

Finally an Easter on the Nymbo

Some keen mates, a great water level, 96 hrs off work and a chance to try out the warm water paddling concept we made the trek from Melb to try our luck on the classic Nymboida River. Having been hanging out to get to this much talked about river for the past couple of years we finally had some water and some keen company to make the trek from Melbourne up to northern NSW viable.

Platypus Flat to Cod Hole 9km.

3 grade 4 rapids providing enough excitement for those keen and many rapids of grade 2-3 std interspersed throughout the run. With the main rapids being easy to scout and or portage this is a great run for a range of abilities except for a complete novice.

Easy car shuttle on 2wd dirt roads taking about 20min one way.

Hot tip: ensure you have a decent map of the shuttle roads as road names and track locations seem to vary a little.



Matty negotiates the Cauldron

Cod hole to the Junction 16km.

More scenic, more rapids and a lot more paddling. Get an early start for this one so you have more time on the water for photos and taking in the stunning gorges with towering cliffs lined with lush rainforest. With many rapids being 2-3 boat scoutable style this makes for a more flowing run. Heaps of fun rapids guaranteed to put smile on faces.

We didnt have a 4wd at the take out, so we shouldered our 20+ kg boats for 1.6km up the steep track giving us a bonus work out at the end of the day. Any car could get down the track but only a 4wd with enough clearance wont remain at the bottom.

Hot tip:

Get the car shuttle done the day before as its about 2hrs one way on windy roads.

Being my first time up here I was blown away at the quality of the rapids, water and beautiful environment.

Unfortunately 96 hrs off work just isn't enough time up here, so I'll be back as soon as I can. If you catch some decent rain and love to creek there are many options in the area.

Get up there and check out this wonderful 5 star paddling paradise.



Ruth runs the chute

Matt Jarman