



PADDLE 'N' PICNIC

SHALLOW WATER EXTRA INFORMATION 2016

Generally during summer, the full day tour is unsuitable. The ½ day tour however runs all year with the following information relevant to low water levels.

Q. Will I have to get out of the canoe?

A. Yes. There are sections where the water is too low to support the canoe and paddlers weight. The only 'carry' section is the road crossing at Bobs Crossing. Here you are required to carry the canoe over the roadway to re-launch no matter what the water level.

Q. How long are the shallow sections?

A. There is about 200 meters of shallow water where the canoe has to be pulled along or over exposed logs. Sections are various lengths from a couple of meters to probably the longest section about 30 meters. The canoeist skill also helps in picking the best route and weight in the canoe is a factor.

Q. I have small children how would they go with the shallow sections?

A. Be cautious of hiring a 3-person canoe and putting 2 small children in and only 1 adult in your party. Not a good ratio anyway. Ok if you have 2 adults in 2x3-person canoes with kids. If you have an adult and a child in a 2-person canoe often the child can be pulled through the shallow sections sitting in the canoe. Get a double paddle for the adult paddler if you have a small child in the front seat.

Q. Can we swim?

A. Yes. The river is very popular for swimming activities over the warmer periods. There are numerous sections on-route that are ideal for swimming depending on your party and if you want deep or shallow water.

Q. Is there shade?

A. The river is forested to the water's edge. You can paddle in the shade for much of the way. Some people will want the sun others shade depending on the day.

Q. What should I wear?

A. Plenty of sun protection and a hat. **Bare feet and thongs are unsuitable.** Please wear runners or firm soled secure sandals. Pulling the canoe along shallow rocky sections requires firm footwear.