

Welcome

Welcome to The Clarence Canoe & Kayak Trail – the longest white water trail in Australia! It covers more than 195 km of river between the Nymboid-Binderay National Park and the township of Copmanhurst encompassing the Nymboida, Mann and Clarence river systems. It offers spectacular scenery, an abundance of wildlife and some exhilarating whitewater adventure!

Degree of difficulty

The Clarence Canoe & Kayak Trail is not a beginners' river! It is a grade 2-3 whitewater trail with some sections containing rapids of grade 4 difficulty. There are also three COMPULSORY portages for all paddlers: one at Nymboida Weir (refer to Section 2 Trip Detail); and one each at Rainbow Falls and Willow Tree Falls in The Gorge (refer to Section 6 Trip Detail). The low-level bridges at Cangai (refer Section 5 Trip Detail) and Lilydale (refer to Section 7 Trip Detail) are also likely to be COMPULSORY portages for all paddlers at all except very low river levels. It is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that paddlers with novice or intermediate skill levels also portage: Cunglebung Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, and New Zealand Falls – all grade 4 rapids; and Demolition Derby – a technical Grade 3 rapid (refer to Section 4 Trip Detail) for safety reasons.

Trip Safety

You will need intermediate canoeing/kayaking skills and an average level of fitness as Section 5 may require up to seven hours paddling time to complete. However, paddling time will vary with river flow, paddling effort and time required to scout and/or portage rapids. Times are calculated on a progress of 4kms per hour with no allowances for rest breaks.

Cangai Falls should be inspected before attempting – it is best scouted from the rocky outcrop on river left which provides a better overview of the entire rapid. If necessary portage on river right. Pull into the bank a safe distance above the rapid.

The Gwydir Highway follows most of Section 5 making any rescue attempt during an emergency a little easier compared to other Sections. However, most of the Section has no or very limited mobile phone coverage. All party members should have previous outdoor experience, and if in the event of an emergency the skill to deal with the incident until help arrives.

Refer to the Safe Canoeing Checklist included in the Clarence Canoe & Kayak Trail Index Map sheet for the list of the recommended safety gear to be carried as a minimum and the steps that should be followed to ensure you and your group have a safe trip.

Deaths have occurred on the trail previously, however none associated with an experienced group. If you are in doubt about your group's ability to complete a private trip one option is to go with an experienced guide. Visit myclarencevalley.com.au or phone (02) 6643 0800 for a list of guides and canoe/kayak hire operators.

For further information on NSW canoe & kayak trails and paddler safety visit:

- NSW Department of Primary Industries – Lands at www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/about_recreation/canoe_and_kayak_trails for further information on canoe & kayak trail map kits.
- Waterways Guide at www.waterwaysguide.org.au to get the downloadable App providing information to explore and paddle our waterways.
- Paddle Prep at www.canoe.org.au/paddle-prep to get the downloadable App providing information on paddling skills and safety.

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LEGEND			
	Canoe Access		Major Road, sealed
	Caution [Grade 2 Rapid]		Major Road, unsealed
	Warning [Grade 3 Rapid]		Secondary Road, sealed
	Portage Required		Secondary Road, unsealed
	Accommodation		Minor Road, sealed
	Camping sites		Minor Road, unsealed
	Fireplace		Vehicle track
	Picnic area		Walking Track
	Shower		No unauthorised entry-private or locked gate
	Tap water		River distance (km)
	Toilets (compost/pit)		River or Creek
	Toilets (flush)		Contour (20m interval)
			1:25000 topographic map
			Crown Reserve
			National Park
			State Forest



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THE CLARENCE CANOE & KAYAK TRAIL

Jackadgery (Mann River Bridge) - Cangai (Broadwater Bridge)

Section 5



Section 5 - Trip detail

River Summary: The river is generally wide with long pools broken by occasional rapid races or rapids. The rural outlook is pleasant and mostly cleared with low gravel banks. It is suitable for touring Canadians and novice paddlers in the company of intermediate canoeists who note the location of Cangai Falls Rapid.

Experience Level: Novice (if accompanied by an Intermediate paddler).

River Grade: 2

River Distance: 27km

Paddling time: 5-7 hours

River levels

Min - 0.80 m.
(Mann River at Jackadgery gauge)

Good Level - 1.4 m

Max - 2.0 m

Paddle

Start - Jackadgery (Mann River Bridge) adjacent to Mann River Caravan Park (permission must be obtained) on the Gwydir Highway, Jackadgery (-29° 34' 44.46", 152° 33' 14.19"). 2WD suitable. Alternatively use Jackadgery Hall Reserve (-29°34'51.25", 152°33'15.46") on river right (no camping). Unformed 4WD access.

Finish - Cangai Broadwater Bridge, Hanging Rock Rd, Coombadjha (-29° 27' 3.68", 152° 29' 33.89"). 2WD suitable.

Car Shuttle: 27km (35 minutes) drive one way via Gwydir Hwy, Coombadjha Rd and Hanging Rock Rd. Usually 2WD suitable. The shuttle can also be completed on the northern side of the river via a scenic and hilly gravel road.

Camping

Start - Mann River Caravan Park, Jackadgery.

Finish - Cangai Recreation Reserve, Cangai (Camping for canoeists only – bush camping, no facilities) on river right just after the Broadwater Bridge.

Accommodation and meals:

- Mann River Caravan Park, Jackadgery

Spatial Services Topographic Maps

- Jackadgery 1:25000
- Cangai 1:25000
- Coombadjha 1:25000

The River

The stretch from Jackadgery to approximately 3km downstream contains two twisty grade 2 rapids which require a gauge level of at least 1.0m to make them scrape free. "Cangai Falls" 14km from the put-in point requires inspection before shooting. Here the entire river narrows through a rock gutter whose exit is made tricky by a large central rock. The rapid is grade 3 at a level of 0.9m. However, a larger volume will increase the difficulty due to pressure waves and added current strength. The rapid is sometimes referred to as "Mulligans Bluff Rapid" and can easily be portaged on the right bank.

From Cangai Bridge to Cangai Broadwater Bridge (approx. 5.5 km) the journey is predominantly flat and is known as the Cangai Broadwater. It can be done one way or as a return journey and is ideal for novice paddlers.



Hazards

- Cangai Falls (-29°32'25.85", 152°28'0.82") - Grade 3
This rapid is also known as Mulligan's Bluff. Requires inspection due to the presence of fast moving swirling water and the location of a large rock near the end of the rapid. Enter rapid following clearly defined 'V'; stay in main flow manoeuvring as required to avoid obstacles.
- Cangai Bridge (-29°29'26.26", 152°27'56.55") – A low level bridge with limited clearance crossing river at Cangai. Approach with caution, portage on river left.
- Cangai Broadwater Bridge (-29°27'3.14", 152°29'35.91") – A low level bridge with limited clearance crossing river at end of the Broadwater. Approach with caution, portage on river left.

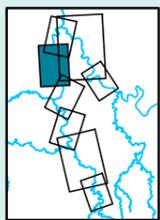
CAUTION

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Navigating the rapids and fast flowing sections of this Canoe & Kayak Trail requires attention and care. River features and conditions change continually. Paddlers must have the appropriate skills and equipment for the section(s) that they are paddling and remain alert for submerged and protruding objects, overhanging branches, and other hazards at all times.

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SECTION 6 ADJOINS ↑

Cangai Broadwater Bridge
PORTAGE REQUIRED
DANGER

Cangai Recreation Reserve
-29° 26' 51.53"S
152° 29' 46.14"E

COOMBADJHA

CAMELBACK

⚠ WARNING: 'Cangai Bridge'
GPS: -29° 29' 26.26", 152° 27' 56.55"
Hazards:
• low timber bridge.
Safest Passage: approach with caution, staying on the left side of river. Portage over causeway on left (western) side of bridge area.



Cangai Bridge
-29° 29' 26.26"S
152° 27' 56.55"E

DANGER
Cangai Bridge
PORTAGE REQUIRED

GRANGE STATE FOREST

Cangai Falls

CANGAI

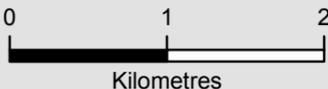
JACKADGERY

Locked gate

Mann River Caravan Park
-29° 34' 38.91"S
152° 33' 06.86"E

SECTION 4 ADJOINS ↓

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