About this River Guide
Rich in both natural and cultural history, as well as trimmed beauty, the inaugural Athol & Orange Segment of the Millers River Blue Trail positions itself as an invitation for both native and new paddlers to explore the Millers River. The Athol & Orange segment is a 6-mile stretch of the Millers River from downtown Athol to Orange. This segment of the Millers River runs relatively smoothly between downtown Athol and Orange throughout the paddling season. However, paddlers should always be on the lookout for eddies, eddies, and other obstacles that can pose a severe hazard. Wearing a life jacket is recommended—wearing one can often be life-saving. Paddlers may also be surprised by the abundance of wildlife along the river. The Millers River is home to five species of mussels, including the Triangular Mussel, which is “of special concern” due to its low abundance in this stretch. The Eastern Amblegong dragonfly is abundant. The river is also home to trout fishermen, with fishing on the river that varies from 3.5-8.5 pounds. Some large pike have been caught. Keep an eye out for footprints in the mud along the riverbanks. You may identify humans, raccoon, otter, and other wildlife.

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