



## South Avon Canoe Club

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### RIVER BARLE

#### Miles

- 0 Tarr Steps (OSGR 868322). Car park with toilets about 200 yards up the road. No parking by the river. The river flows along a narrow winding wooded valley. Most of the section to Dulverton weir is fairly straightforward. But at high flows the speed of the current can present problems to swimmers. Breakouts are few and far between, and trees can be a danger. There is a riverside track but no road before Marsh Bridge.
- 4.5 Marsh Bridge (OSGR 908289). There may be a barbed wire cattle fence below the bridge.
- 5.5 Dulverton Weir (OSGR 916284). Problems may be caused by trees on the island and the weir itself. The bank below the weir face on river right is heavily undercut and can be very dangerous in strong flows. In the half mile from the weir to the bridge there is a series of falls, virtually impossible to portage, the last has a tricky "hole".
- 6 Dulverton Bridge (OSGR 912278). Access to and from the water at a slipway on the left immediately above the bridge. Parking alongside the Exmoor National Park Headquarters.

Grading: Dulverton to Exebridge (not applicable to weirs)

Low water: If rocks are showing below Dulverton Bridge, Grade 1-2.

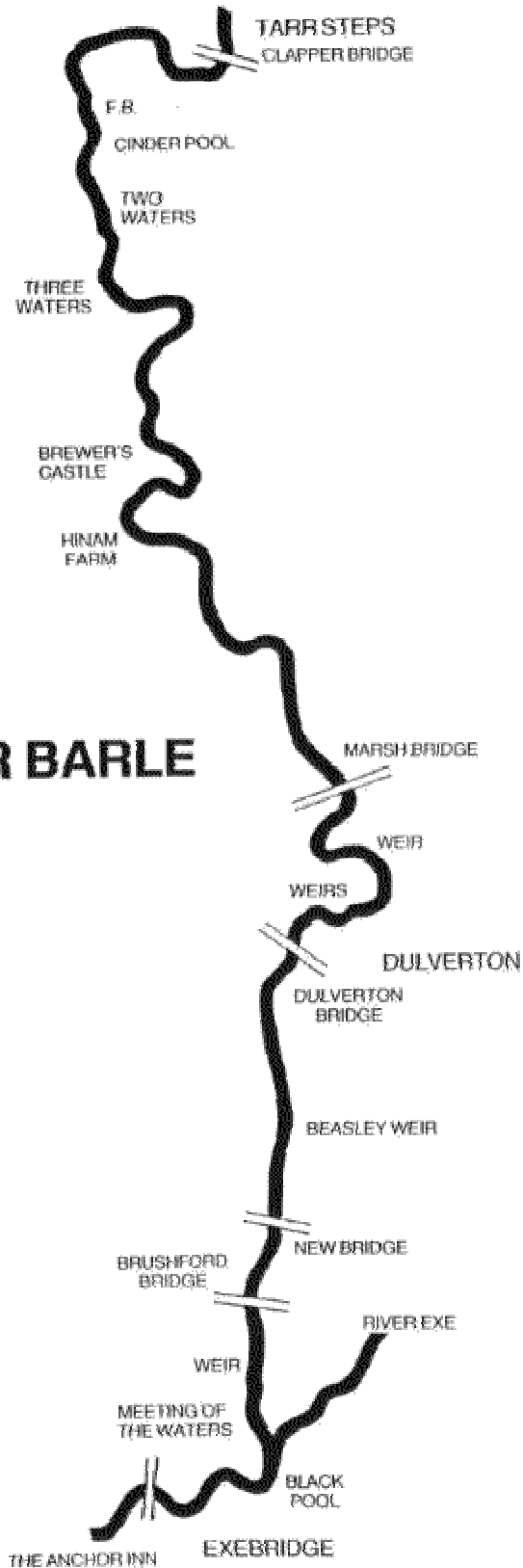
Normal water: If there is at least 6ft clearance below the bridge, Grade 2.

High water: If there is less than 6ft clearance, Grade 3.

The next section is fairly straight forward at most levels with several bouncy rapids. The main road follows the river valley.

- 7.0 Beasley Weir (OSGR 919270). Portaging is advisable on left, because of low slung wires and other apparatus hanging in the water.
- 8.5 Brushford Bridge (OSGR 926258). A small weir after half a mile.
- 9.2 The Barle joins the River Exe.
- 10.0 Exebridge (OSGR 930245). Egress left bank upstream of the bridge; permission to use the inn car park should be obtained from the landlord of the Anchor Inn.

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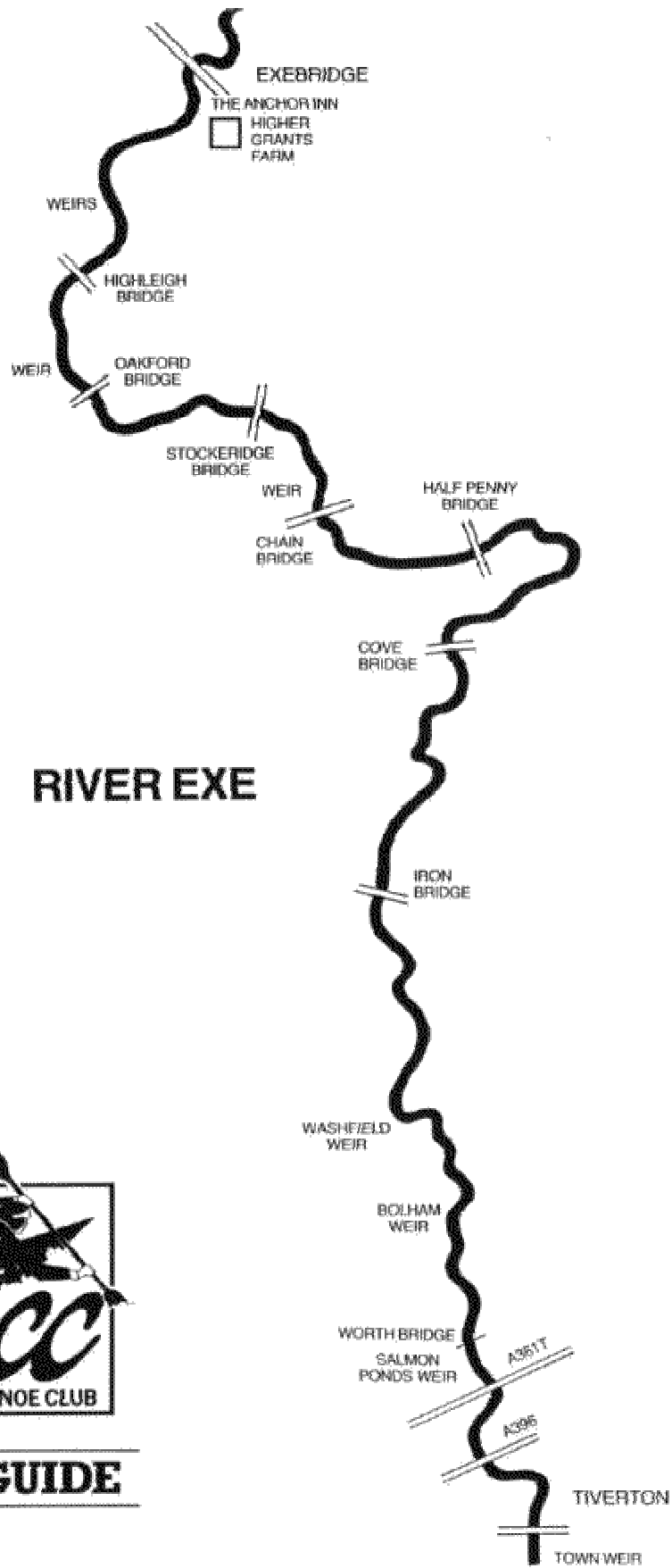
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## RIVER EXE

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- 0 Exebridge (OSGR 930245) The Anchor Inn car park by the river is private; permission should be sought from the Landlord of the Inn to use it for access/egress.
- 2.2 Oakford Bridge (OSGR 919219) A396 on left.
- 3.2 BlackCat Bridge. The old Taunton to South Molton road, B3227, crosses the river.
- 5.5 The river Bathern joins the Exe from the left. The river passes the Cove quarries and continues between open fields and wooded hillsides.
- 8.5 Washfield weir (OSGR 943160).
- 8.7 Bolham weir (OSGR 948153) A popular starting point for the 'Bolham to Bickleigh run. The weir should be inspected. It is a double weir with a nasty concrete-faced drop of about 5 feet and a considerable stopper, severe at high flows, and some large rocks above the second drop. A portage on the right may be possible. Access from or egress to the A396 is possible on the left above the weir. There are lay-bys a short way up the road in the Dulverton direction. The weir is very dangerous at high flows.
- 9 Worth Bridge (private road). The river narrows at a sharp bend above the bridge, which is often obstructed by trees.
- 9.5 Salmon Ponds weir (OSGR 949139) Starting point for the Exe Descent, marked by a low footbridge across the river. No access or egress except at this event. The weir should be inspected. Beware of the "hole" below the long final pool A361 Bridge beyond. There is another Road Bridge 1/2 mile downstream.
- 11.5 Tiverton Town Bridge (OSGR 954126). Launching possible beyond the bridge on the right from Riverside Walk above or below the town weir. Standing waves against the wall on left and stoppers. Parking in pay & display car park nearby. Waldrons weir (OSGR 953120) beyond the new Road Bridge. Standing waves and stoppers. Last access point before Bickleigh with on-street parking and slipway for launching/egress.



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