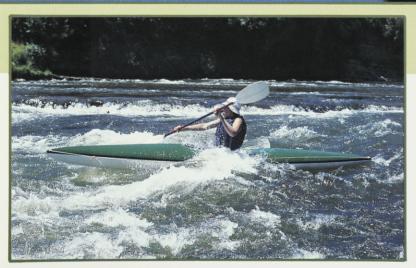


The Wanganui River in one of its quieter moods. At 329 kms in length, it is New Zealand's longest continuously navigable river.

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Between Taumarunui and the sea there are 239 named rapids, although the river's gentle gradient makes it a mecca for canoeists who can easily navigate the occasional turbulent stretch. Photo: John Ombler

Just upstream from Pipiriki lie the Puraroto Falls, which together with the nearby caves have long been an attraction for river travellers.

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