

# Soča & Koritnica river notes.

Notes: When water levels are mentioned, details are for medium flows - 100 at the Boka access guage (river left bridge arch) or online at [www.kajak.at](http://www.kajak.at)  
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Section	Symbol	Label	Notes
X (and above)		-	Above the confluence is apparently banned for eco reasons- worth looking and respecting. Carry on up here to find the source of the Soca - where the magical water is born!
		Velika korita	This is a little tributary to the Soca, the road has a couple of small laybys for parking.
A		Gd 1/3	Didn't paddle this bit but looked like the grade from the road, with the Gd 3 towards the end.
		Bunkerji	Not totally sure where this is! We think it was where the river starts to get technical (visible from the road), there are two close laybys on the road which could be used, we used the one by a red steel suspension bridge.
		Gd 2/3	A technical section, glimpses can be seen from road or there's a good view from river left path. Good longish Gd 3+ in medium water, then settles down to a Gd 2-3 section. The road is always close but just out of view.
B		Class 4	A constriction with a gradient, all flows-through in medium flows. A big white cliff marks it on river left. Portageable on river right.
		Gd 2	Settles down to Gd 2 in medium flows, look for the overhead '100m to go' warning sign for the gorge, boat sized eddies on river right.
		Kršovec	Can get out/in on both sides using the bridge over gorge, but eddies are better on river right for egress.
C		Class 4	An exciting gorge, a narrow flush-through with boils and turbulent water. Gd 4. Paddle up it as much as possible if you don't go down for a good view.
		Zmuklica	A small gravel layby by an old wooden cable car station visible from the road. The path is steep down through the woods but stepped and well trodden. 100yds down the river is a splat-cliff, requires dodging but clearly visible.
D		Gd 2-3	Excellent Gd 2-3 section, 15 cumecs in medium flows, boulder gardens with longer rapids.
		Sotočja	Via Toni's camping, head down towards valley bottom and use the little beach at the confluence.
G		Gd 2/3	Flowing wave trains and strong eddylines, a couple of play waves and some long splat-cliffs, continuous medium volume run, 25-35 cumecs (I guess) in med water.
		Čezsoča	River left just past road bridge, 100 yds away is the Prijon factory shop, and a nice café in the village. Good accommodation in the village too.
H		Gd1/2	Flowing water, would never go above the grade but it won't stop for anyone either! Scenic picnic spots all the way down and some overhanging bushes on sweeping corners to watch out for.
		Boka	Use laybe at sharp left bend going north, not the one by the River Boka (used by tourists to walk to the fall - well worth doing). popular rafting access (as with most down river from now on). Visible and online guage guage are on the river left bridge arch.
I		Gd1/2	The same as Section H, just as beautiful and just as much worth doing.
		Srpenica 1	Can drive closer to the river, along the dirt road, or walk down from layby at the main road.
J		Gd 2/3	Here the volume of water starts to go deeper and steeper down the valley, making medium water technical rapids, excellent! Good warm up for the power and speed which increses in the next sections. Raft sized boulders with raft sized eddies!
		Srpenica 2	Obvious left hand bend in the river with harder sections of water, access path goes up the gorge side straight ahead, looking downriver, at bend. Quite a long steep walk to the layby on main road corner, stoney path.
K		Gd 3/4	Excellent section, deserves the grade with many features in medium water, unsure of what the '!' was, passed it somewhere! There are some bits trickier than others but if you're happy with the power and speed, you'll relish this section.
		Trnova 1	Turn left in the village between two buildings going down the valley. Follow the single track tarmac towards the campsite. Access is via the path down to the river upstream or downstream of suspension bridge (photographer's favourite!)
L		Gd 4/4+	The slalom site, beautiful quality whitewater, continuous grade, powerful and fast but never above it's grade. Path on river right is great for photographers. The get out isn't as obvious as the old marker used to be, might want to check it out.
		Trnova 2	Rumours say a must make egress, big white rock (bigger than others) in the centre, river right eddy with a manmade sloped bank of boulders. I think there used to be 'cross' on the rock once upon a time but don't expect it.
M		Gd 4/6	Paddle this if you know what your doing with syphons and not paddled very often water, this info isn't any help to you!
		Otona	Gravel layby with picnic table on right-hand bend (when heading towards Kobarid). Two paths lead out of the end of the layby, take the smaller, steeper track to the river. Bit of a trek (~15mins)
N		Gd 2/4	Flowing water interspersed with some technical rapids (similar but slightly harder than Section K) there's a playhole too.
		Napoleonov Most	Historic tourist site, access river left below bridge. Did find Slap Kojyak, an idyllic cave-fall, walking from here. As far as saw on the Soca, on the <b>Koritnica...</b>
E		Kluže	If you go over the bridge with a deep ravine - you've gone too far! You need a lay-by on road-right up-valley and walk through the forest.
		Gd3/4	Narrow gorge (~1m) just below the access, then continuous grade if you have good levels.
F		Bridge	It's possible to sneak down to river here, but near a farm, a grass bank goes from the road down, river right upstream of bridge. More like a cheeky british access point than what they have. Not great for groups.
		Gd3/3+	Fast and small section - needs to rain to run, as shallow in places. It's shallowest just before confluence, see Sotočja access point - if it looks bump and scrape here - it will be! Very pretty but not a lot of time for photos, quite continuous.