

ROC Broad River Paddle Trail Quick Fact Sheet

Section 1

Lake Lure Marine to Rock Springs Church Road (Not Recommended)

Section one is a difficult paddle when the water level is low and requires many portages over sand/gravel bars. McOwenben Pass Bridge was destroyed in the Hurricane (*passable without portage on river left*) and approx. 0.62 miles from McOwenben Pass Bridge is a complete blockage on the right side of the island which requires portage. There are multiple hanging trees and woody debris piles and household flood debris and litter.



Section 2 and 3

Rock Springs Church Road to River Road (Not Recommended)

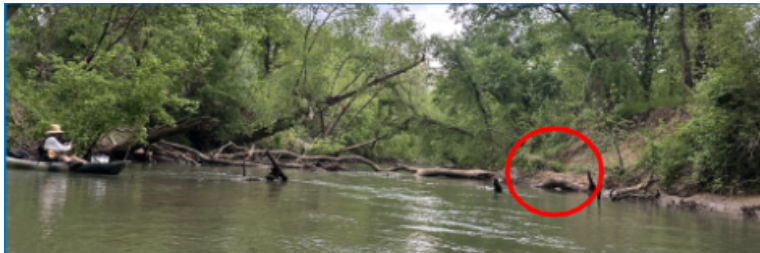
Section two and three are overall easy to paddle with minor obstacles and blockages, with few quick maneuvers. There is one complete blockage approx. 3.18 miles from Rock Springs Church Rd (*passage is now possible to the left of a large boulder, however, the passage is narrow as the river splits around a large boulder*) and other partial blockages are maneuverable with caution. There are multiple hanging trees, woody debris piles, and large flood debris items in and along the banks.



Section 4

River Road to Gray's Road (Not Recommended)

Approx. 4 miles from River Rd Access there is a total blockage that requires portage to the right of the root ball. Portage may be dangerous as there is a steep drop off when trying to get out of a kayak and the bank has slippery and sinking mud as well as poison ivy. Approx. 5.8 miles from River Rd Access is a total blockage that requires portage on river right where you are able to get out and drag a kayak over the log. Approx. 4.5 miles from River Rd Access is a hanging tree crossing a gravel bar, portage may be the best option as the current is swift and could lead a kayak into debris. There is a lot of household flood debris and there are many large strainers, large hanging trees, and woody debris piles that sometimes require quick maneuvering. Blockages are difficult to portage.



Section 5

Gray's Road to Coxe Road

Approx. 1000ft from Gray's Road Access is a full blockage (*portage is possible over gravel bar on river left*). There is a complete blockage approx. 0.5 miles from the access comprising around 3 large trees. The water is relatively deep at the blockage and there are some swift currents. Immense caution and maneuverability is required to pass through this blockage. There are 2 partial blockages approx. 2.70 and 4.50 miles from Gray's Rd Access that are possible to maneuver. Approx. 1.50 miles from access are hanging trees that are possible to pass under if water conditions are low enough. There are multiple strainers, hanging trees, flood and woody debris. Overall 'paddable' although high levels may cause difficulty with hanging trees and low levels may require some portage over gravel bars.



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Section 6

Coxe Road to Poor's Ford Road

One large partial blockage approx. 2 miles from access, there is a narrow pass on river left. There are a few hanging trees and one area with two requiring some maneuvering. There was some household debris, woody debris, and metal roofing. Overall completely passable with nice wildlife and few obstacles.



Sections 7, 8, and 9

Poor's Ford Road to 221

This section was clear of blockages. There were some hanging trees, but this section is pretty wide which left ample room to paddle around. There were some rapids that require quick maneuverability. This section had some metal roofing, tires, and household debris. This section was highly paddlable requiring little hazard (blockage/debris/hanging trees) maneuverability.

Section 10

221 to 221A

Section was clear of blockages. There were large sheets of metal and other debris to be cautious of and tires, gas cans, and many other debris in need of clean-up. This section is clear, wide, and ready to paddle on with the new 221 and 221A accesses opening soon!

Overall Notes

Water Levels: Both low and high water may create additional hazards and/or obstacles, Weather conditions may cause conditions to change (high water may cause blockages, obstacles, and hazards to migrate).

Debris, Hazards, and Obstacles: Woody and household debris may protrude from the river and lines the river banks, debris pile size varies from small to large. Piles of debris and hanging trees may be dangerous and require quick maneuvering.

It is advised to stay out of deep sections and inside your vessel as possible debris could be trapped underwater and difficult to see and avoid.

Ranked Sections:

1. 221 to 221A
2. Gray's Road to Coxe Road
3. Poor's Ford Road to 221
4. Coxe Road to Poor's Ford Road
5. Rock Springs Church Road to River Road (depending on water level)
6. River Road to Gray's Road
7. Lake Lure Marine to Rock Springs Church Road
- All sections have been scouted except 11 and 12

Have you paddled the Broad River, or want to check the latest updates before you head out? Find all of the information or submit a report after your trip at RutherfordOutdoor.org/Broad-River-Paddle-Trail!



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