

Kayaking and Canoeing in the LSCR

**** January 2008 Update ****



The Seymour River is open to kayaking and canoeing from Spur 7 beach (9km) to Twin Bridges (1km) within the LSCR. Boaters can put in at the end of the Seymour Valley Trailway (Spur 7) or just upstream of the Spur 4 bridge. Boats should be taken out upstream of Twin Bridges at the take out point. There is a Class IV/V canyon downstream of Twin Bridges. Boat drop for canyon runs is not permitted at Twin Bridges. Paddlers wishing to do canyon runs must walk in from Riverside Drive trailhead.

How Do I Get In? - VEHICLE ACCESS

Vehicle access through LSCR lands (north of Rice Lake Gate) is controlled. Groups must carpool whenever possible to minimize vehicle traffic on the roads/trails. Access will only be granted to groups whose group leader is a member in good standing with one of the permitted associations/groups. Your respective club will submit a membership list annually.

Step 1

The group leader will report to Rice Lake Gate office upon arrival to check in.

Step 2

The group leaders name will be verified on the appropriate membership list.

Step 3

The group leader will be required to fill out a trip form at Rice Lake Gate. The form requires details of your trip, names of group members in attendance and vehicle information.

Step 4

The Rice Lake Gate guard will approve entry, provide the group leader with a safety package, gate key if necessary and supply the shuttle vehicles with a dash card. The dash card must be prominently displayed on your vehicles dashboard while inside the LSCR. This card lets other recreationists know that your vehicle has permission to drive within LSCR boundaries.

****All speed and road regulations must be adhered to. Violation of this or any of the permit conditions will result in cancellation of that group leaders access privileges.**

**** Group leaders should perform a safety check with each group member prior to the start of their trip, and be reasonably comfortable with the ability of each member.**



River Conditions



During the summers of 2004 and 2006 twenty eight (28) log structures were constructed in the mainstem of the Seymour River from just north of the hatchery pool to just north of Spur 4 Bridge. These structures were built to add rearing habitat for juvenile steelhead and refuge habitat for adult spawners. They are meant to mimic naturally occurring log jams and should be treated in the same fashion. All log structures are cabled in place to large ballast rocks and to onshore trees. There are no constructed, mid channel structures.

As with any river wood debris these structures should be avoided by kayakers and canoeists. Please take note of the general location of these structures on the attached map and prepare accordingly. Please also look for yellow warning signs that have been placed at river entrances and just upstream of each enhanced area.

Kayakers and canoeists should also note that a large amount of natural woody debris has entered the mainstem of the river during storm events in 2005 and 2006. This debris includes but is not limited to tree stems, root wads and full trees including the root wads. Some of this debris spans the channel and may not be visible during high water. None of this natural woody debris has been or will be cabled, cut, removed or signed so paddlers should use extreme caution as they proceed down the river.



How You Can Help...

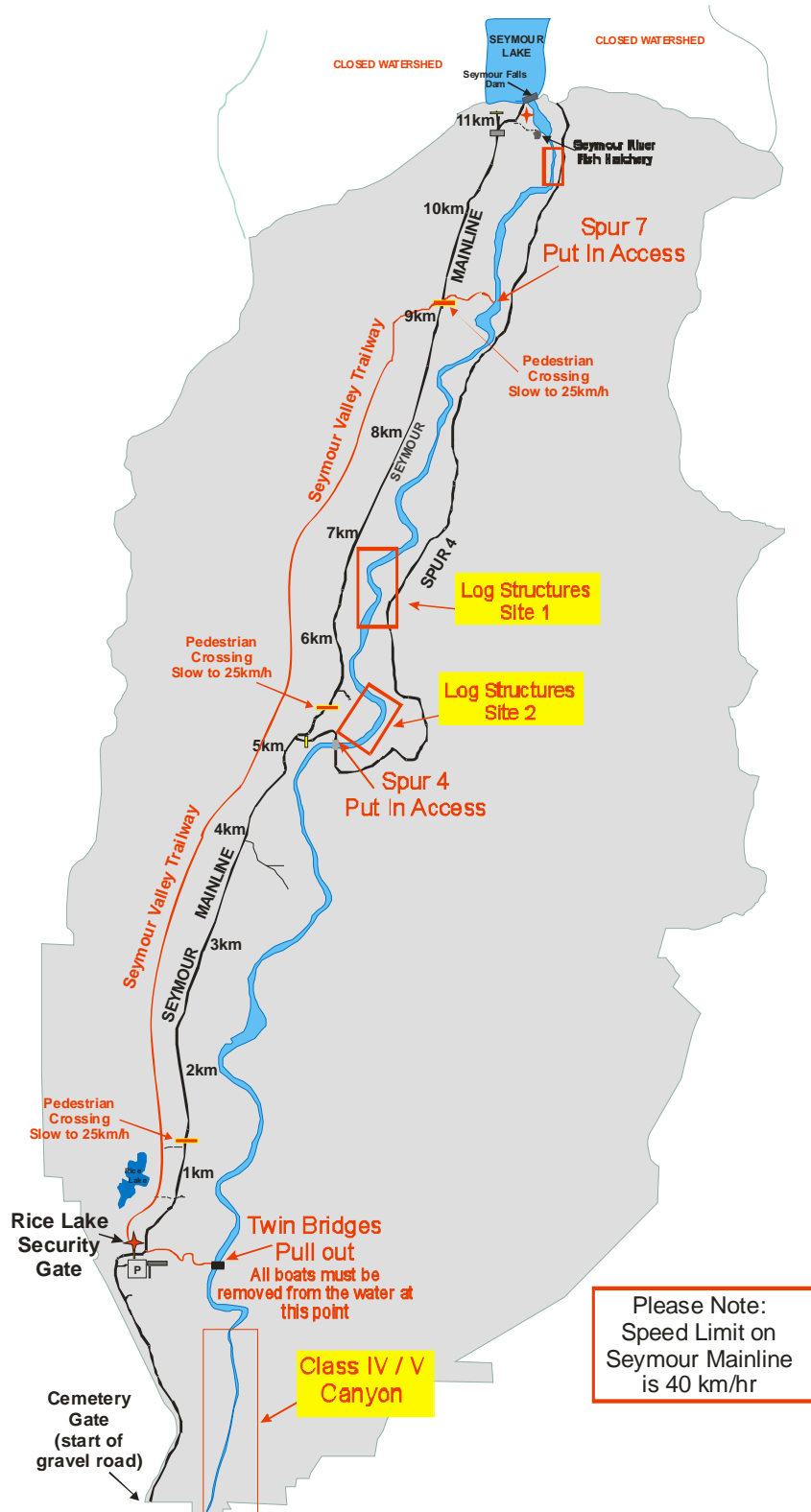
As river paddlers you are the eyes of the river. Please report any damage to man-made structures or any large landslides and debris jams to the Rice Lake Gate guard upon check-out.

Seymour River Classes

At moderate water levels the Seymour River contains the following classes:

- Spur 7 to Spur 4 – Class II
- Spur 4 to Twin Bridges – Class III
- Seymour Canyon below Twin Bridges– Class IV to VI (depending on water level)
- Below Canyon – Class II to III

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2006 Structure Locations

