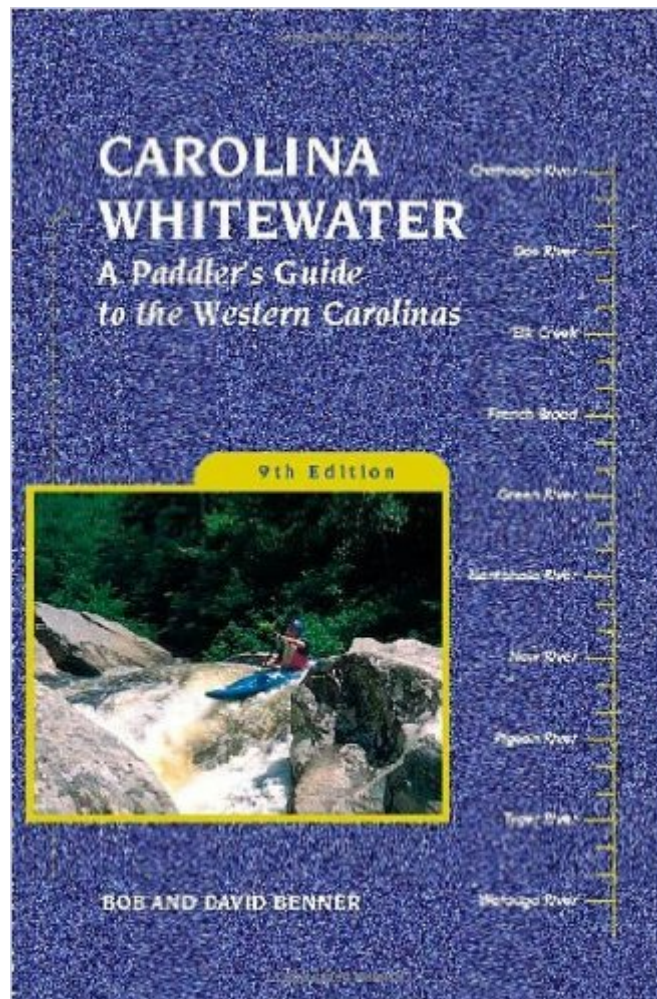


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Synopsis

The ultimate guide to paddling whitewater in the western Carolinas, *Carolina Whitewater* has guided boaters to the best water in the Tar Heel and Palmetto states for almost 30 years. This latest edition includes expanded and updated information for the classic rivers, like the Chattooga, French Broad, and Nantahala, in addition to many new steep creeks including Cove, Rockhouse, and Hurricane. New to this edition is a section on flatwater that is suitable for canoe camping and can be handled by beginner and novice paddlers. Profiled runs are from the Broad River and two of its tributaries, the Enoree and the Tyger. The convenient at-a-glance format for each river section makes it easy to find critical details such as difficulty, length, paddling time, gradient, and more. River descriptions, shuttle and gauge information, and topographic-based maps complete the useful information needed to help boaters pick rivers to match their ability. With over 80 detailed profiles and more than 60 maps of the best canoeing and kayaking waterways in the Carolinas, this guide is indispensable. From quiet float trips on the French Broad to exciting runs on the fast-flowing Nolichucky, *Carolina Whitewater* details the best paddling experiences in both states.

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This is indeed THE guide to paddling in the western Carolinas, but it contains one extremely important error: the put-in listed for the Upper Green (class III) is actually the put-in for the Narrows (class V). The true put-in for the Upper Green is just below the Tuxedo power plant; the take-out is

what Benner mistakenly describes as the put-in.

on North Carolina white water. There are a number of regional white water guide books, and while they can be more helpful in some ways, they are not nearly so comprehensive. Benner has got it all. If it's in NC or SC and it's whitewater, then it's in there. The Caveat: Bob Benner is the old school author of most of the book. His son, David, is from the more elite hair-head generation. This means that the rivers rated by David are on a different scale from those rated by Bob. The good news: careful reading will reveal the difference between Bob's description's and David's.

This book is a fantastic resource with almost everything you want or need to know about the areas covered. My only criticism would be that the maps could stand more detail, and be smaller scale. Regardless, it clearly identifies the access locations for rivers, all the major rapids, and how to go through or get around them. I highly recommend it for anyone interested in paddling in the western Carolina's.

I've only paddled a few of the runs described in the book but have found a lot of information that needs updating. Apparently the authors are unaware that Al Gore invented the internet a generation ago and that there are online gages for many (?most?) of the runs described. (e.g. French Broad) but few are mentioned in the book. The description is usually along the lines of drive there and inspect onsite. You could waste a lot of time and gas if you don't consult the USGS gages first. Another example the put-in location described for French Broad section 6, is fenced off with a chain link fence topped with barbed wire. Given the rusty nature of this fence, it has been there a long time, well before the 2005 date of the latest "revision".

This book has insufficient descriptions of the French Broad River. For example, it classes the rapids much higher than they are and does not give much info at all on features. Other information is out of date.

Very descriptive & helpful resource for finding the kind of paddling water you are looking for in the Carolinas. So glad I bought this book!

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