



River Valley

Activity Risk Disclosure

Welcome to River Valley! Since 1982, we've been passionate about providing adventurous trips with varying risk levels. It's important to choose the activity that best suits you, considering its risks.

Safety and Regulations:

- **Rafting:** Regularly audited by AdventureMark to comply with New Zealand Adventure Activities Regulations. River Valley is a registered member of the NZ Rivers Association for Professional Guides.
- **Biking and Horse Riding:** Although there's no specific auditing body, we are audited by Qualmark NZ to ensure high safety standards.

Pre-Activity Requirements:

- **Disclosure:** Before participating, you must read and accept our Risk Disclosure using Wherewolf. Disclose any medical or dietary conditions that could impact your safety.
- **Briefing:** A full safety briefing will be provided at the start of each activity.

Rights and Responsibilities:

- **Exclusion Rights:** River Valley reserves the right to withdraw anyone who may endanger themselves or others, including those under the influence of alcohol or drugs. We may cancel or modify trips if safety concerns arise.
- **Liability Limitation:** River Valley is not liable for loss, damage, disruption to travel plans, or mental injury, except as required by the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993 or other New Zealand laws.
- **Agreement:** By accepting this disclosure, you confirm you are of legal age (or have parental or guardian consent if under 18) and agree that this disclosure binds your heirs and successors.

Media Consent:

- River Valley may capture and use photographic images, audio, or video recordings of your activity for marketing or promotional purposes.

Inherent Risks:

- **General Hazards:**
 - **Natural Hazards:** New Zealand's weather can be extreme and change rapidly, leading to conditions like rising rivers, landslides, rockfalls, and other unforeseen hazards. The climate may vary from very hot to very cold, increasing the risk of exposure. Earthquakes are also a concern, presenting sudden and potentially severe hazards. Additionally, stinging insects and plants may pose risks.

- **Vehicle and Roads:** Some activities involve road travel, which includes risks associated with sharing roads with other vehicles.
- **Conduct of the Guide and Others:** The behaviour of guides, staff, and other participants can affect safety.
- **Horse Riding-Specific Hazards**
 - Horses, even when well-trained, can behave unpredictably. Risks include falling from the horse, being hit by other riders, riding into obstacles like trees, rocks or road traffic, being kicked by a horse, and potential equipment failure. Risks may also include stock and farm machinery.
- **Biking-Specific Hazards**
 - The terrain on biking routes can vary widely, and potential hazards include falling off the bike, collisions with other bikers, road traffic, riding into obstacles such as trees, rocks, bollards, and potential equipment failure. Risks may also include stock and farm machinery.
- **Rafting-Specific Hazards**
 - Rivers are dynamic environments with hidden risks. Natural obstacles such as rocks and strong currents can pose severe hazards that may not be immediately visible. Risks include falling out of the raft or the raft flipping over causing collisions and big swims. Rafting may also include the risk of inhalation of water and drowning. The seriousness of these events generally increases with the grade of the river
 - ****See River Grades below**

Final Acknowledgment:

- All hazards are amplified by the remote outdoor environment, which often means limited access to medical services. By participating, you accept all associated risks, including the potential of physical injury, death, or property loss.

****River Grades**

- **Grade 1**
Rapids are small regular waves. The passage is clear and easy to recognise and negotiate. Care may be needed with obstacles like fallen trees and bridge piers.
- **Grade 2**
Rapids have regular medium sized waves (less than 1 metre), low ledges or drops, easy eddies and gradual bends. The passage is easy to recognise and is generally unobstructed although there may be rocks in the main current, overhanging branches or log jams.
- **Grade 3**
Rapids with fairly high waves (1-2 metres), broken water, stoppers and strong eddies, exposed rocks and small falls. The passage may be difficult to recognise from the river and manoeuvring to negotiate the rapid is required.
- **Grade 4/5**
Difficult rapids with high, powerful, irregular waves, broken water, often boiling eddies, strong stoppers, ledges, drops and dangerous exposed rocks. The passage is often difficult to recognise, and precise and sequential manoeuvring is required.'