

Grading of Rivers



Grade 1

Little to no current. Small waves with no obstacles.



Grade 2

More current than Grade I with bigger waves, but no major obstacles.



Grade 3

Rapids are longer and more turbulent. Bigger waves, holes and stronger currents than Grade 2. Generally considered intermediate. Proper guide training is a prerequisite for safe navigation of Grade 3 and above.



Grade 4

Steeper, longer and containing more obstructions than Grade 3. Multiple obstacles to manoeuvre around. Trained guide is necessary.



Grade 5

Strong currents and big waves. Several boulders and holes. Has a greater potential to hold and flip boats.



Grade 6

Extremely difficult to successfully manoeuvre due to significantly steeper vertical drops and boulders. Usually considered unrunnable.