Waimakariri River Trips



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With Rob Howarth and Canoe & Kayak North Shore



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Speight's Coast to Coast



Canoe & Kayak Rodney Coast Challenge

Whether you are competing in The Speight's Coast to Coast or you just fancy a trip down this amazing river there is room for everyone on this great trip. You will need your Grade Two certificate of course but after that the Canoe & Kayak team will do the rest.

From the put in at Mt White Bridge we will take you through the braids down to the infamous Rock Garden Rapids and onto the first check point at Gooseberry Stream. Our driver will meet us here and if you feel like you have had enough you can opt out! Then it's onwards to the Waimak Gorge and over 30 km of spectacular kayaking before our next checkpoint at Woodstock. Our guides will talk you through the best lines, landmarks and of course rescue you when required! From Woodstock it is into the final stretch through to Gorge Bridge for a welcome cup of tea! Total time on the river is approx. 6-7 hours.

Logistics and Accommodation

We depart Christchurch at 0630 hrs from The North South Holiday Park in Christchurch. The holiday park is just minutes from the airport and they offer a shuttle service. It is best to arrive the night before your trip and depart as late as possible or the morning after. After leaving Christchurch we stop at Sheffield for a coffee before heading into the mountains and

Mount White Bridge. After gearing up and a briefing we launch at approx 0930hrs. The trip will take up to 7 hours depending on the group so bring plenty of food and a hot drink! No guarantee it will be warm. If all goes according to plan we will be back in Christchurch no later than 1800hrs.

Equipment

We provide plastic sea kayaks, either Beachcombers or Shearwaters for this trip. Paddles, sprayskirts, helmets and buoyancy aids are also included but most people will bring their own BA and helmet.

Safety

With qualified guides you will be in safe hands, however we take nothing for granted. Our guides are first aid trained and carry the following additional safety equipment:

Emergency shelters, tents, emergency sleeping bags, EPIRB, SAT phone and of course river rescue equipment.

Cost & Bookings

Cost \$399 per trip – you can book at your local Canoe & Kayak store or email rob@canoeandkayak.co.nz for reservations or questions. Price includes transport from Christchurch to the river and back but does not include food or accommodation.

See you on the water!

