

► **THE INTERNATIONAL RIVER GRADING SYSTEM**

GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3	GRADE 4	GRADE 5	GRADE 6
Free Passage	Free Passage	Recognisable route	Route not always recognisable	Route difficult to recognise	Generally speaking impossible
Regular stream	Irregular stream	High irregular waves	Inspection mostly necessary	Inspection essential	Possibly navigable at particular water levels
Regular waves	Irregular waves	Larger rapids, stoppers, eddies, whirlpools & pressure areas	Heavy continuous rapids, stoppers, whirlpools & pressure areas	Extreme rapids, stoppers, whirlpools & pressure areas	High risk
Small rapids	Medium rapids, small stoppers, eddies, whirlpools & pressure areas	Isolated boulders, small drops & multiple obstructions	Boulders obstructing stream, big with undertow	Narrow passages, steep gradients and drops with difficult access and landing	
Simple obstructions	Simple obstructions & small drops				