



DIRECTIONS

Flowing west to east, the King River provides a sheltered paddling experience suitable for all types of paddle craft and paddling abilities from the Lower King Bridge to about 2km upstream of Chester Pass Road.

The river flows past picturesque scenery including rocky outcrops, high sandy banks and farmland fringed by paperbark trees. Upstream of Chester Pass Road is an intimate paddling experience with shady trees joining over the river.

Throw in a fishing line and you're likely to catch black bream, herring, skippy or a mulloway.

As well as the recommended launch location at Coraki Park next to the Lower King Bridge (stick to the channel to avoid very shallow water and 'quicksand'), there are also several other suitable launching spots including at Norwood Estate and the Chester Pass Road Bridge.

To travel to the start point from the Town Square (12km), drive up York Street and straight through the top roundabout onto Lockyer Avenue. Continue north along Lockyer Avenue through the roundabout to Ulster Road, which becomes Lower King Road. After crossing the Lower King Bridge turn right into the car park at Coraki Park.

Grade: Distance: Time: Recommended Launch Point: Alternative Launch Points: S01 8 kms one way 1.5 to 2. hours Coraki Part Norwood Estate Chester Pass Rd Bridge

DESCRIPTION

To launch you can drive to the water's edge at the boat ramp at the eastern end of the park.

- 1. Paddle west and upstream under the bridge in the wide open river, sticking to the channel as other areas are very shallow with 'quicksand'.
- 2. About 1km upstream you will pass the Lower King Store on the east (right) bank and Parker Bay, before the river narrows to about 100m wide. At low tide there are many shallows where water birds are often seen feeding.
- 3. A further 2km upstream you will pass houses on the south bank (left) in Norwood Estate. The small launch site with a grassed area is a good rest and picnic stop.
- 4. Continuing upstream the river narrows to 30-50m wide and you will paddle past and around a number of large granite boulders which provide good photo opportunities on calm days when the rocks are reflected on the water surface.
- 5. For the next 2.5km the river winds past farms on both sides before coming to the bridge where Chester Pass Road crosses the river. Just before the bridge there is a landing/launch site on the west (left) bank with a picnic area and public toilets.
- 6. After passing under the bridge the river passes caravan parks on both sides of the river and continues to narrow. It is possible to paddle approximately 2km further upstream before the river becomes impassable and paddlers need to turn back. This part of the river is very protected and a good option on windy days.



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