge	Yes	Class 3. 9km Rapids, rocks Gradient: 5m/km		
Gorge swing bridge to Doctor Creek	Yes	Class 2. 4km Rapids, rocks Gradient: 4.3m/km		
Doctor Creek to sea	Yes	Class 1. 35km Shingle, logs Gradient: 1.1m/km	Boat ramp Gibson Quay or opposite Kaniere Hotel	

### INANGAHUA RIVER

Otto River to Reefton	Yes, see Buller River	Class 4. 31km Rocky, logs Gradient: 14m/km		
Reefton to Inangahua Landing	Yes, see Buller River	Class 2. 31km Rocky, logs Gradient: 5.5m/km		NEEDS GOOD FLOW

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Inangahua to Buller River Confluence	Yes, see Buller River	Class 1. 12km Sandstone, logs Gradient: 2.5m/km	Buller at Berlins, or approx. 2km west of Inangahua off SH 6	

### JACKSON RIVER

Upstream from Arawhata River Confluence	Yes, see Arawata River	Class 2. 6km Shallows, logs Gradient: 4.6m/km	Arawata, or off Jackson River Rd before Ellery Creek with difficulty	Provides access to Lake Ellery. 2.5km above Arawata Confluence. In high flow can be boated much further
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### JACOBS RIVER (MAKAWHIO)

Mouth upstream	Yes	Class 2. About 7km Shingle, shallows, braided Gradient: 2.5m/km	Ask permission locally	Very clear water
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### KARAMEA RIVER. (Tasman District Council boundary just above Virgin Creek)

Leslie Creek to Virgin Creek	No	Class 4. 30km Rocky, gorgy, rapids Gradient: 8m/km		
Virgin Creek to sea	Yes	Class 3. 12km Shingle, rocks Gradient: 1.7m/km	Ask locally	

### KARANGAROA RIVER including tributaries

Troyt River to Copland River Confluence	Yes	Class 4. 16.5km Large boulders, rapids Gradient: 29m/km		This section is in Westland National Park
Copland River Confluence to sea	Yes	Class 3: 20km Boulders, rugged, fast Gradient: 3.5m/km	South bank below SH 6 Bridge	

### KOKATAHI RIVER

Upstream of Hokitika Confluence	Yes, see Hokitika River	Class 1. 11km Shingle, braided Gradient: 1.9m/km	Downstream of road bridge on north bank	NEEDS GOOD FLOW
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### LANDSBOROUGH including tributaries

Creswick Flat to Harper Flat	Yes, see Haast River	Class 4. 12km Rocks, boulders, rapids Gradient: 10m/km		
Harper Flat to Clarke River Confluence	Yes, see Haast River	Class 3. 6.5km Rocky, fast, rapids Gradient: 3m/km		NEEDS GOOD FLOW
Clarke River to Haast River Confluence	Yes, see Haast River	Class 3. 6.5km Rocky, fast, rapids Gradient: 3m/km	Haast River	

### LITTLE WANGANUI RIVER. Tasman DC Boundary approx. 1km below Lawrence Creek

Tangent Creek to TDC boundary	No	Class 4. 5km Rocks, rapids, gorgy Gradient: 40m/km		
TDC boundary to Hodge Creek	Yes	Class 4. 7km Rocks, shingle, logs Gradient: 17m/km		
Hodge Creek to Main Road Bridge	Yes	Class 3. 5km Rocks, shingle, logs Gradient: 6m/km	Under bridge or .5km upstream on south bank	
Bridge to sea	Yes	Class 2. 7km Shingle, logs Gradient: 1.4m/km		

### MOERAKI RIVER

Boulder Creek to Lake Moeraki	Yes	Class 2. 6km Narrow, bush, shingle, boulders Gradient: 4.8m/km		
Lake Moeraki to sea	Yes	Class 2. 3km Shallows Gradient: 2m/km	Lake Moeraki	Please respect the Wilderness Lodge

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### MOKIHINUI RIVER

Lake Perrine to rock impasse, Burke River area	Yes	Class 4. 18km Rocks, rapids, gorgy Gradient: 3.75m/km		
Burke River to sea	Yes	Class 2. 11km Very scenic and rocky Gradient: 2.6m/km	Downstream of road bridge, south bank	

### NEW RIVER KAIMATA

Upstream from mouth	Yes	Class 3. 22km Logs, bluffs Gradient: 4.5m/km	Beside Paroa Hotel in lagoon	NEEDS GOOD FLOW
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### NILE, LITTLE AND BIG TOTARA RIVERS

Upstream from mouth	Yes	Class 4. Short distances	Check with locals	NEED GOOD FLOWS
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### OHIKANUI RIVER

Buller River Confluence upstream	Yes	Class 3. 8km Boulders, rocks, rapids Gradient: 11.2m/km	Buller River	
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### OKURU RIVER

Arcade Creek to Lake Douglas outlet	Yes	Class 4. 16km Boulders, logs, rapids Gradient: 15m/km		
Lake Douglas outlet to sea	Yes	Class 2. 20km Rocks, logs Gradient: 2.5m/km	North bank at mouth	Boil Hole 13km from mouth, rock rapids each side

### OPARARA RIVER. (Karamea) (NZ Gazette "All waters from source to Blue Duck Creek Confluence") Tasman DC boundary 4.5km from mouth at Splinter Creek. Not permitted by TDC)

Splinter Creek upstream	No	Class 3. 3km Rocky, gorgy. Gradient: 10m/km		
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Splinter to mouth	Yes	Class 2. 4.5km Shingle Gradient: 1.8m/km	1km above bridge, south bank	

### OROWAITI RIVER

Orowaiti Lagoon upstream	No	Class 2. 5km Logs, mud Gradient: 2m/km	Orowaiti	Revoked by 1991 NZ Gazette notice
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### OTOKO RIVER

Reynolds Flat to Paringa River Confluence	Yes, see Paringa River	Class 3. 7km Rocks, rapid at top Gradient: 11.2m/km	As for Paringa River	NEEDS HIGH FLOW
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### PARINGA RIVER including tributaries

Tunnel Creek to Valley of Darkness Stream	Yes	Class 4. 7.5km Rocks, shallows Gradient: 10m/km		
Valley of Darkness Stream to Main Road Bridge	Yes	Class 3. 10km Rocks, shallows Gradient: 3.3m/km		
Main Road Bridge	Yes	Class 2. 12km Shallows, fine shingle, braided Gradient: 2m/km	Lake Paringa via Hall River to Paringa River or SH 6 as per Hall River	

### POERUA RIVER

Mouth to end of Poerua Valley Rd	Yes	Class 2. 24km Shingle, logs Gradient: 5m/km	End of Petersens Rd, 2 <sup>nd</sup> right south of Hari Hari Township	
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### PUNAKAIKI RIVER. Uplifting withdrawn, National Park

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### TARAMAKAU RIVER

Michael Creek to Otira River	Yes	Class 4. 12km Rocky, logs, gorgy Gradient: 10m/km		
Otira River to Jacksons	Yes	Class 3. 10km Rocky, logs, braided Gradient: 6m/km		
Jacksons to Big Wainihinihi	Yes	Class 2. 13km Braided, rocks, shingle, logs Gradient: 6.9m/km	William Stewart Bridge	
Big Wainihinihi to sea	Yes	Class 2. 29km Braided, shingle, rocks, logs Gradient: 3.1m/km	Main Road near Bridge	

### TAWHAREKIRI LAKES

Waita River to Lakes via Maori River	No	Class 2. 10km Logs, weed Gradient: 1m/km		
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### TOTARA RIVER

Upstream of SH 6 Bridge	Yes			
SH 6 Bridge to sea	Yes	Class 2. 4km Shallows, shingle, logs Gradient: 5m/km		NEEDS GOOD FLOW

### TURNBULL RIVER

Dribble Creek to gorge	Yes	Class 4. 5km Rocks, rapids, logs Gradient: 25m/km		
Gorge to sea	Yes	Class 3. 9km Logs, shingle Gradient: 2.2m/km	As per Okuru River	

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### WAIATOTO RIVER

Te Ngahi River to Rapid at Mickey Creek	Yes	Class 4. 8km Boulders, rapids Gradient: 2.5m/km		Rapid has been boated
Rapid at Mickey Creek to sea	Yes	Class 2. 18km Huge boulders, rapids 3km below rapid. Rest is meandering, logs Gradient: 1.1m/km	Downstream of bridge, south side	Commercial operator

### WAIHO RIVER

Callery River to sea	Yes	Class 3. 18km Braided, rocks, fast, glacial silt Gradient: 3.3m/km	Difficult, ask locals	NEEDS GOOD FLOW
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### WAIPARA RIVER

Rock impasse to Arawata River Confluence	Yes, see Arawata	Class 2. 4km Shingle, rocks Gradient: 4.5m/km	Arawata River	
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### WAITAHA RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

Morgan gorge to sea	Yes	Class 2. 21km Logs, shingle, braids Gradient: 6.7m/km	North bank, downstream of SH 6 Bridge. (Beach Rd)	NEEDS GOOD FLOW
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### WAITANGI-TAONA RIVER EXCLUDING WAITANGIROTO RIVER

Graham Creek to sea	Yes	Class 1. 27km Shallows, logs Gradient: 1.8m/km	Waitangitaona Road Bridge (Off Whataroa Flat Rd)	Commercial operator (White Heron Tours) in lower river
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### WANGANUI RIVER excluding tributaries

Lambert River to Main Road Bridge	Yes	Class 4. 16km Gorgy, boulders, logs, rapids Gradient: 7.2m/km		
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Main Road Bridge to Evans Creek	Yes	Class 3. 7km Rocky, logs Gradient: 5m/km		
Evans Creek to sea	Yes	Class 2. 20km Heavy shingle Gradient: 2.5m/km	11km downstream from Hari Hari	

### WHATAROA RIVER

Butler River Confluence to Perth River Confluence	Yes	Class 4. 16km Gorgy, boulders, logs, rapids Gradient: 17.5m/km		
Perth River Confluence to Main Road Bridge	Yes	Class 3. 8km Gorgy, boulders, logs Gradient: 5m/km		NEEDS VERY HIGH FLOW CONDITIONS
Main Road Bridge to Dry Creek	Yes	Class 3. 8km Boulders, logs Gradient: 3.75m/km	16km downstream from township	
Dry Creek to mouth	Yes	Class 2. 24km Braided, rocks, stumps Gradient: 2.1m/km	Difficult, ask locals, sometimes available 11km below Hari Hari township	