



The author on Whitemud Creek, Edmonton, early April, 2007

*Mark's Guide for Alberta Paddlers* is the seventh guidebook for Alberta paddlers that Mark has been involved in the production of over the last thirty-five years. This guide includes sixty reach reports for Alberta's rivers and lakes, stretching from the Milk River in the south to the Peace River in the north, from the Cold River in the east to the Kootenay River in the west. This guide is both an introduction to Alberta paddling for new paddlers, and an introduction to those new to paddling in Alberta. This expanded guidebook (over the 1997 *Central Alberta Paddlers* guide) now includes location maps for each report, a new hydrograph for flows based on Environment Canada's 2003 Hydat data, GPS/Map grid references for important features, and many more pictures to illustrate the great paddling available to Alberta paddlers.

Mark is an active member in the Alberta paddling community. Over the years he has contributed to: the Alberta Whitewater Association, ARCA the Alberta Recreational Canoeing Association, Paddle Canada, the Ceyana Canoe Club and the Edmonton Paddling Centres Association. As a paddling instructor, instructor trainer, canoeing coach, club, provincial and national executive member there are few open canoe paddlers in the province who have not been touched by his work in either delivering, or helping to develop canoeing educational programs in Alberta and across Canada. At present Mark is a physical education instructor at Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton, and he paddles each season with the Ceyana Canoe Club, Grant MacEwan programs, friends and family.