

New-Gauley Rivers & tribs. by gauge

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8/27

<u>Greenbrier River @ Durbin</u>	<u>mileage</u>	<u>gradient</u>	<u>class</u>	<u>min. level</u>
West Fork, Greenbrier Wildell-Durbin	8-20 mi.		CI 1-2	2.8'-3.2'? [2'Mar]
Little River (3 mi. to West Fork)	3++ mi.		CI 1-2	3'? [2'Marlingtn]
East Fork, Greenbrier Island CG-Durbin	10 mi.		CI 1-2	+2.9' [2'Marlingtn]
Greenbrier River Durbin-Cass	17 mi.		CI 2	2.5'?
Greenbrier River Cass-Marlington	27 mi.		CI 2	2'-
Deer Creek N. Fk. - Cass	5 mi.	21	CI 1-2	2.4'
Locust Creek	3+ mi.		CI 2-3	3'+ [Back Cr=3.2']
Spring Creek, Cordova-Robbins Run	6.4 mi.		CI 2-3	
Spring Creek, Robbins Run-US 219			CI 2+?	
Spring Creek, below US 219			CI 1+	

2.6 hrs

0.98 →

<u>Greenbrier River@Buckeye</u>	<u>flood=15'</u>	<u>[min=3']</u>	<u>mileage</u>	<u>gradient</u>	<u>class</u>
Greenbrier River Marlinton-Denmar	16 mi.	7	CI 1	4'[Marling=.5']	
Greenbrier River Denmar-Renick	17 mi.	6	CI 1	3.5'Durbn=150/1.4	
Greenbrier River Renick-Anthony	10 mi.	10	CI 1/2	3.5'+ Durbin=1.4'	
Greenbrier River Anthony-Ronceverte	18 mi.	4	CI 1	3.5'+[Aldrsn=3.5]	
Greenbrier River Ronceverte-Alderson	15 mi.	10	CI 1-2	3.2'+ Alderson=3'	
Greenbrier River Alderson-Talcott	14 mi.	3	CI 1	3'+ [Alderson=3']	
Greenbrier River Talcott-Bellepoint	16 mi.	5	CI 2/4	3'+ [Alderson=3']	
Anthony Creek Neola-Greenbrier R	15 mi.	15/30	CI 1-2+	4.9' 2.5'@Durbin*	
Second Creek Hollywood-US 219	8 mi.	45	CI 1-3	[Alderson=12.4']	
Second Creek US 219-Fort Spring	11 mi.	25	CI 1-2	[Alderson=12.4'+]	
Knapp Creek Huntersville-Marlington	7 mi.	15	CI 1	6'	
Muddy Creek Ashbury-rt. 31-WV 63/Alderson	11.5mi.	19	CI 0-2	Durbin = 2.4'?	
Howard Creek, Harts Run-Greenbrier R.	3 mi.		CI 1-3	Buckeye = 5.5'	

1.6
hrs

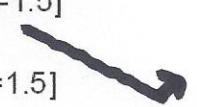
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<u>Greenbrier River @ Alderson</u>	<u>[min=3'+]</u>	<u>flood = 14'</u>			
Greenbrier River Renick-Anthony	10 mi.	10	CI 1/3	Alderson=3.2	
Greenbrier River Anthony-Ronceverte	18 mi.	4	CI 1	Alderson=3.2	
Greenbrier River Ronceverte-Alderson	15 mi.	10	CI 1-2 3	' [Hilldale=1.5]	
Greenbrier River Alderson-Talcott	14 mi.	3	CI 1	3'-	
Greenbrier River Talcott-Bellepoint	16 mi.	5	CI 2/4 3'-	[Hilldale=1.5]	
Second Creek Hollywood-US 219	8 mi.	45	CI 1-3	Alderson=12.4	
Second Creek US 219-Fort Spring	9 mi.	25	CI 1-2	Alderson=12.4+	

1.2
hrs

2.6



Greenbrier River @ Hilldale
1.5' = ~3' @ Buckeye = ~3' @ Alderson 1.2 hrs

1.3
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<u>New River @ Glen Lyn, Va.</u>				
New River rt. 605-US 460	45 mi.	5	CI 1-3	1800CFS?
New River Glen Lyn - Bull Falls CG	17 mi.	8	CI 1-3	2.5

1.1 hrs

6,000 →

Little River @ Graysontown, Va.

3/06

2.1 hrs

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1.5/325 →

New River @ Hinton	[min=1.0]	mileage	gradient	class	min. level
New River Hinton-Sandstone		11 mi.	10	CI 1-3	2'
New River Sandstone-McCreery	GLADE CRK		15 mi.	8	CI 1-2+
New River McCreery-Thurmond	SILO	15 mi.	10	CI 2-3	1.35
New River Thurmond-Cunard	SURPRISE	8 mi.	12	CI 1-3+	1.35
New River Cunard-Fayette Station	GORGE	6 mi.	15	CI 3-4	1.35
New River Fayette Station to Hawks Nest		4 mi.		CI 1-2	always up
New River Dries Hawks Nest-Gauley Bridge		6 mi.	18	CI 3-4	3.6+[11,000CFS]
Indian Creek Raines Corner-Red Sulphur Sp			16 mi.	10	CI 1-2
Lick Creek Green Sulphur Springs-Sandstone			5 mi.	66/75	CI 2/3-4

1 hr

2.8

New River @ Thurmond [min=1.25]

Meadow River @ Mt. Lookout	[min=350CFS]	mileage	gradient	class	min. level
upper Meadow E. Rainell-Russellville			15 mi.	32-64	CI 3-4+ 600CFS
upper Meadow above E. Rainelle-Burdette Cr	8 mi.			CI 1-2	600CFS-
middle Meadow Russelville-below Nallen				CI 1-2+	350CFS
middle Meadow Nallen-US 19			5 mi.	39	CI 3+ 350CFS
lower Meadow US 19-Carnifex Ferry	5 mi.		94-125	CI 4-6	500CFS
Glade Creek above Pinch Creek-New River			6 mi.	127	CI 4
1200CFS+Piney@.5'					
Pinch Creek down to Glade Creek				CI 4+	1500+CFS?
Piney Creek Beckley-McCreery			12 mi.	79-160	CI 3-5 1200CFS
Glade/Mann's Creek Babcock S.P.-New River			7 mi.	100-280	CI 4-6 2000CFS
Mann's Creek Rt 41-Glade confl.	2		500	CI 5-6	
Keeney Creek CR 85-2 - New River	1.5 mi. to 600			CI 5-6	
Mill Creek Hopewell Rd.-Anstead	5 mi.			CI 2-3	2000CFS
Mill Creek Anstead-New River			2 mi. 250-300	CI 4-6	2000CFS
Laurel Creek-New	1 mi.			CI 5+	2000CFS
Dunlap [Dunloup?] Creek	6 mi.			CI 3-4	2000CFS
Anglin Creek, Meadow R. 17/2 - 24/7			5.8		CI 2-4 6.5'

0.5 hr

6.06

6.5'

Bluestone River @ Pipestem [min=4'] (304) 466-0156 / (304) 466-1800 X394 (Tram)

Bluestone River Spanishburg-Eads Mill	10.5 mi.	20/45	CI 1-3	4.3
Bluestone River Eads Mill-Bluestone S.P.	19 mi.	20-45	CI 2-3	4'
Camp Creek US 19/Camp Creek-Eads Mill	4.5 mi.	70	CI 2-3	6'+
Brush Creek below WV tpk-rt 3? + carry	4.5 mi	71	CI 3-4	6'
[Brush Creek below rt 3?-lake	1 mi.	200	CI 4-6	6'+]
Little Bluestone CR 27-Bluestone R.	2.2 mi.	50/70	CI 2-3+	6.5'
Mountain Creek CR 4-Bluestone R.	2.1 mi.	100	CI 3-4	7.5
Pipestem Creek Honaker Rd.-Lake	3 mi.	80	CI 2-3/4	7.5

1.2 hr

2.44

Gauley River @ Craigs ville	[min=11']	mileage	gradient	class	min. level	
Gauley R. Webster co. line-Jerryville		5 mi.	70fpm	CI 3-4	13.5'	Rich@5'+
Gauley R. Jerryville-Curtain		40 mi.	15fpm	CI 1-2	11.7'-12.5'	
Gauley R. Curtain-Donegal Mine # 10		7 mi.	23fpm	CI 2-3	11'	*
Gauley R. Donegal Mine #10-WV 39		9 mi.	-	CI A/1-2	11'	
Williams R. rt. 17-Tea Creek		3.5 mi.+		CI 0-3	12.5'	[Dyer 3.2]
Williams R. Tea Cr.-3 Forks of Williams		11 mi.	53fpm	CI 3-4	12'	[Dyer 3']
Williams R.3 Forks of Williams-Gauley R.		10 mi.	20fpm	CI 1-3	11.5'	[Dyer 2.8]
Cranberry R. S.Fk.-Cranberry Rec. area		15 mi.	58fpm	CI 2-4	12'+	[Ric@4.6'+]
Cranberry R. Rec. area-Webster Co. line		6 mi.	80fpm	CI 3-4	11.5'	[Ric@3.5']
Cranb.R. WebsterCo.-Gauley R. (@Curtain)		9 mi.	40fpm	CI 2-3	11'	* [Rich3.5]
N. Fk. Cherry 39/55 br.-Richwood		3 mi.	66fpm	CI 3-4	14'	[Rich@5'+]
S. Fk. Cherry Beech Lick Run-Richwood		6 mi.	52fpm	CI 2-3	13.5'	[Rich@5'+]
Cherry River Watergate Inn-Gauley R.		9 mi.	30fpm	CI 2-3	11.6'	~
Laurel Creek Jetsville-Fenwick		5 mi.	75fpm	CI 3+	13.2'	[Rich@5'+]
Big Beaver Cr. Craigs ville-Gauley R.		4.5 mi.	75fpm	CI 4++	12.5'	[Craig=13.2]
Hominy Creek Hominy Falls-Mt. Nebo		12 mi.	54-88	CI (0) 2-4	13'	
Muddlety Creek WV 41-Old 39 @ lake		4.5 mi.	50fpm	CI 3-4	12.5'	

0.7
hrs

10.4



Cranberry River @ Richwood [min.=3.5']

Gauley R. Webster co. line-Jerryville	5 mi.	70fpm	CI 3-4	5'+
Williams R. rt. 17-Tea Creek	3.5 mi.+		CI 0-3	5'+
Cranberry R. S.Fk.-Cranberry Rec. area	15 mi.	58fpm	CI 2-4	5'+
Cranberry R. Rec. area-Webster Co. line	6 mi.	80fpm	CI 3-5	3.5'+
Cranb.R. WebsterCo.-Gauley R. (@Curtain)	9 mi.	40fpm	CI 2-3	
N. Fk. Cherry 39/55 br.-Richwood	13 mi.	66fpm	CI 3-4	5'+
S. Fk. Cherry Beech Lick Run-Richwood	6 mi.	52fpm	CI 2-3	5'+
Laurel Creek Jetsville-Fenwick	4 mi.	75fpm	CI 3+	5'+

1 hr
2.5



Gauley River @ Camden

flood = 19'

Gauley R. Webster co. line-Jerryville	5 mi.	70fpm	CI 3-4	7'
Gauley R. Jerryville-Curtain	40 mi.	15fpm	CI 1-2	3.8'
Lower Williams			CI 0-4	4'
Upper Williams			CI 1-3	5'

1.6 hr
2.1



Summersville Dam release

[min=500CFS]

(304) 872-5809

Upper Gauley (Dam-Peters Creek)	16 mi.	28fpm	CI 4-5	500CFS
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0.4 hr



Gauley River @ Belva

[min=2']

flood = 20'

Lower Gauley (Peters Creek-Swiss)	8 mi.	26fpm	CI 3-4	800CFS
L.L. Gauley Swiss-Gauley Bridge	10 mi.	5fpm	CI 1	1500CFS?, 1.8'

0.5 hr 570



Elk River @ Webster Springs [min=4.5']	mileage	gradient	class	min. flood=10'
Elk River Slatyfork-Bergoo	20 mi.	45	CI 2-3	6.2'+/-
Elk River Bergoo-Webster Springs	11 mi.	31	CI 1-3+	4.8'
Elk River Webster Springs-rt. 7	16 mi.	18-30	CI 2-3	4.5'
Elk River rt 7-Centralia	10 mi.		CI 0-1	4.5
Elk River Sutton Dam-Kanawha River	97 mi.	3	CI 0-1	460CFS?
Back Fork Elk carry in to Sugar Creek	5.5 mi.	70	CI 2-4	6.5'
Back Fork Elk Sugar Creek-Breece	6.4 mi.	64	CI 2-4	6.2+
Back Fork Elk Sycamore P.-Webster Springs	5.8 mi.		44 CI 2	5.5
Buffalo Creek, Elk Taylor Cr.-Swandale	5 mi.	35	CI 1-2	6.5
Buffalo Creek, Elk, Cressmont-Clay	8.2 mi.		CI 1-2	6.2
Old Field Fork, Elk Crooked Fork-Slatyfork	8.2 mi.		55 CI 1-3	7.5
Laurel Creek/Elk Varneytown-Procious	5 mi.	25	CI 1-2	6.3+
Laurel Creek/Elk Weese-Erbacon	6 mi.		CI 2+	6.5?
Laurel Creek of the Elk Erbacon-Centralia	9.5 mi.		55 CI 3-4	6'
Sugar Creek Little Sugar-Back Fork Elk	1.8	65	CI 2-4	6.2
Leatherwood Cr. Forks to Bergoo	3.3		CI 3-4	8'
Left Fork/Holly River Hacker V.-Kanawha	15 mi.	45	CI 2-3	6'
Right Fork/Holly R. Mud Lick Rd. - Rt 20	2 mi.		CI 2-3	6.2?
Right Fork/Holly R. Rt. 20 - Kanawha	17 mi.	40	CI 1-2	5.8
Birch River Boggs-Birch River	8 mi.	56	CI 2-4	6.1+/-7'
Birch River Cora Brown Br.-Herold	6 mi.	26	CI 1-3	5'+[add 3mi.]*
Birch River Herold-Elk River	9.5 mi.	11	CI 1-3	5'+
Little Birch R. US19-Birch River/Herold	3.5 mi.	40	CI 1-2	

1.2 hr

4.0



Elk River @ Sutton

1 hr

12.6



Misc. rivers:

Elk Creek, W.Fk.R. Cr 20/19-I-79(Stonewood)	4.6 mi.	20	CI 1-2	Enterpris@5'
Right Fk, Little Kanawha Cleveland-Wildcat	8 mi.	60-80	CI 2-3	Wildcat@6'
Little Kanawha R., Wildcat-Parkersburg	121 mi.		CI 0+	Wildcat@5.5-
Coal River basin				Tornado @ 10.5'+
paint Creek				?
loup cr				?

My wife, Nancy, and I paddle the Cherry and "top Gauley" (from the Cherry to Panther Creek) frequently and have taught aspiring intermediate kayak clinics on both.

The gauge to check is the USGS gauge at Craigsville -

http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wv/nwis/uv/?site_no=0...00065,00060,62614.

If the gauge is at 11.0 feet or higher, the "top Gauley" is a good 4-5 mile class II-III run.

10.4 =
+0010w

The Cherry - smaller / more technical - not as pushy as the Nantahala but similar. usually has enough water if Craigsville gauge is 11.5 feet or higher. The problem is that the Craigsville gauge is fed by the Cherry, Cranberry, Williams and the Gauley headwaters so it can be difficult to tell if the Cherry has enough water. The best way to tell is to visually check the hand-painted paddlers gauge across the Cherry from the post office in Fenwick.

bottom 3 miles of Cherry (from Rhododendron Park down) are runnable if Fenwick gauge at least 6" (usually when Craigsville at least 11.5 feet).

At 1 foot on Fenwick gauge (usually 12.0 feet or higher on Craigsville gauge), you can put in at Fenwick &

paddle 6 miles of the Cherry down to the confluence with the Gauley.

If the Fenwick gauge is 1.5 feet or higher (usually at or above 12.7 feet at Craigsville), it's possible to put on in Richwood and paddle all 9 miles of the Cherry.

We paddled the Cherry from Fenwick to the Gauley a couple days ago. The Craigsville gauge was 12.66 feet and the paddlers gauge at Fenwick was about 8 inches above zero. There were some rock-dodging places but it was still fun. It really helps to have good boat control on the Cherry.

The nice thing about the Cherry is that you can take the time to work on your boat handling skills. There usually are lots of eddies to catch and waves to surf.

Gauley above lake. AW min = 11.0

0.7 hr

10.4

