



## SPECIAL CREEK BOATING ISSUE

CREEK BOAT HEAD-TO-HEAD TEST / TECHNIQUE: THE BOOF / TOP 10 CREEKS THE WORLD HAS TO OFFER  
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**TOP TYE** Location: An hour drive from Seattle up in the Cascade Mountains, it's on Highway 2 just before you reach Stevens Pass.



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## Creekers' top 10



ASK ANY SEASONED CREEK BOATER ABOUT THEIR FAVOURITE CREEK AND YOU CAN GUARANTEE THERE'LL BE ONE IN PARTICULAR THAT GETS THEIR JUICES FLOWING. A NAME THAT SLIPS OFF THE TONGUE WITHOUT A MOMENT'S THOUGHT, IT'LL BE THE CREEK THAT GAVE THEM AN EXPERIENCE NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN, A TRIP THAT SUMS UP ALL THAT IS GREAT ABOUT THIS SPORT. SO WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GREAT IDEA TO COMPILE A WORLD WIDE TOP TEN - A LIST TO INSPIRE US MERE MORTALS TO PACK OUR BAGS AND TRAVEL THE GLOBE IN SEARCH OF THE TIGHT AND TECHNICAL. AND HERE IT IS - IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER - AS DECIDED BY THOSE IN THE KNOW, THE MOST EXPERIENCED AND RESPECTED CREEKERS ON OUR FINE PLANET.

### TOP TYE CREEK

#1 creek



#### TAO BERMAN

Why it's in the Top 10: The Top Tye is the creek that I grew up paddling on. A lot of the memories that I have when I started creek boating were on the Top Tye. It's only about 1.5 miles long but it's packed with great drops. The first drop is just around the corner from the put-in and the creek ends with a 50 foot sliding waterfall that most people choose to take out above. I love to peel out of the first eddy and sprint through the run in about 20 minutes. Then go back to the put-in and do it again.

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