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Dear Rafting Friends,

As California's whitewater rafting leader since 1975, Whitewater Voyages goes the extra mile—year after year—in ways big and small:

—We're doing our utmost to keep our trips affordable—and have lowered the prices on some of our most popular trips!
—To make the total cost of your rafting getaway as affordable as possible, we've prepared an exclusive **Whitewater Voyages Guide to Free Camping and Accommodation Discounts on California Rivers**. See: WhitewaterVoyages.com/freecampingguide/

—To enhance the overall fun on our trips, we're always adding extras—at no additional charge! For example, we've recently added:

-Tournament-quality pool tables in our River Park Adventure Campground in Coloma on the South Fork American River.

-Chess and checker tables on the Lower Kern, Kings and South Fork American.

-Entertaining, informative, and inspirational self-guided nature walks in our Kings, Lower Kern and South Fork American campgrounds.

Of course, all this is in addition to great food, smooth logistics, attention to detail and safety, an over-arching buoyancy of being, and inspired guides at the top of their profession—all on wonderful California rivers near you!

We were the first to conduct trips on many of the rivers in this catalog, and for many, many years we have guided more people down more California rivers than any other outfitter. Still, we feel that our greatest achievement has been to place quality of service above all else, fostering a warm, caring and supportive style of guiding that places the enjoyment and safety of our guests uppermost. We truly devote ourselves wholeheartedly to making each and every trip the finest possible.

We go to see and taste the wild places, to merge a bit with the surging flow—and also to enjoy the conversation, the personal contact, the whole sense of expedition and adventure. Our trips are excursions into a wonderful, sensual, delightful world. And with the experience, we find, comes a reawakening to the fundamental, enduring goodness and richness of life on this earth.

We look forward to sharing with you an outstanding, affordable, super-fun rafting getaway! Contact us soon to reserve the your dates!

WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU!

 Bill McGinnis

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All of California's Best Rivers

With Whitewater Voyages you get the best selection of fabulous rivers near you! Many of our clients fall in love with a special river near them and raft it with us year after year, while others join us on a succession of rivers new to them, exploring enticing canyons all over California. No other outfitter even comes close to offering so many fabulous rivers an easy drive from California's metropolitan areas. See our Rivers Map & Chart on pages 4 & 5.

International Reputation for Leadership and Excellence

Our guides are personally mentored by author, river rafting pioneer and Whitewater Voyages head guide Bill McGinnis, whose books *Whitewater Rafting*, *The Guide's Guide Augmented*, *The Class V Briefing*, *The Whitewater Voyages Guide School Handbook* and *River Signals* are used by outfitters and guides the world over. Bill's practical philosophy and methods for inspiring heightened levels of acceptance, appreciation, well being and just plain fun in a context of adventure, friendship and growth not only infuse and uplift Whitewater Voyages trips, they also influence guiding throughout North America and the world. Their high level of skill, responsibility and caring has for decades distinguished Whitewater Voyages guides as international leaders in their profession. To cite a bit of anecdotal evidence: At one time, 3 out of the 4 rafting companies in Norway and all of the companies on Africa's Zambezi were managed by Whitewater Voyages guides. To learn more about Bill McGinnis' books and philosophy, visit our website at whitewatervoyages.com.

A Fantastic Vacation Value

Whitewater Voyages not only provides the very finest trips at affordable, competitive, everyday prices, we also offer some of the best special deals in the world of rafting—see below and next column.

Gourmet Camp Cuisine

The perfect, essential complement to the exhilarating adventure of rafting is our abundant, delicious gourmet camp cuisine made with fresh, healthy, whole-food ingredients. Our staff prepares fabulous meals and happy hour spreads. A typical dinner, for example, consists of tender steak, succulent barbecued chicken, and mouth-watering grilled fish accompanied by crisp salad, corn on the cob and other trimmings plus a savory pie or cake fresh from the Dutch Oven. Also, delicious vegetarian alternatives are available by request.

Family Discounts

On the Kings and South Fork American, each young person under 17 accompanied by a full-fare adult is half OFF! Kids love our stories, adventure games and joie de vivre.

Professional, Friendly, Entertaining River Guides

Our staff of talented, caring professionals is truly dedicated to making each and every trip the finest possible. Skilled as boat captain, chef and entertainer, trained in CPR and first aid, each is interesting, intelligent, fun, gentle and good to be with. Depending on your interests, we are always delighted to spice things up with adventure games, nature lore, magic and tales

Whitewater Voyages operates under special use permits from the Bureau of Land Management, California Department of Parks and Recreation, El Dorado County, Yuba County Water Agency, Tulare County, Army Corps of Engineers, and the following National Forests: Sequoia, Sierra, Stanislaus, El Dorado and Tahoe.

With Whitewater Voyages, savor the beauty and excitement of our natural world; dine on healthy, abundant, mouth-watering camp cuisine; explore the full spectrum of whitewater; and camp free the night before and the night after your trip in our River Park Adventure Campground on the South Fork American, where the amenities include free pool tables, giant chess, horse shoes, volley ball, hot showers and so much more!



Wayne Cooley

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of local history—both real and imagined.

We Take Extra Special Care of You!

All of the above notwithstanding, what most distinguishes Whitewater Voyages from all other outfitters is the fun, friendly and caring atmosphere we strive to create on each and every whitewater adventure. So please choose us—you will be glad you did!

Attention to Detail and Safety

We have been improving and refining our trips for decades and it shows: Our shuttles and other trip logistics are smooth and professional. Our safety talks and in-boat trainings at the start of each trip set the standard in thoroughness, supportiveness and pure fun! And our 400+ page website and other trip literature provide a virtual encyclopedia of information not only about each of our trips (including local accommodations and attractions near each river), but also about rafting and rivers in general.

State-of-the-Art River Gear

We use only rugged, inflatable, self-bailing boats which are compartmented and unsinkable. Paddle boats, with 6 to 8 people plus a guide in each, are the boats of choice—everyone is involved, sometimes drifting easily, oftentimes vigorously paddling away, whooping and screaming, with waves crashing in. On some rivers we also have oar boats for those who do not want to paddle—but prefer to relax and dream. On all trips we carry full safety and emergency gear, and we are equipped to provide emergency first aid in case of illness or injury.

Please see page 22 for information regarding reservations and cancellations.

BIG NEWS & SUPER DEALS

- **Wet Suits are now COMPLIMENTARY on all trips!**
- **New Bathroom facilities on the Kings!**
- **New, friendlier cancellation policy—the easiest in the Whitewater World!**
- **Book online anytime with our super secure system!**
- **New South Fork American 21-mile “whole river” trip!**

20% Discount - Groups of 12 or more

Or group leaders may choose to go free and get 10% off for their group members. Our FREE Group Kits make leading a group easy.

20% Discount - Scout Troops

Scouts have a blast and can earn the *Whitewater Merit Badge*.

20% Discount - Same-Year Repeat Rafters

Raft twice or more with us in one year, and your second and all subsequent trips that year are 20% off!

Two-For-One, Mondays & Tuesdays

Two persons go for the price of one regular fare on Mondays and Tuesdays on the: Upper Kern 1-day Snap, Crackle, Pop; the Kings 1-day Joy Ride; and South Fork American 1-day Chili Bar trip.

50% Weekday Family Youth Discount

On any weekday South Fork American or Kings trip, youths (16 & under) receive a 50% discount when accompanied by a full-fare adult. Youths not matched with a full-fare adult will receive the standard 10% youth discount.

15% Discount - Holiday Weekends

Holiday weekends are 15% off on the South Fork American, Kings, and Tuolumne river...including Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th, and Labor Day.

10% Discount - Youth, Senior, Military & AAA

Youths 16 & under, seniors 65 & older, AAA members, and our brave military personnel receive a discount on every trip, every day...no restrictions. If a more advantageous discount is available for your trip it will be applied.

FREE Camping!

For South, Middle, and North Fork American river trips. We warmly invite you to camp FREE in Whitewater Voyages' wonderful River Park Adventure Campground (in Lotus, bordering the South Fork American River) the night before and/or after your trip. See page 15 for more detail.

Accommodations Discount Guide

See our exclusive guide to free camping and discounts on accommodations close to all of our California rivers at WhitewaterVoyages.com/freecampingguide/

**Discounts must be mentioned at the time of booking (discounts cannot be applied retroactively). Only one discount applicable per person. Some restrictions apply.*

COOL FACT: Of course, what really makes Whitewater Voyages trips a super deal is that with us, you get the BEST possible trip at a great price!

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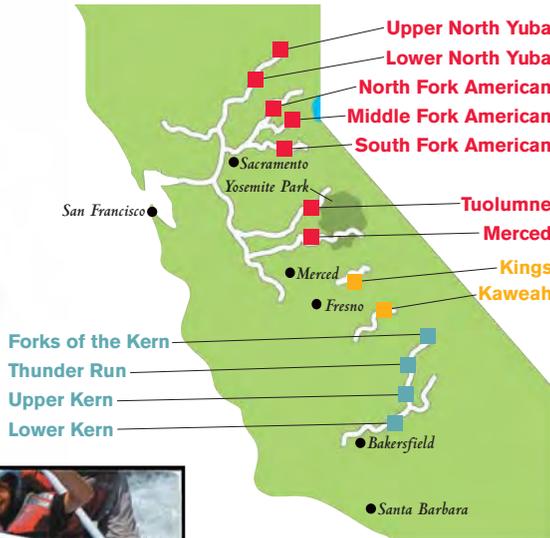
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OUR RIVERS AT A GLANCE



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Overview: Rapids and rivers are rated on a scale from I to VI. When rafting with a professional guide, class I & II are relatively mild; class III is considered beginning level; class III-IV & IV are a good choice for adventurous first-timers and experienced rafters; class IV+ & V are best suited to those in good physical condition with rafting experience; and class VI is unrunnable.

Please call so we can help you choose the best river for you!

RIVER COMPARISON

River Rating Scale of Guided Whitewater Rafting [▲]	CHOOSING THE RIGHT RIVER FOR YOU	River	White-water Class	Number of Days	Length in Miles	Minimum Age
Class III Beginner Exciting but not difficult. Big runnable waves, swift current with obstacles easy to miss.	Fun for everyone—first-timers and veterans alike!	South Fork American Kings	III+ III+	¾, 1 or 2 1 or 2	9-11 or 20 9 or 18	6 10 in Spring, 7 in Summer
Class III-IV Beginner-Intermediate A blend of class III & IV. Generally begins with class III and works up to class IV.	Ideal for both first-timers and veterans.	Lower Kern Upper Kern Merced Lower North Yuba	III-IV III-IV III-IV III-IV	1 or 2 ½ or 1 1 1	8, 12 or 20 6 or 12 8-13 10	9, 10 or 12 12 12 in Spring, 10 in Summer 12
Class IV Intermediate Long rapids, big drops, numerous obstacles. Powerful and precise maneuvering required.	Excellent for experienced rafters and adventurous first-timers.	Tuolumne Middle Fork American	IV III-IV	1, 2, 2½, or 3 1 or 2	18 17	14 in Spring, 12 in Summer 12
Class IV+ Intermediate-Advanced High intensity whitewater. Steeper, more technically intricate rapids requiring strong, vigorous paddling.	Good physical condition required. Previous experience recommended.	Kaweah North Fork American	IV+ IV+	1 1	8 9-11	14 14
Class V Advanced Maximum intensity whitewater. Extremely long, complicated rapids with very steep gradient requiring strong and precise paddling and expertise in maneuvering.	Good physical condition essential. Previous paddle rafting experience strongly recommended. Class V Warm-Up and Class V Training Talk required.	Forks of the Kern Thunder Run Upper North Yuba	V V V	2 or 3 1 1	18 9 8-10	16 16 16
Class VI Unrunnable	Niagra Falls is a VI	Runnable only in the movies.				

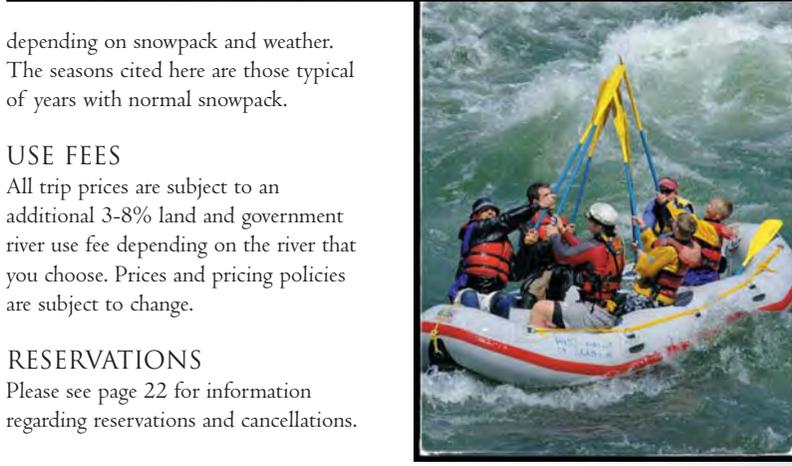
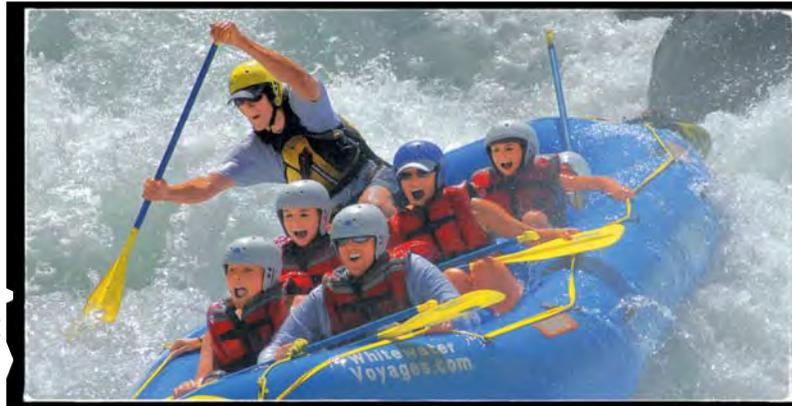
[▲] Ratings are based on normal flows and can change with variations of water level.

WATER LEVELS

Depending on snowpack and time of year, river water levels can vary from high to medium to low. On high water, generally speaking, we ride faster current, climb over larger waves and crash through more powerful holes. On low flows, on the other hand, we encounter smaller waves and more rocks, and with tight teamwork maneuver down steeper, chutes and more abrupt drops.

High water generally occurs during spring runoff in May and early June, while lower flows are normally found at the tail end of each river's runnable season. Medium water is found in between. Exceptions to this pattern are rivers controlled by upstream dams—which might have daily flow fluctuations but which, in the course of the year, generally have less variation, less pronounced high and low water periods. The thing to remember is that, with Whitewater Voyages, high, medium and low water all have their special appeal, and all can provide truly great fun.

NOTE: The runnable season for any given river may vary from year to year



At the heart of a rich, full life are not only fun and adventure, but also connection, sharing and bonding with others. To encourage you to share your next trip with family and friends, Whitewater Voyages offers one of the best group rates in the universe: Groups of 12 or more get roughly 15% off plus you the group leader go FREE!

Making the most of each moment of life on this amazing planet!

depending on snowpack and weather. The seasons cited here are those typical of years with normal snowpack.

USE FEES

All trip prices are subject to an additional 3-8% land and government river use fee depending on the river that you choose. Prices and pricing policies are subject to change.

RESERVATIONS

Please see page 22 for information regarding reservations and cancellations.

Distance in Miles from:			Runnable Season*			Nearest Town & Zip Code (For latest forecast on weather.com)	Gradient	Elevation of Put-in (Feet above sea level)	For more Info see page
Los Angeles	San Francisco	Sacramento	Light Snowpack Year	Normal Snowpack Year	Heavy Snowpack Year				
435 265	136 241	53 231	April-Oct** April-June	April-Oct** April-July	April-Oct** April-Aug.	Coloma, 95613 Sanger, 93657	24 35	930 1280	14 11
165 165 292	335 335 167	338 338 156	May-Aug.** April-June April-late June	April-Sept.** April-mid-July April-early June	April-Oct.** April-Sept. April-Aug.	Lake Isabella, 93240 Kernville, 93238 El Portal, 95318	30 45 32	2360 3740 1700	6 8 17
479	177	95	April-May	April-June	April-July	Goodyears Bar, 95944	45	2700	18
337 420	142 119	129 35	March-Oct.** May-early Aug.**	March-Oct.** May-Oct.**	March-Oct.** May-Oct.**	Groveland, 95321 Auburn, 95604	40 40	1430 1100	16 14
212 420	265 119	245 35	April-early June April-May	April-early July April-June	April-early Aug. April-July	Three Rivers, 93271 Colfax, 95713	60 50	1200 1100	10 18
165 165 479	335 335 177	338 338 95	May-June April-May April-May	May-mid July April-June April-June	May-Sept. April-Aug. April-July	Kernville, 93238 Kernville, 93238 Downieville, 95936	60 63 72	4680 3740 3350	7 9 18

* These estimates are based on historical runoff patterns. Any particular season on a given river, regardless of snowpack, may vary greatly. ** Dam release flows.

WHITEWATER VOYAGES

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



■ FORKS/KERN
■ LOWER KERN



LOWER KERN

April-September
Southern Sierra Escape
2 Days ~ Class III-IV ~ 20 Miles

"Your guides are artists at getting people to work together, feeling part of a group and preparing food and presenting it like a watercolor painting, almost too pretty to touch!"

—Judy Potthast

In Sequoia National Forest, an easy drive from Southern California metropolitan areas, the Lower Kern River charges down a steep, convoluted gorge lined with smooth white granite boulders. The run begins in moderate tempo and gradually builds to a stampeding finish. On the first day the cool, clear flow alternately dashes through heaving rapids and canters through jungle-like stretches of lush foliage. Then in the course of the second day, the river runs headlong through a series of galloping rapids of ever-escalating intensity.

In one place the canyon is completely choked with boulders and the rafts must be carried around. As the home-stretch draws near, the sinewy Kern explodes into gnashing, foam-filled eruptions of whitewater.

The lovely Kern hides in its own special wilderness, couched in a winding canyon overhung with willow, alder and luxuriant sycamore. Nestled deep in this paradise is our overnight camp, which features shady awnings, conversation-enhancing dining tables, fireside seating, volleyball, horse-shoes, nearby hot springs, and a swimming rapid that's more fun than a water slide! In this idyllic setting, our guides serve delicious meals, and in the evening we lounge under dazzling stars around a cozy campfire.

ONE-DAY LOWER KERN TRIPS!

Jungle Run 1 Day ~ Class III ~ 8 Miles
Big Water Run 1 Day ~ Class IV ~ 12 Miles
Afternoon Jungle Run 1/2 Day ~ Class III ~ 6 to 8 Miles

The Jungle Run; 8 river miles; mainly class III; minimum age is 9. And the Big Water Run; 12 river miles; mainly class IV; the minimum age is 12.



Photo by Picture This...Imagine That

"2005 was my 19th year rafting with Whitewater Voyages on the Kern! Next year will be my 20th! It is always fantastic! Thanks so much!"

—Beverly Ball



Bruce Fox Photo

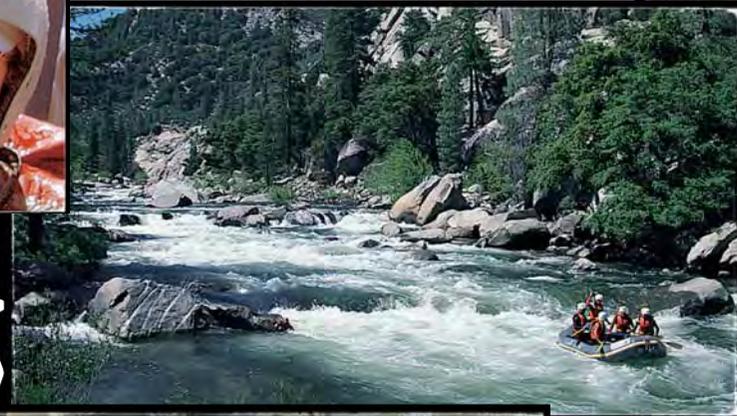
An intrepid paddle crew runs the class III-IV Lower Kern, southern California's most popular river. Ideal for first-time and veteran rafters alike, the Kern typically flows all summer and is only 2½ hours from Los Angeles.

FREE GUIDE TO THE KERN RIVER VALLEY AND SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST

In addition to world class white-water recreation, Sequoia National Forest and the Kern River Valley offer great fishing, camping, hiking, rock climbing, waterskiing, biking, birding, wind-surfing and much, much more! In order to help spread the word about this rich vacation-land mecca, we have put together a detailed information packet called the "Whitewater Voyages Guide to the Kern River Valley and Sequoia National Forest." This guide will be automatically sent to you when you make a Kern reservation with us.



Whitewater Voyages



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For superlative class V whitewater, extraordinary wilderness isolation and spectacular scenery, the Forks of the Kern is one of the world's ultimate river journeys.



Mike Grant

Peppermint Falls is just one of many scenic splendors on the class V Wild and Scenic Forks of the Kern. **The Forks on Video! See page 21.**

THE FORKS OF THE KERN

Wilderness Juggernaut
May-mid July ~ Class V ~ 18 Miles ~ 2 & 3 Days

A whitewater paradise! In this breathtaking canyon of solid granite deep within Sequoia National Forest, the Kern River pirouettes through what is probably the finest stretch of raftable whitewater in North America. Eighteen miles long and dropping at the astonishing rate of 60 feet per mile, the river tumbles through a supremely delightful, nearly continuous series of class IV and V rapids and waterfalls. Awesome drops, mammoth holes and towering waves crowd in one after the next in quick-fire, presto tempo seemingly without end. The Forks of the Kern has such an abundance of superlative rapids that even if these cataracts were spread out over a 50-mile-long run, the result would be one of the most relentless and ecstatic pieces of whitewater anywhere. Yet here on the Forks, this cannonball water is packed

slapdash together, like a screaming, dancing cyclone, like an orchestra in ever-building crescendo, like an ongoing earthquake rumbling higher and higher on the Richter scale. The miracle is that the run is thoroughly raftable!

Rising well over 1000 feet, the canyon walls are in places swathed in lush, sloping forest and elsewhere are of naked, vertical granite. The water of the river is crystal clear; the fishing is heavenly; and the woods lining the banks are lovely to behold and ideal for camping. Spectacular side-canyon cascades plunge into the canyon. A few yards from the river, Freeman Creek forms a magical waterfall, full and high, descending into an enormous bowl. And Dry Meadow Creek enters the main canyon down a staircase of magnificent waterfalls in a smooth, voluptuous gorge. It is wholly appropriate that this river was designated in 1987 a National Wild and Scenic River.

The launch point, at the confluence

of the Little Kern River with the main Kern, is accessible only by trail—a 3-mile-long, Forest Service rocky trail which inclines steeply down into the majestic canyon. All food and river gear is transported in by pack animals and each member carries in his or her own gear (we suggest a 30-lb. limit) in special waterproof bags with padded shoulder straps which we provide. Packing in heightens the isolation, the wilderness adventure and the awareness that this canyon is profoundly special.

Whitewater Voyages was the very first to raft the entire Forks of the Kern without portaging in 1980. The Forks should be attempted only by healthy, active, rugged people with the ability to hike in, strong swimming skills and previous whitewater rafting experience. All participants must be able to pass the Class V Warm-Up—see page 9. Wetsuits are included in the trip price.

"We were quite impressed with your staff. They are extremely friendly and professional, which enhanced our experience. Thanks so much for all that you do . . . we'll be back!"

—Jeff Berman, MD

WHITEWATER VOYAGES

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



UPPER KERN DAZZLER

April-July - Class III-IV - Upper Kern
Three departures daily

On the Dazzler, after a quick warm up run, we head straight for the very best of the charging, galloping Upper Kern—where we ride and ride and ride some more! The 20+ mile Wild and Scenic Upper Kern is naturally divided into numerous shorter sections with names that are legends in the world of whitewater: Limestone, Chamise Gorge, Powerhouse, Cables, Ant Canyon. Each of these famous runs is different at different flows, and each has its own unique ideal flow. So, whichever sections are best on the flow the day of your trip, those are what we run. Our buses and flatbed raft trailers make transfers from run to run smooth and swift. On these trips—which are approximately 4 1/2-hours long—there is no lunch, no down time, no flat water, just maximum, high-energy, class III-IV action and non-stop whitewater fun!

VISIT THE WHITEWATER VOYAGES KERN OUTDOOR CENTER (K.O.C.)

We warmly invite you to visit the Whitewater Voyages Kern Outdoor Center in Frandy Park on the river in Kernville, the base of operations for all of our Kern trips. As well as a retail outlet with t-shirts, etc., and a river photo center, this attractive facility features a shaded awning area, changing booths, nearby accessible showers and restrooms. For same-day and next-day Kern bookings, visit or call K.O.C. at 760-376-8806. K.O.C. is open daily May through season's end.

We enjoyed our trip immensely! Our whole group is already talking about coming back for a 2-day trip. You are by far the best company on the Kern River and the best deal!
-Jenny Elsey

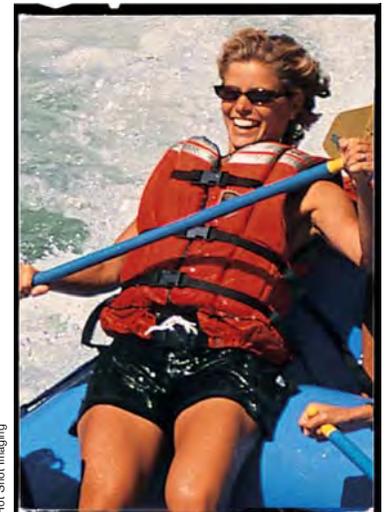
We enjoyed our trip so much! Lunch was spectacular, all the staff were friendly, caring and knowledgeable! Our guide knew the Kern very well and informed us about the rapids, their names and history of the area. She made the trip fun and worthwhile. Great time!
-Jessie Swanson

SNAP, CRACKLE & POP!

April-July - Class III-IV - Upper Kern
One Day Odyssey from 8 AM to 3:30 PM

Depending on water levels and the group's interests, we jet down several different sections of the Upper Kern, beginning with a stretch that is not totally overwhelming and gradually working up to stretches packed with sheer heart-thumping excitement. Our buses and flatbed raft trailers make transfers from one run to the next smooth and swift. An ideal choice for both the novice and seasoned rafter, these full-day trips include lunch and beverages. Minimum age 12.

NOTE: Please understand that at certain water levels the best class IV stretches are well upriver from Kernville and require a bit more bus time—and the time frames quoted here for Upper Kern trips are approximate.



Mark Leder-Adams/Hot Shot Imaging

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The Wild and Scenic Upper Kern—a whitewater wonderland for both beginning and experienced rafters alike.

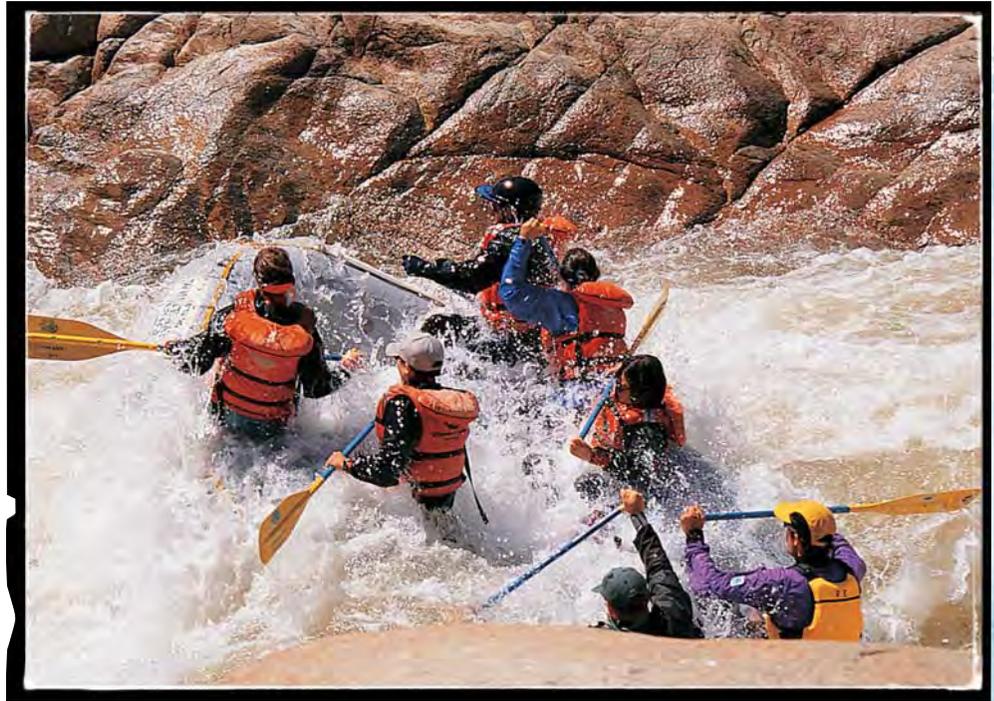
THUNDER RUN

April-June ~ Class V ~ 9 Miles ~ 1 Day

Continuous top-flight whitewater in Sequoia National Forest on the Wild and Scenic Upper Kern! By combining dramatic class V drops and boulder gardens with rip-roaring class III and IV sections in between, this voyage welds the Upper Kern into an electrifying ribbon of relentless, exploding white-water. Long, pulsating rapids rock and roll one after the next. An ongoing frenzied dance of intense pleasure, this run bounds over high drops and twirls among boulders on and on, rumbling and booming, mile after mile. Here, cliffs of red, yellow and magenta conjure visions of the Painted Desert, and crystalline water cascades in tight moves down gorges of sculptural stone.

A full step up in excitement and difficulty from the Lower Kern, this class V run is for seasoned, daring people only. All participants must be physically fit, swim well, and have previous class IV paddling experience. Mainly paddle boats are used. Paddlers must, at the beginning of the trip, pass the Class V Warm-Up.

NOTES: The Thunder Run includes such class V rapids as Squashed Paddler, Sock'em Dog, The Flume, and Fender Bender. During times of low flow, Thunder Runs will be run on the class IV sections of the Upper Kern.



Black Bottom Falls – one of a multitude of wonderful rapids – on the class V Thunder Run on the Wild and Scenic Upper Kern.

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CLASS V WARM-UP

Rafting class V rapids and waterfalls requires wholehearted participation and team work—and paddlers who are in good physical condition. Previous rafting experience is strongly recommended, but not always required. At the beginning of each class V trip, at the trip leader's discretion, all participants stretch, run in place, do calisthenics, practice high siding, swim under the boat, and swim in and out of rapids, eddies and holes.

Class V rafting is strenuous and adventurous, so be sensible. If you are not ready for this warm-up and the rigors of class V, please select one of our many less difficult runs. We reserve the right to turn away those who we feel are not well suited to these high adventure class V trips. In such cases, there is a 50% credit applicable to another trip.



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Exhilaration on the Wild and Scenic Kern. Less than 3 hours from L.A., the Kern is California's southern-most whitewater run. With everything from beginner to advanced (class III to V) whitewater, and half day to 3-day trips, the Kern has something for everyone. Plus, the quaint town of Kernville, with its bed and breakfast inns, riverside lodges, restaurants, etc., is a popular destination in itself.

How can we make our trip more enjoyable? Hard to suggest improvement on perfection! The trip was flawless. Keep us on the mailing list—you have die hard fans!

—Jennifer Rigby

BOOKS BY THE WHITEWATER VOYAGES STAFF

The talented, ever-exploring staff of Whitewater Voyages has written a rich array of wonderful books, including: *Gabriel's Story* by David Durham (Doubleday), a gripping, thoughtful action-adventure western; *The Hookmen* by Tim Hillmer (University Press of Colorado), an award winning adventure novel set on the Kern River; *Thirteen Moons: A Year in the Wilderness* by Robert Johnson (Capra Press), a hilariously entertaining journal about living in a teepee in Giant Gap; and *The Guide's Guide Augmented* by William McGinnis (Whitewater Voyages Press) the definitive how to book on river guiding used by rafting companies worldwide (see page 21). For a complete list, see our web site. Most of these titles are available at major book stores and Amazon.com.

"Our rafting trip on the Kern exceeded all of our expectations! It was one of the most enjoyable family experiences we've ever had. We would certainly not hesitate to recommend your outfit to any of our friends or family. You run a great organization!"

—Glenn Ozaki

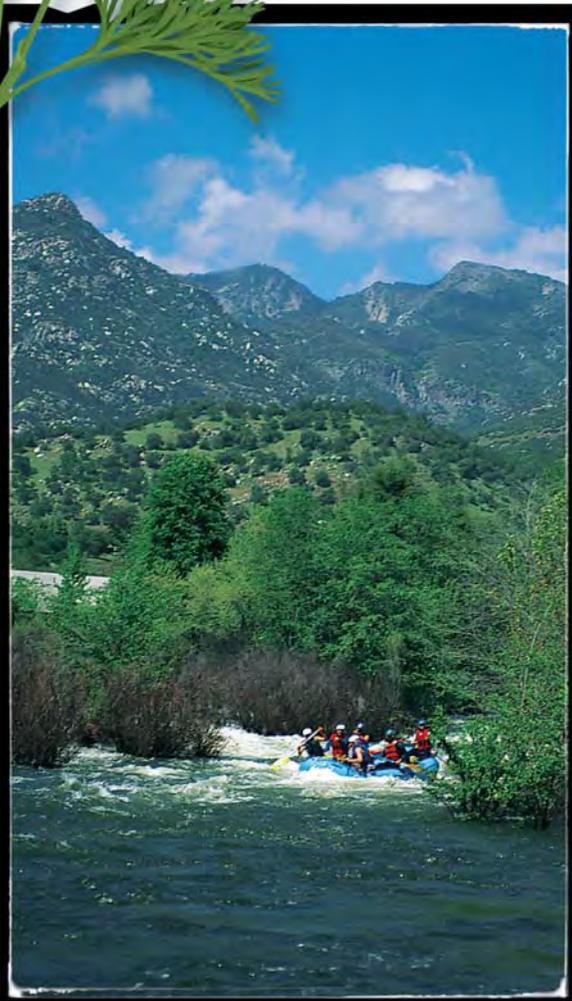
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Ameyya Frediani

About a 3 hour drive from Los Angeles, the class IV+ Kaweah is right at the entrance to Sequoia National Park, home of the Giant Sequoias, earth's largest living entities.



Brian Maier

KAWEAH

April-June
Sequoia Shooter
1 Day ~ Class IV+ ~ 8 Miles

Just north of the Kern, a three-hour drive from Los Angeles, the Kaweah pants and plunges through a multitude of great rapids. Running the Kaweah, we push at high speed down narrow reed-lined passageways. Again and again we burst upon fast, wild class IV+ rapids throbbing with fast current, big drops, and boulders—requiring strong paddling and expertise of maneuver.

In places, the Kaweah has its quiet moods—streaming down living corridors of willow, sycamore, cottonwood, and

alder. In an area known as the Slickies, the whole river glides down sensuous flumes and water slides of solid granite polished smooth over the eons.

Located adjacent to Highway 198 near the entrance to Sequoia National Park, the Kaweah combines well with a visit to the giant Sequoias, the largest living entities on earth.

This challenging class IV+ run is recommended only for fit, active, experienced paddlers with strong swimming ability who are able to stay in a wildly tossing boat all the while paddling vigorously.



Whitewater Voyages photo

BILL MCGINNIS California native Bill McGinnis trained as a river guide at age 16 in 1963 with California's first outfitter. After earning a Masters in English literature, Bill wrote *Whitewater Rafting*, *The Guide's Guide*, *The Class V Briefing*, *River Signals* and, most recently, *The Guide's Guide Augmented*.

Since Bill started Whitewater Voyages in 1975 with two rafts and a \$500 gift from his grandmother, the company has grown steadily and today guides more people on more trips down more California rivers than any other rafting company. The core reason for this phenomenal success is client loyalty inspired by quality service—people keep coming back and bringing their friends!

In recognition of his many contributions to the sport of rafting—which include his books, numerous magazine articles, pioneering new runs, first descents and fostering a supportive and inclusive style of guiding—Bill was named one of the top Paddlers of the Century by *Paddler Magazine*, the sport's leading national publication.

As well as teaching all of our guide schools, occasionally leading trips, and managing Whitewater Voyages (with the help of many, many wonderful people), Bill is working on both a detective novel set in the Kern River Valley and a book with the current working title *You are a River: Keeping Your Spirit Alive*. Drawing on a lifetime of running rivers and leading people in all kinds of situations, this latter book will be the fullest expression yet of Bill's philosophy of and methods for making the most of—and creating joy in—the ever unfolding, ever challenging adventure of living on this planet.

KINGS

May-July ~ Class III+

A delightful California classic! The largest river of the Sierra, the Kings is famous for its long, exhilarating roller-coaster-like rapids. During the high water typical of late May and early June, wave trains with waves as high as 10 feet provide long, thrilling rides perfect for adventurous first-timers and experienced rafters who want a rollicking, splashing good time. Before and after high water, the Kings is an idyllic whitewater wonderland with over 40 rapids perfect for first-timers, families and people of all ages from 7 to 77. This is a river of pure fun without the anxiety that sometimes accompanies tougher runs.

Just upstream from our run, the Kings moves through magnificent Kings Canyon. With a depth of over 5,000 feet—four hundred feet deeper than Grand Canyon—this colossal defile is the second deepest canyon in the entire United States. Located east of Fresno in Sierra and Sequoia National Forests, the Kings is centrally located and equally accessible from the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas—and just 200 miles from San Jose! By the way, our two-day trips not only leap and tumble through two days of fabulous whitewater, they also allow time to relax, swim, play games and feast in our beautiful, rustic sandy-beach campground right on the banks of the majestic Kings.

Kings River Trip Options

One-Day Joy Ride

One Day

Take in an entire day (10 river miles) of fabulous rafting, a hearty lunch, and, at trip's end, refreshing beverages and snacks.

Mega Joy Ride

One Day, One Night

With this option you arrive at our base camp between 7 P.M. and 11 P.M. the evening before your trip, relax into deep sleep under brilliant stars with the sounds of the majestic Kings River gliding past nearby, and then rise to a thrilling day of magnificent rafting (10 river miles), two incredible meals (breakfast and lunch prepared with love and served with panache), plus beverages, snacks and farewell hugs at trips end.

Ride the Glide

Two Days, One Night

Ride the Glide into two glorious days of rafting (20 river miles), four extravagantly delicious meals (lunch and dinner with happy hour and desert on day one, and



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"Haystack" waves of pure, total fun make the class III+ Kings a wonderful, natural roller coaster ride. A fabulous river for people of all ages 7 to 77, the centrally located Kings is within comfortable driving distance of California's metropolitan areas.

breakfast and lunch on day two), one night in our idyllic, amenity-filled Kings base camp, plus beverages and snacks at trip's end.

Ultra Mega Ride the Glide

Two Days, Two Nights

This option is the very best choice for groups and individuals seeking a complete and relaxing Kings River whitewater vacation! You arrive at our base camp between 7 and 11 P.M. the night before your trip and drift off to sleep listening to the majestic Kings murmuring past. The next morning you plunge into two full days of rafting (20 river miles) and five feast-like meals starting with breakfast on day one and ending with lunch on day two. Also included are beer, wine, snacks, juices and other beverages, and a rousing slide show featuring you and your friends rafting that day. As the slide presentation re-creates the day's excitement and adventure, you and your friends both old and new will likely hoot and howl, all the while savoring mouth-watering deserts fresh from our Dutch ovens with a glass of wine.

These trips also allow ample time to enjoy the rich amenities of our Garden-of-Eden base camp which include the soothing waters of our very own swimming calm; an inspirational, information-packed, self-guided nature trail; stimulating conversation with charismatic souls; volleyball, horseshoes and Koob, the game of the Vikings; and much more! We conclude each trip with cele-

bratory beverages, snacks and, naturally, because sharing the Kings inevitably inspires amazing camaraderie, fond farewells.

A La Carte Extra Choices to Enhance Your Kings Adventure

Extra options must be booked in advance. A minimum of 12 persons is required.

Extra Meal Options:

–Dinner with Happy Hour and Dessert

Available the night before and/or after your trip. Round out your trip adventure with a festive *happy hour, barbeque dinner and delicious homemade dessert. Happy hour begins approx. 5 P.M. Adults \$35, Youth \$30

–Cookout Breakfast

A hearty fresh-air breakfast...eggs, sausage, breakfast bread/pastry, fruit, yogurt, cereal, juice, milk, and hot coffee...to start your day on a sunny, nourishing note. Breakfast served approx. 8:00 A.M. Adults \$15, Youth \$12

Additional Camping Night:

Enjoy the idyllic setting in our sandy-beach camp on the river's edge that features a magnificent swimming calm. \$10 per person

**Whitewater Voyages does not furnish alcohol... however...clients may furnish their own.*

For Non-Rafting Guests:

–Camping: \$10 per person per night

–Mega 1-Day Meal Package

Cookout breakfast and hearty sandwich lunch. Adults \$30, Youth \$25

–Ride the Glide 2-Day Meal Package

1st day: Lunch, happy hour, dinner, dessert.

2nd day: Hot breakfast, lunch, and afternoon cool beverage. Adults \$85, Youth \$70

–Ultra Mega 2-Day Meal Package

1st day: Hot breakfast, lunch, happy hour, dinner, and dessert.

2nd day: Hot breakfast, lunch, and afternoon cool beverage. Adults \$95, Youth \$80

"I just came back from a 1 day trip on the Kings River. I went with a group of 20 people and we had a great time! It was one of the most entertaining activities most of us have ever been on and we look forward to going again in the future! Thank you Voyages for a great experience and special thanks to our wonderful guide!"
–Michael Nguyen

"We had our usual great time on the Kings River! Your staff was on top of their game as expected. This was our sixth trip. All was first class. We shall surely return!"

–Daniel MacLeith

For Trip Prices See: www.whitewatervoyages.com

Our trip was truly an amazing experience. Sleeping outside for the first time, getting to raft in an ecosystem that reflected Southern California realities, hiking down to the hot springs and relaxing after a long day on the river...Simply amazing!
 —Rob Everett-Lower Kern

My family and I can't stop raving about our experience and Whitewater Voyages. Your staff on the Kings took excellent care of us and everything was just perfect the way it was! Thanks to everyone from the time of the inquiry and reservation to the last day of our excursion!
 —Dianne Hernandez

You couldn't ask for better guides! The soft, gentle, connected professionalism cannot be merely hired...it goes to their very essence. I'm coming back. Thank you!
 —Bill Maxfield

We are a high adventure scout troop that takes approximately twenty trips a year and our whitewater rafting trip has been the number one outing the past several years. This year was no exception as we again booked our excursion with Whitewater Voyages. Your guides did an absolutely **OUTSTANDING** job and insured we had a safe but thrilling experience. What a fabulous weekend and wonderful outing for our scouts. The exhilaration was apparent as we traversed the churning waters of the Limestone run on the Upper Kern. Due to the tremendous efforts of our guides, the scouts had an experience they will remember for many years to come. We look forward to another adventure outing with Whitewater Voyages next year!
 —Michael Devine

I wanted to say what a top notch staff you have! Whether by luck, or fortune, you should be proud of the people who are involved in your business and share your passion for adventure. I must say your staff is outstanding! They conducted themselves with utmost professionalism and made us feel secure. Thank you again on behalf of everyone!
 —Sean Anthony, Forks of the Kern

Our 2-day trip on the Lower Kern was just amazing! Our guides were knowledgeable and personable. They really added to our experience and made the trip even more fun. I tell everyone I know to plan a trip because everyone should experience a Whitewater Voyage at least once...chances are, they'll get hooked! Thanks Whitewater Voyages!
 —Amy

We just came back from a 1-day Kaweah trip, all 18 of us, and I have to say **THANK YOU!!!** We had an absolutely exceptional time and will definitely return to Whitewater Voyages. I felt compelled to write to you to share how absolutely impressed I was with our guides and the entire team! I'm not sure how you do your recruiting, but you clearly have a way of finding top talent and I am thankful for that! I will spread the word and refer people your way so more can share in this wonderful experience!
 —Lisa Ashworth



WHITewater VOYAGES

California's Leader in Whitewater Rafting Since 1975

California's most popular rafting company, Whitewater Voyages guides trips on California's finest rivers, including the Kern (just 2½ hours from L.A.); the Kings, Tuolumne & Merced near Yosemite; the Yuba & Kaweah; and the South & Middle Fork of the American (just 2 hours from the S.F. Bay Area).



Your rafting company is the BEST!! We have been rafting with WWV for about 8 years. Planning the trip couldn't be easier, the ladies in the office are really nice to work with. Our trip this year was fantastic!!! We haven't surfed that much in one trip ever! We would like to thank our guides for preparing wonderful meals and making this an experience we won't forget! We will see you again next year and hopefully have a group of 30, remember some of us are a little out of control, so be ready!!! Again thanks to all!!!

—Jack and Geri Beggs-Lower Kern

My friends and I just finished the 2-day river trip on the Middle Fork American and it was nothing short of spectacular! We had the time of our lives! This trip just exceeded my expectations in every way, from the actual rafting experience to the incredible meals, we had a blast the entire time, whether we were biking up to see gorgeous waterfalls, taking a dip in the river or sharing stories around the campfire at night. We so appreciate the hard work the crew put in—from the crack of dawn until well after sundown. We have turned into river rafting addicts and we are already making plans for next year. We hope you are ready for us!!

—Gina Van Der Vliet

I just took my first river rafting trip and it was AWESOME! We went down the Kings River and Whitewater Voyages is the BEST~ We kicked butt! I am so ready to do it again. I think I might be addicted! Love it and the staff was friendly and took amazing care of us. Very professional and very experienced. You guys rock!

—Christine Lobitz

Your guides made my trip so memorable! I came into this scared and nervous but when the day ended I wanted more! It was an experience I will never forget and I will come back to do it again next year! Put me on your mailing list.

—Jennifer Trinh

We took a rafting trip with the boy scouts down the American River and it was wonderful! Our guide made the whole trip so much fun! My husband is an experienced rafter and kayaker who has rafted all over the country and he agreed with me in saying our guide and your company is the best! Just wanted you to know!

—Ruth Binden

We truly enjoyed our whitewater voyage! This was our first experience and it could not have been better. My wife and I and our three children all came away with memories that we will cherish forever!

—Lee Austin

All 16 of us had a fabulous time!! Our guides were terrific. I've been with you for the last 20 years, so keep doing what you're doing! See you next year!

—Brian McAdams

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WHITewater VOYAGES

NORTH FORK
MIDDLE FORK
SOUTH FORK

MID~CALIFORNIA



"I just wanted to let the team at Whitewater Voyages know that the group from Genentech that rafted on the South Fork American had a BLAST!!!! Oh my gosh... I can't think of when I've had more fun-it was awesome! The guides were outstanding, the weather was perfect and everyone involved now has a million stories to share with friends and family! Thanks so much for the great day and hopefully see you again next year!"

—Gina Adame

"Everything was fantastic! The guides, the South Fork American campground and the cooking! We'll make this our annual trip to celebrate our anniversary and my birthday!"

—Erin Volz, South Fork American

"Our entire experience was handled efficiently and professionally! The South Fork American campground was fantastic and it was a nice place to stay the night before and after our trip! Still can't believe it is free!"

—Richard & Sonja Kos

Class III fun on South Fork American River, California's most popular whitewater run.

SOUTH FORK AMERICAN

May-September ~ Class III+

- Fun Run Express ~ 9 Miles
- One Day Fun Run ~ 9-12 Miles
- One Day Whole River ~ 20 Miles
- Two Day Fun Run ~ 20 Miles

Includes FREE camping the night before & the night after your trip. Two-day trips normally start Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays. Other two-day starts may be arranged for groups of twelve or more.

Flowing down the western slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains just east of Sacramento, the South Fork American offers a blend of relaxing calms and thrilling rapids. Moving first among big foothills and later through a steep granite canyon, it initially struts out quick and strong, then yawns coyly serene, and finally, with seemingly little foreplay, rushes in headlong climax through the fabled American River Gorge, where one rapid follows the next in fast succession. In places, wildflowers blanket the shore. Six miles downstream from Chili Bar, the river flows past the historic township of Coloma, where James Marshall discovered gold in 1848, thereby starting the California gold rush.



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Hot Shot Imaging: All 13 photos

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

Want to raft just one day, but still experience the full River Park overnight adventure of abundant happy hour hor d'oeuvres, lavish camp dinner, campfire circle, camping under the stars, breakfast, hanging out at the river beach, and having the full run of River Park? You can do this any Saturday night either after your Saturday one-day trip or before your Sunday one-day trip!

EXTRA MEAL OPTIONS

For groups of 12 or more, extra meals can be added to your reservation (minimum four days advance notice require).
Continental Breakfast: Adult \$10, Youth \$8
Hot Breakfast: Adult \$15, Youth \$12
Happy Hour/Dinner/Dessert: Adult \$35, Youth \$30

MIDDLE FORK AMERICAN

May-October ~ Class III-IV ~ 17 Miles
One Day Blaster & Two Day Blaster

Includes FREE camping the night before & the night after your trip.

In the Mid-Sierra, rippling through a deep, wild, picturesque canyon in Auburn State Recreation Area, the Middle Fork American offers class IV-V excitement interspersed with more soothing stretches. At one point the entire river rages down a narrow class V cascade called Tunnel Chute and then breezes underground through a runnable 30-yard cavern. Near the end of the run, after Ruck-A-Chucky Rapid, where we line the rafts around a jumble of house-sized boulders, we run a final rousing mile of invigorating class III and IV whitewater.

A great run for hardy, adventurous first timers and experienced rafters alike. All participants should be physically fit and able to swim.

SOUTH, MIDDLE AND NORTH FORK COMBOS

2 Days

Includes FREE camping the night before & the night after your trip.

On the first day, raft the famous class III Gorge or Nugget run of the South Fork, and, after spending the night in our commodious River Park Adventure Campground, on the second day brave the Middle Fork American or the Chamberlain Falls run on the North Fork American.

For North Fork American see page 18.



It is rumored that River Park inspires heightened awareness.



River Park volleyball!!



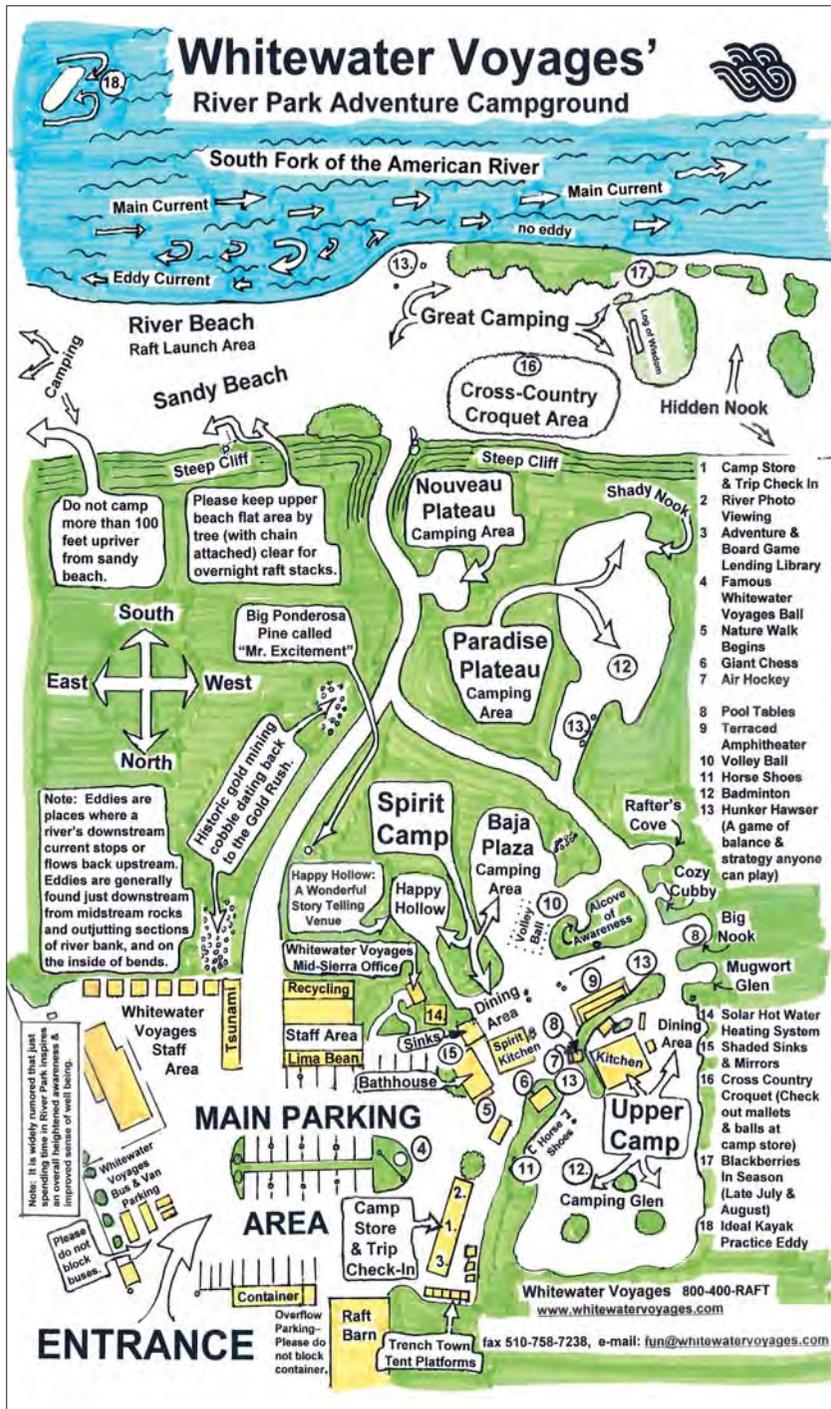
Hunker Hawser: A game of balance and strategy. Watch out! You may catch the bug and want to play it for hours!



Our self-guided nature walk touches on the human and natural history of California and includes this paddler carving copied from ancient cave art.



Tournament-quality pool tables free for your use!



For a full-size map and complete virtual photo tour of River Park Adventure Campground, please visit whitewatervoyages.com.



Giant outdoor chess!



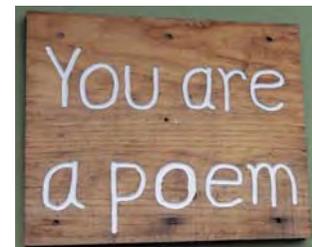
On our trips on the South Fork American, adventure, friendship and growth inspire confidence and joy!



Kids able to relax knowing their parents are entertained and staying out of trouble.



Experience an improved sense of well being!



Hand-carved messages feed the mind and inspire the soul at River Park.

All page 15 photos by Steve Beaudet except Hot Shot photo above

FREE CAMPING

We warmly invite you to camp FREE at our fabulous adventure campground the night before and the night after your trip with us on the South, Middle or North Fork American or Yuba. Advance reservations required.

Located in the Sierra foothills in the historic gold rush town of Coloma (near where Hwy 49 crosses the South Fork) about 35 miles east of Sacramento, our 7-acre river beach campground on the South Fork

American not only has a full array of creature comforts including showers, flush toilets, two gourmet camp kitchens, a store and dining areas for groups big and small, it also features an incredible variety of entertaining amenities such as pool tables, giant chess, volleyball, horse shoes, foosball, hunker hawser, an inspirational self-guided nature walk, a slide-show amphitheater with terraced seating (where you can view slides of you and your friends running the rapids) and a wealth of adventure games.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

As well as numerous nearby restaurants, our campground is within a few hundred yards of a night club with live music and dancing, and is one mile from James Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, where gold was first discovered in California in 1848. The historic park has a museum with ongoing films and guided tours, miles of great hiking trails, acres of gold rush artifacts, a duplicate of the original saw mill built by Marshall, and a working blacksmith shop and other period enterprises staffed by history-buff

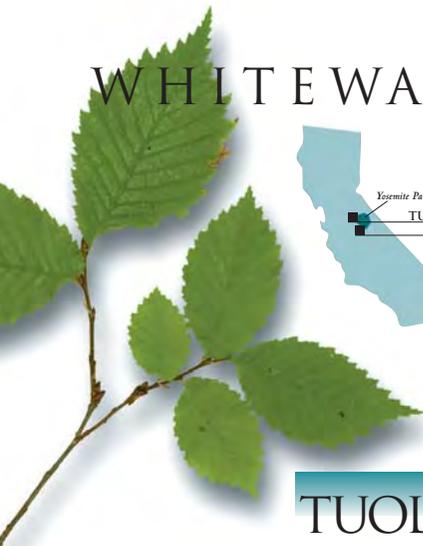
documents in period costume speaking in old west dialect.

SOUTH FORK NOTICE

The South Fork of the American River in its natural state would not normally have sufficient flows during the summer season to support rafting as it is known today. Adequate flows for rafting result from releases from hydroelectric facilities located at Chili Bar and above. These releases are made for power generation and are not subject to the control of the County of El Dorado or commercial rafting companies.

WHITEWATER VOYAGES

MID~CALIFORNIA



TUOLUMNE

**March-October ~ Class IV (IV+ above 4000cfs)
Tuolumne classic 1, 2, 2 1/2 & 3 Days
Meral's Pool to Ward's Ferry ~ 18 Miles**

10% off 2- and 3-Day Tuolumne trips April & May.
No other discounts apply at this time.

A national treasure, a living jewel, the Tuolumne (pronounced too-ALL-o-me) offers the finest in class IV whitewater in a canyon of pure wilderness. Clear and cool, fresh from its headwaters in Yosemite National Park, the Tuolumne thunders through a grand succession of boulder gardens and spectacular cascades. Voluptuously steep, plunging this way and that, it moves in patterns that are frolicsome, tangled and mesmerizing. In what has been called "the most significant victory in the history of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System," the designation of National Wild and Scenic River was bestowed by act of Congress in 1984 on this idyllic stream. And richly deserving it is: Between Meral's Pool and Ward's Ferry bridge, no roads or other signs of present-day civilization penetrate the Tuolumne canyon. The place is an eden—of pristine beaches and campsites rich in gold rush and Miwok Indian history; of side-canyon water slides and swimming holes; of bald eagle, river otter, and ring-tailed cat; and of racy, intricate whitewater including such rapids as

"I enjoyed my trip on the Tuolumne so much that I haven't stopped talking about it! The crew, the river, the camping, the food and the friendly staff all served to make it an excellent first time! I look forward to many more future trips!"

—Lisa Brecher

Scenes from the Wild & Scenic Tuolumne.



TUOLUMNE FLOWS

In years with normal to low snowpack, releases from Hetch Hetchy typically provide runnable flows seven days per week prior to July 1, and six days per week—every day but Sunday—after July 1. As a result, trips starting on Sundays after July 1 may be 2 1/2 days, meet at 2pm, and, rather than raft the first day, briefly float to a beautiful river beach, where the group can swim, relax, enjoy a sumptuous happy hour and dinner, get to know one another, camp under the stars—and rise the next morning set for an incredible wilderness adventure. This also means that on 3-day trips launching on Saturdays after July 1, Sundays are generally lay over days—perfect opportunities to unwind, soak in warm-water tributaries like the Clavey, and just do whatever people do in paradise.

Sunderland's Chute, Hackmack's Hole, Ram's Head, Grey's Grindstone, Hell's Kitchen and the infamous Clavey Falls, a powerful class V drop around which many prudent souls choose to walk.

On our 2-, 2 1/2- and 3-day trips through this wilderness mecca, we push off as into the forest primeval, with all gear aboard the rafts, severing for a time all contact with the outside world. And the longer the better, for the longer trips provide more time to explore, socialize, dream, let one's hair down, and truly imbibe the full magic of the Tuolumne. NOTE: Whitewater Voyages operates trips on the Tuolumne under permit from Stanislaus National Forest, which restricts the river to two guided trips per day. Round trip shuttle is available between the Tuolumne and the Modesto Airport.



The Wild & Scenic Tuolumne seen through a long lens from half way up the canyon wall.

Optional Pass-Through Donation: On Tuolumne trips, a \$1.25 per-person, per-day donation to the Tuolumne River Preservation Trust may be added to your trip fare. If you choose not to make this contribution, please let us know when you book your trip.



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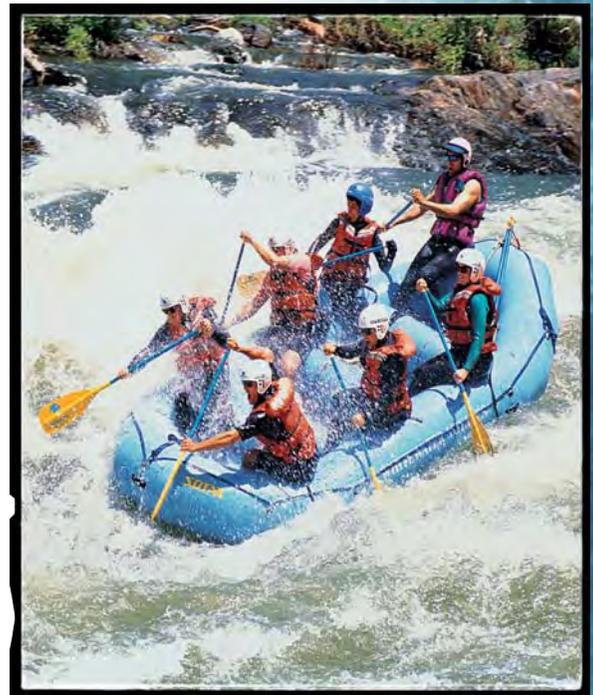
Class IV whitewater nirvana on the Tuolumne (above) and Merced (below). Our wonderful runs on both the Tuolumne and Merced are just minutes from the wonders of Yosemite National Park.

MERCED

Late April-early July ~ Class III-IV
 Cranberry Gulch to Briceburg ~ 13 Miles
 Yosemite Wildwater 1 Day

Now a National Wild and Scenic River! Just west of Yosemite National Park, the Merced races through a prolonged and delightful succession of rollicking rapids and soothing calms. During the high water typical of May and early June, this is a place of exceptional wild water, with swollen rapids exploding one into the next mile after mile after mile. Later, during the lower flows of late June and July, the Merced is less overwhelming yet still intensely exciting. At any time, with any water level, this canyon, with its clear, sparkling water fresh from Sierra headwaters and steep slopes covered in wild flowers, is an uplifting place to be.

During spring snow melt, which generally occurs in May and early June, the Merced is recommended for those with good swimming ability and previous rafting experience. Thereafter, usually in late June and July, this is an excellent choice for both experienced rafters and daring, vigorous first-timers.



Alexandra Isabel McGinnis



WHITEWATER VOYAGES



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NORTH YUBA

"How proud you must be of your staff! Every person was more congenial and helpful than the last! From a birthday cake to transportation to the airport all was possible! I'm impressed! We would, have and will continue to recommend Whitewater Voyages to everyone we share our memories with. Everything was top notch!"

—Jennier Oerding

"Our guides were terrific!! They handled the customers with ease and warmth. They were attentive to each one of us and celebrated every bit of progress we made! Your guides are unique outside and in! I will recommend your company to all my rafting friends!"

—Jaclyn Hoiland

Note: All Yuba prices include free camping at our South Fork American campground the night before and the night after your trip—see page 15.

An ideal spring paddle-rafting river close to the San Francisco Bay Area, the clear, slender and sparkling North Yuba issues from Yuba Pass high in Tahoe National Forest to quicken down a narrow canyon of pounding rapids and great natural beauty. Lush, scented conifer forests adorn the steep canyon walls, while willow, sycamore and alder snuggle against the glistening banks.

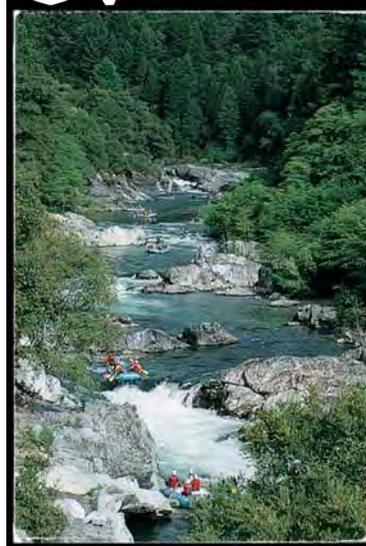
To preserve the North Yuba in a pristine and untrammled state and to assure minimum contact between rafting parties, Tahoe National Forest restricts the number of outfitters to three. We are proud and delighted that, in 1985, in a bid prospectus competition open to all California outfitters, Whitewater Voyages was selected to run the Yuba for many reasons—our long history of safe trips, professional guide-training standards, competitive prices, and outstanding quality of service.

LOWER NORTH YUBA

**April-June ~ Class III-IV
Maytag Whirl 1 Day
Goodyears Bar to Fiddle Creek ~ 9 Miles**

A substantial step up from the South Fork American, the dashing, nearly continuous whitewater of the Lower North Yuba makes an excellent choice for adventurous first-timers and experienced rafters alike. Here the lithe and sensual Yuba undulates through vigorous, dazzling rapids. An especially spectacular feature of this run is Maytag, a class V cataract just upstream from Fiddle Creek around which many choose to walk.

A great benefit of our two-day trip, besides the famous campfire cuisine and other rustic pleasures of our lovely Yuba camp, is the opportunity to experience this fabulous run twice. Because the first day is such a blur, it is only on the second day that you begin to deeply take in and remember this truly amazing river.



Will McGinnis

After running Maytag Falls (the tail end of which is just visible in the background), a Whitewater Voyages flotilla runs class IV Son of Maytag on the Lower North Yuba. This lovely river is ideal for both adventurous first-timers and veterans alike and is an easy drive from the San Francisco Area.

WET SUITS

Wet suit, whenever needed or required, are provided by Whitewater Voyages on a complimentary basis.

Wet suits are required on trips that occur in spring or cool weather—and at all times on Class V trips.

Please note, neither booties nor gloves are included with wet suits.

UPPER NORTH YUBA

**April-June ~ Class V
Class V Alive 1 Day
Union Flat Run ~ 8-10 Miles**

Whipped foamy white, the North Yuba, from Union Flat to Goodyears Bar, wails down a tight riverbed of high drops and precipitous boulder gardens. Highlights include the wild tumult of Moss Canyon and the class V rigors of Rosasco Ravine

just above Goodyears Bar. An excellent class V 1-day trip for fit, veteran paddlers. NOTE: Depending on water levels, we sometimes vary the itinerary of these trips by doing double Moss Canyons, double Rosascos, or other options, including moving upstream to the class V Wild Plum run. All participants must pass a Class V Warm Up—see page 9.

NORTH FORK AMERICAN

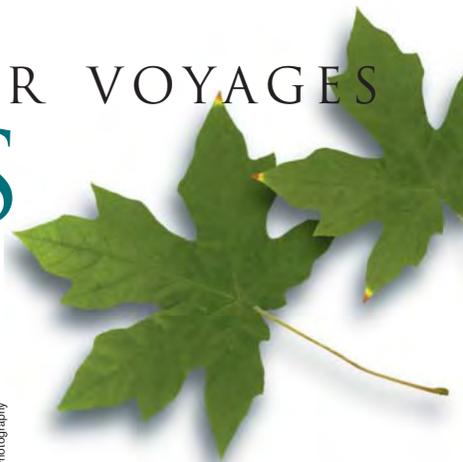
**April-June ~ Class IV+
Thriller 1 Day
Chamberlain Falls Run ~ 9-11 Miles**

Prices include FREE camping the night before and the night after your trip.

One of the loveliest rivers of the Sierra, the North Fork American carves a deep, sheer gorge which plunges like a wonderful cleavage down the western slope of the Sierra. The water sparkles like liquid diamonds, and the stream bed is sensually intimate—at times just wide enough for the rafts. Throughout the first 5 miles the class IV rapids are continuous and erupt in climax after climax. Thereafter, the river ambles through mild class II-III rapids for a soothing, scenic conclusion.

Participants must be physically fit, energetic, rugged—and have strong swimming ability and previous paddle rafting experience.

WHITEWATER VOYAGES GUIDE SCHOOLS



Orea Rousseis



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WHITEWATER GUIDE SCHOOLS

APRIL-MINI SCHOOL

2 1/4 Day Introduction to Guiding
Kern River

JUNE-FULL GUIDE SCHOOL

5 1/4 Day Intensive Guide School
American River

Please contact our office at 800-400-7238 for dates and reservations.

These intensive, world-renowned courses emphasize hands on practice in a supportive environment wonderfully overflowing with adventure, friendship and growth. Inspired by the philosophy of author and rafting pioneer Bill McGinnis, these schools encompass not only the fundamental skills of reading whitewater and maneuvering boats, they also cover knot tying, raft rigging, signals, safety put-in talks, class V safety techniques, equipment maintenance and repair, wilderness cookery, menu planning, river conservation, and the finer points of creating safe, enjoyable river trips. In addition, a full range of state-of-the-art whitewater emergency and rescue procedures are covered, including: unwrapping rafts, flipped-raft drills, use of flip lines and toss bags, swimming holes and rapids, swimming in and out of eddies, foot-entrapment rescue, swift-water crossings, line-crossing options, tyrolean rescue systems, Telfer-lower rescues, z-pulley and piggyback tensioning systems, helicopter rescue, hypothermia prevention and treatment, the use of a complete first

aid kit with emphasis on river-related injuries and problems, and guiding and supporting people in stressful situations. Accepted by the Bureau of Land Management, Tahoe National Forest and the government of British Columbia as approved whitewater rescue courses, these schools are widely recognized as excellent preparation for both commercial guiding and rafting on one's own.

When conditions permit, we take along "UFO" (uninstructed floating object) boats, in which students can raft on their own, free for a time of the gentle but distinct pressure of having an instructor in the same boat. When balanced with periods of careful instruction, these solo sessions can be quite valuable in helping the novice put concepts into practice.

Wetsuits are essential on the spring schools. Due to vicissitudes of flow and other variables, the rivers on which we teach are subject to change. We recommend that prior to these schools participants take courses in first aid and CPR and also that they read everything they can find pertaining to river running. Students in all of our schools, by the way, receive complimentary copies of the *The Guide's Guide Augmented: Reflections on Guiding Professional River Trips*, *The Class V Briefing* and *The Whitewater Voyages Guide School Handbook* (the latter is the size of a phone book), which provide a motherlode of information about guiding smooth, safe, professional, and above all, entertaining river trips (see page 21).

NOTES: All schools begin with an after-dinner orientation meeting starting at 6:00pm. Although light snacks are provided during the meeting, the school meals begin with breakfast the following morning. So please plan to eat dinner on your own before our 6:00pm meeting!

To provide time to set up your tent and get situated well beforehand, we recommend that you arrive, if possible, about 4pm.

On schools, all meals from breakfast on day 1 to lunch on the last day are included—except, on some schools, one Dutch-treat road dinner bought enroute while the group travels to a second river.



Picture This...Imagine That



Hot Shot Imaging

Top left: A Whitewater Voyages innovation, skills boards help our students get a solid grip on river rescue skills. At left: Our guide school instructors are supportive, caring and uncannily perceptive. Our philosophy: People learn best—and have more fun—in an atmosphere flowing with positive strokes and caring support.

"I'm most honored to have had the chance to be with such dedicated, experienced guides on your whitewater school. Back at work, my mind wanders constantly to images of the past week, where I literally soaked it all in. It's hard to believe I was in school... more like a vacation!"

—Sean Morris

GEAR LIST, ETC.

WHAT TO BRING

On most of our overnight trips, either everyone parks near camp or the overnight gear is transported to camp by vehicle, so you can take not only the essentials, but also some extras, such as folding chairs! These rivers include: the Lower Kern, Kaweah, Kings and South Fork American.

On our other trips, all overnight gear is carried downriver on the boats. In order to keep the boats light and maneuverable, please pack lightly and compactly.

NOTE: Always bring plenty of warm clothes and (if weather dictates) rain gear, but otherwise please bring as little as possible. These “pack-light and compact” wilderness runs include: the Forks of the Kern, Tuolumne and Middle Fork American.

On these wilderness runs we provide compact waterproof bags for your gear. For all trips, it is a good idea to keep your overnight gear in a duffel bag.

ONE DAY TRIPS

- ~ Swim suit or shorts.
 - ~ Protective footwear: tennis shoes which lace tight, wetsuit booties, or rugged sandals which securely strap on such as Chacos or Keens. Bare feet or thongs are not safe on the river.
 - ~ Secure headstraps for sunglasses or eyeglasses—if worn.
 - ~ Sunblock cream. Plan to use plenty of sun cream (with a high SPF #) on exposed skin, but don't put sun screen on your forehead, or waves will wash it down into your eyes.
 - ~ Protect your forehead with a sun hat (with chin strap) or visor.
 - ~ Plastic water bottle filled with drinking water—we have jugs on the rafts to refill.
 - ~ Change of clothes for the drive home.
 - ~ A magnetic hide-a-key box under your car makes a good place to hide your car key while you're on the river.
- In addition, in spring or fall, on class V, or if rain or cool weather are a possibility, bring: Plenty of warm clothes made of synchilla, polarplus, wool, fleece, capilene and similar materials which insulate well even when damp, & paddling gloves (optional).
- NOTE: Cotton when wet does not provide insulation. In hot weather cotton is fine, but in cool or cold weather it will make you colder!
- ~ Waterproof paddle jacket, windbreaker, or rain suit. Because conditions usually

improve, we rarely cancel a trip due to rain.

- ~ Wool hat (or synchilla, polarplus, etc.).
- ~ Wetsuit—depending on weather, wetsuits may be required on all rivers through May and year round on class V rivers. Wetsuits are provided on a complimentary basis whenever required. Wet suits do not include booties; trip members should bring their own booties or lace-on tennis shoes with thick wool socks. If rain or cold weather is a possibility, bring extra wool, capilene, or pile clothing and a windbreaker to wear over the wetsuit. Cloth shorts worn over wetsuits make you less slippery and help you stay in the raft.

LONGER TRIPS

- In addition to the items listed above, bring the following ESSENTIAL items:
- ~ Sleeping bag, air mattress or foam pad. These can be rented from Whitewater Voyages on most rivers.
 - ~ Flashlight with extra bulb and batteries.
 - ~ Pants and shirt.
 - ~ Camp shoes and socks for hiking/loafing.
 - ~ Tent—compact tent in case of rain. These can be rented from Whitewater Voyages for most rivers.
 - ~ Insect repellent.

OPTIONAL

- ~ Waterproof camera.
- ~ Extra optical glasses with head strap or extra contact lenses if worn.
- ~ Fishing gear—light fly or spinning gear which disassembles into a compact protective case is best. Licenses required.
- ~ Beer or cocktails welcome (in moderation) for camp. Because your safety is our primary concern, we ask that you do not drink alcoholic beverages on the morning of a trip or while on the river.
- ~ No radios or firearms please.

NOTE: Whitewater Voyages cannot assume responsibility for personal gear that might be lost or stolen during or after trips. Please leave valuables at home.

MEDICAL CONDITION ALERT: BRING YOUR OWN MEDICATION

Our staff is prepared to provide basic first aid, but we are prohibited by law from providing—and we are not trained to administer—medications or advanced medical care. So, all clients with medical conditions such as susceptibility to anaphylactic shock from bee stings, etc., should bring—and keep handy and inform their guide(s) about—their own

medication/anaphylactic kit. We recommend trip insurance.

Bring plenty of warm clothes, but otherwise, remember: pack lightly—keep the boats maneuverable!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REGARDING SIZE, MEDICAL CONDITION, PREGNANCY, AND ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND INSTRUCTIONS

Each participant must fit into one of our lifejackets with all buckles fastened. Our lifejackets fit a maximum torso circumference of 52 inches.

People with a history of heart trouble, asthma, epilepsy, allergy to bee stings, or any other potentially serious medical condition should consult their doctor before coming on a rafting trip.

For safety and liability reasons, we advise pregnant women not to participate in any of our activities. For safety reasons on class IV and V, all participants must be able to understand our safety talk and guide's instructions, which are normally delivered in English. On class III and easier rivers, non-English speakers are most welcome and, unless other arrangements are made, must bring an interpreter.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE

Whitewater Voyages reserves the right to take photographic or film records of any Whitewater Voyages tour, program, or river trip, and each trip member agrees that Whitewater Voyages may use such photographic or film records for promotional and/or commercial purposes.

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BOOKS

WHITEWATER VOYAGES

ANNOUNCING WHITEWATER:

A Novel by William McGinnis

While searching for his parents' killers, ex-Navy SEAL captain Adam Weldon encounters a lovely undercover FBI agent, a ruthless drug cartel intent on killing him, a gambling casino for the super-rich run by a radio preacher, a host of motley river-guides, and a succession of hair-raising challenges both in and out of the whitewater rapids of the Kern River.

An action-adventure murder mystery by Whitewater Voyages founder and author William McGinnis, *Whitewater* is a gripping, can't-put-it-down page turner sure to enrich your experience of any river and of life itself. Not only is it fun and fast paced, but also, woven into its rich fabric is a celebration of nature and life-enhancing wisdom—the very philosophy that infuses the river trips of Whitewater Voyages—including penetrating insights into the deep wellsprings of human kindness and high-level wellness.

To order your copy of *Whitewater* go to WhitewaterVoyages.com/KernRiver Novel/or call 800 400 RAFT.

Readers and Writers Comment on *Whitewater* by William McGinnis

"What a great read! I loved it!" —Linda Mauer, Co-owner & CFO airplane painting company

"WOW!! DOUBLE WOW!!!! An amazing thriller! I couldn't put it down. . . This book is exciting and enthralling." —Bud Robyn, River rafter, mountain climber, sailor, aerobatic pilot, skydiver, kite surfer and international business executive

"*Whitewater's* nature descriptions are poetry in prose.... the love and oneness with Mother Earth is palpable. I can really feel the river. McGinnis' expressive, descriptive details and his gift with words directly pull me into the experience without having to get wet!!" —Shelley Mallary, Life coach and spiritual teacher

"Danger! Thrills! Characters to both love and fear. I could almost feel the spray of the whitewater. *Whitewater* is excitement with a heart." —Jil Plummer, Author of six novels including "Caravan to Armageddon"

Books by William McGinnis:

Kern River: A Novel

The Guide's Guide Augmented

Whitewater Rafting

Class V Briefing

River Signals

Sailing the Greek Islands: Dancing with Cyclops (Amazon eBook)

THE GUIDE'S GUIDE AUGMENTED:

Reflections on Guiding Professional River Trips

By William McGinnis

Whitewater Voyages, 2005, 316 pages, \$19.95 + tax and ship Quantity prices available.

The definitive—and only—how-to book on professional river guiding, *The Guide's Guide Augmented* presents a comprehensive philosophy and a wealth of detailed methods for creating "Deep Fun." Life enhancing river trips which entertain, inspire, educate, thrill, heal & delight! Used by guides, outfitters and trip leaders worldwide, *The Guide's Guide Augmented* covers every aspect of the multifaceted art of river guiding: People, leadership and conflict-resolution skills; all aspects of a guide's role in creating fun, uplifting, learning-filled trips; safety talks; guide training; signals; knots; high-water safety; swiftwater rescue; emergency evacuation & coping with accidents; minimizing liability; expedition food planning; nature interpretation made fascinating; boatloads of hilarious river, land & bus games which really bring people together; and much, much more!!

At 316 pages, *The Guide's Guide Augmented* includes a completely updated version of the original 1981, 140-page *Guide's Guide* contents, plus a wealth of new material. Some of our guides think we're crazy to sell *The Guide's Guide* and crazier still to sell *The Guide's Guide Augmented* because they feel these books give away our trade secrets, our competitive edge, the philosophy and methods which distinguish the trips of Whitewater Voyages from those of other outfitters. I really believe, however, that the safer and better all rafting trips and outdoor recreation experiences, the better for all of us. The more people who return home in one piece, thrilled and delighted with their river trip or outdoor outing, the more river rafting and outdoor recreation in general will be seen as a great thing to do and the more all outfitters, the recreating public and our rivers, forests and other recreation resources will benefit.

It is my hope that *The Guide's Guide Augmented* will be helpful, even inspirational, to guides, trip leaders, outfitters, government agency river and recreation managers, private boaters and adventure travel companies of all sorts. Any individual, company or group which practices the philosophy and methods presented in this book is welcome to consider *The Guide's Guide Augmented* their own staff manual. Although the myriad users of this book are independent, far flung adventurers, guides, private boaters, outfitters, tour operators and recreation resource managers, at the very same time, ideally, we are all working together to enhance the quality of life on—and win friends for—this planet! The highest purpose of this book is to contribute to this broad, growing, wonderful effort—which is, after all,



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an ongoing quest of planet-saving proportions.

—Bill McGinnis

Comments on *The Guide's Guide Augmented* and William McGinnis' writing in general:

"*The Guide's Guide* .. is.. every bit as absorbing, instructive and entertaining as William McGinnis' (first book) *Whitewater Rafting*. If you are or wish to be a river rafting trip leader, this guide is a must. ... the lucid writing intrigued me word for word from beginning to end."

—George Larson, Sierra Club

"Great stuff! I'm constantly impressed with the amount of thought and energy William McGinnis puts into the finer points of guiding."

—Bruce Lessels, Zoar Outdoor

"William McGinnis is .. utterly remarkable.. and.. by far the most gifted writer I am aware of at capturing the heart and soul—the very essence of a whitewater river experience. ... His extraordinary gift so much in evidence in his twenties has continued to deepen and mature. ... For his contribution to my life, to all those other boaters and to this sport for which I have an enduring passion, I wish to thank him."

—George Brown

A Few Excerpts from *The Guide's Guide Augmented*: *A river journey with caring, well-trained guides is much more than just a physical movement from put-in to take-out, it is a journey from fear to confidence to joy; from being a stranger to being known and feeling bonded with one's boat mates; from feeling perhaps scattered and self-critical inside to feeling perhaps more self-accepting, more whole, more fully alive—and, as an extra plus, it is a journey from feeling cut off from the natural world to feeling connected with and truly amazed and delighted by the magic of our planet. In short, a well-guided river trip is a voyage into deep fun.*

The goal is to include, accept and appreciate—and to send the message that everyone is truly OK, great and wonderful—just as they are right now! This is one of the most healing of all messages—and puts the group on the path to deep fun!

Answer all questions with thoroughness, care and appreciation. Realize that your caring answer can turn any question into a good question and can send the message that here, in this boat, it is okay

and safe to know what you know, okay and safe to not know what you do not know, and okay and safe to be open and unguarded.

Alluvial Listening: Listening to someone without judgment or criticism and attending so closely that you can repeat back in your own words what is said. Attentive, caring listening is a living, guiding and leadership skill of fundamental importance, and this sort of focused, non-judgmental listening may be one of the greatest, most healing gifts any human being can give another.

Fully enter into the experience of each trip. Be present. If you find yourself thinking about something or somewhere else, invite your attention back into the moment by asking yourself, "How can I enhance my experience—and the experience of the people I am with—right now?"

If you can say how you feel to at least one other person, it can free you to feel something new.



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IMPORTANT INFO

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It's Your Choice!

You can either reserve your trip by calling us toll free (it is, after all, nice to have your questions answered on the spot by an actual caring human being—and we like the contact) or you can go online to book reservations and print complete trip registration packets (with travel directions, gear list and rental information, release forms, and trip cancellation insurance info) at whitewatervoyages.com.

RESERVATIONS

Make Reservations Early! Follow these 4 steps to book your trip: **FIRST:** Call to reserve your space(s). **SECOND:** Send in your initial payment or call us with your Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express card number. **THIRD:** Send or call in your final payment to reach us at least 30 days before your trip. **FOURTH:** Have a fabulous voyage! **DETAILS:** Initial payment requirements: 50% for trips under \$100 per person. \$75 per person for trips under \$250 per person. \$125 per person for trips \$250 or more. When you book your reservation within 30 days of a trip, full payment is due at that time in order to secure the spaces. **When we receive your initial payment, we will send your trip registration packet which includes:** rendezvous and travel information, river gear information, release form(s), gear list and trip cancellation insurance form.

Because space is limited, and some trips fill far in advance, it is best to make reservations as early as possible. **However, if you should wish to join a trip on short notice, please give us a call, for there may be an opening.**

If your plans change before you send in your initial payment, we would greatly appreciate a call letting us know as soon as possible so we can offer the space to others. **IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ:** When sending us checks and correspondence, on each check and letter please write reservation number and/or the river and trip date(s). And if your reservation isn't in your name, the name of your group leader/organizer. Also, please tell us the number of children and petite people in your group so we can plan to have enough small-size life jackets, and when appropriate, a "Big Cheese of Fun" to provide extra entertainment

for kids.

DISCOUNTS

Discount must be mentioned at the time of booking—no retroactive discounts. Only one discount per person. Some restrictions apply. See "Super Deals" on page 3.

CANCELLATIONS

Please understand that when a reservation is made and confirmed with a deposit it becomes an *assured/guaranteed* reservation. Whitewater Voyages is committing to hold space for you and remove that space from the market. If you decide to cancel, it can be difficult for us to rebook the space—especially when close to your reserved trip date. With this in mind, we must firmly adhere to the following policy:

- **No-Shows/Late Arrivals**
No refunds or trip credits for "no show" or for late-arriving guests that miss the trip departure.
- **According to the time frame in which you cancel, 1) a cancellation fee will be assessed and, 2) the remaining balance of monies paid towards the cancelled space will either be refunded or issued in a trip credit (trip credits are good towards a future Whitewater Voyages trip): For cancellations...**

- **10 or fewer days prior to trip date - 50% Cancellation Fee/50% Trip Credit**

- **11 to 30 days prior to trip date - 20% Cancellation Fee/80% Trip Credit**

- **31 or more days prior to trip date - 20% Cancellation Fee/80% Refund**

Note: Any refunds issued are done so in the same method that client payment was submitted to Whitewater Voyages.

- **Persons may be substituted without penalty.**
If you cannot attend, you may allow another person to attend in your place.

- **In lieu of cancellation a change in trip dates or rivers will be accommodated (pending space availability on alternate trip choice) without penalty if:**

1. *The change occurs 14 or more days prior to the originally booked trip date. If the change occurs less than 14 days prior to the original booked date, there may be a processing fee of \$15 per person, up to a maximum charge of \$60 per reservation.*

2. *The change does not result in cancellation of the originally booked trip for other clients due to the trip falling below the minimum number of persons required to run the trip. A change that causes the original trip to cancel for other clients is treated as a cancellation and the above cancellation fees apply.*

We regret that exceptions cannot be made for personal emergencies or illness. We urge our guests to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Travel Insured International, Inc., 800-243-3174. Whitewater Voyages is not responsible for

any costs or losses incurred in association with a cancelled trip.

ABOUT TRIP PRICES

All prices are subject to an additional charge of 3% to 8% for land and government river use fees. Prices and pricing policies are subject to change.

RETURNED CHECKS

We charge \$25 for all returned checks.

NON-PERFORMANCE

We almost always follow through with our plans. However, we reserve the right to cancel a trip or make changes in itinerary if necessary due to weather conditions, water fluctuations, or other factors beyond our control. Outright cancellation is unlikely, but if we are forced to cancel your trip, you may choose between: 1) an alternate, comparable river itinerary, or 2) a 100% Whitewater Voyages credit.

In such cases, credits will be limited to the amounts actually paid to Whitewater Voyages and shall not be extended to cover any other costs incurred by the trip member.

LIABILITY AND SAFETY

We make every effort to provide you the finest, most fun-filled trip possible. Our staff will give instructions before each trip and it is important that you listen and do as they say. You will assume responsibility for many decisions affecting your safety during this trip. These activities can be physically demanding with inherent elements of risk and danger beyond our control.

We do not assume liability for personal injury or deaths.

You must sign a release form and go at your own risk. We offer trips requiring various degrees of fitness. We are not qualified to evaluate your fitness so you must evaluate your fitness as appropriate for any given trip. If you are overweight, or in poor physical condition, you should consult with your physician before the trip.

Please leave valuables at home. We cannot assume responsibility for your possessions or for vehicles (and their contents) parked during the trip.

MINORS

Minors under 18 not accompanied by their parent must bring to the river a release form signed by their parent or legal guardian. Adults accompanying minors must also sign the release as a verification of the parent/guardian signature.

YOUTH/SENIOR PRICES

All prices for youths 16 and under and seniors 65 and older are 90% of the adult prices.



Zachary Cowan

WHITEWATER VOYAGES LIFT OFF & SOAR

Whitewater Voyages river trips lift off and soar with positive energy. We welcome, accept, appreciate, and celebrate each and every human soul—we're talking about you, dear reader! Adventure, friendship, and growth—as well as fun, joy, optimism, and a deliciously wonderful sense of well being—flow forth as we explore and embrace the infinite potential within each of us. This, we feel, is something America, the world, and each of us as individuals need now more than ever.

As a way of saying more about the Whitewater Voyages buoyancy of spirit and life affirming path, here are a few excerpts from our staff manual *The Guide's Guide Augmented*.*

RIVER GAMES:

–River Shaman: A great game to play in the course of a river trip! First, select the shaman in such a way that no one knows the shaman's identity: For instance, count out a stack of cards (including a joker) with the same number of cards as the total number of people in the group, and go around showing a different card to each person without anyone else seeing them. The person who gets the joker is the shaman. Then, the shaman, unobtrusively, one at a time, as opportunities present themselves in the natural course of the trip, reveals him or herself to the other trip members and assigns them a "totem." Totems can be anything at all including a bear, eagle, salmon, book, rock, bus, mountain, river, historical figure, great Indian chief, or any natural, man-made or imaginary object or concept what-so-ever. After waiting enough time to conceal the identity of the shaman—and at a time when the whole group is present—each person acts out their totem (and gives subtle hints if necessary) until the others guess what it is. Meanwhile, everyone who has not yet been assigned their totem tries to figure out who the shaman is. To give the shaman a fair chance, no one can say out loud or hint who they think the shaman is. Instead they may simply say, without indicating whom, that they think they know the shaman's identity. Whenever two trip members are ready to guess the shaman's identity, with the entire group present, they each first count to three, and then, on the count of four, silently, simultaneously point at who they think the shaman is. If both point at the true shaman, they both win. If the guessers point at different people, or at someone who is not the shaman, they stay in the game, and in due course get assigned and act out their

totems, but they can no longer guess or hint at the shaman's identity. The shaman wins if she or he can assign totems to everyone without being revealed. And, of course, in the big picture, everyone wins by having the experience of participating in this multifaceted game of group improvisation and suspense.

–Nature Diagram: A truly great game that can be played in any outdoor setting by people of any age, nature diagram greatly heightens people's awareness of the natural world. Beforehand, gather a dozen or so items such as leaves, stones, twigs and flowers from the immediate area and arrange them in some sort of diagram or pattern about six inches by six inches. It is important that all of the items be fairly common within, say, a 100 foot radius of the diagram. The diagram is then covered by a shirt or handkerchief. Then divide the group into teams of 3 to 5 people each and gather the teams close around the concealed diagram. Explain that the diagram will be uncovered for just 20 seconds, and then will be hidden again under the cloth. Also explain that all of the items in the diagram can be found within a 100 foot radius, and that each team will have a total of 5 minutes (with a 3-minute and a 4-minute whistle blast warning) to gather as many of the diagram items as possible and to arrange them into a similar diagram near the original. After making these announcements, give the teams a minute to plan strategies before unveiling the diagram for 20 seconds and sending them off to build their own. The team whose diagram most closely matches the original, which is uncovered at the end for comparison, wins.

–Sunrise Roulette: Solidly embed the blade of a paddle in the ground about a foot deep with the shaft vertical in a place that will catch the direct rays of the rising sun. In the evening sometime after sunset, each person predicts where the sun will come up the next morning by making their mark or placing their token where they think the paddle's shadow will fall at the moment of sunrise. A similar game can be played by guessing the high water line each night.

BUS GAMES— MAKE SHUTTLES FUN!

–Natural History Quiz: Call out questions about natural and human history, and reward answers with a group applause or a token gift such as a refrigerator magnet or piece of wrapped candy.

- 1) Who knows what force makes rivers flow downhill? (Gravity.)
- 2) Where does the water in this river come from? (From springs, rain, lakes and melting snow upstream, which come from clouds, which are created by evaporation from the oceans, which are fed by, yes, rivers!)

3) What do trees and plants do that is absolutely vital to the survival of animals and humans? (In addition to creating wood, food, shade, beauty, soil and habitat, and preventing soil erosion, they—and this is the indispensable part—absorb carbon dioxide and give off oxygen. Without trees and plants, there would be no oxygen and, hence, no animals or humans.)

4) Who knows why afternoon winds tend to blow up river? (Warm air rises.)

5) There are four fundamental causes of rapids. Anyone want to guess what these are? (Steepness, roughness, and constriction of the river channel, and sheer water volume. Each of these factors singly or in any combination can cause rapids.)

6) Rivers are rated on a difficulty scale that goes from 1 to 6. What is the difficulty rating of the river we will run/we ran today?

7) What foods are enjoyed by both bears and humans? (Fish, berries, honey.)

8) Water which bubbles up out of the earth in natural hot springs has been underground how long? (2,000 to 4,000 years.)

9) Are there more bald eagles alive today than were alive 50 years ago? (Yes! Fifty years ago bald eagles were an endangered species, and today they are thriving!)

10) Is it safe to drink directly from the river? (No, protozoa giardia spread mainly by beaver have made all unfiltered surface water in North America unsafe to drink. When properly filtered, however, it is safe.)

11) What is the nautical name for the front of a boat? (The bow.) The back of a boat? (The stern.) The cross tubes in the middle of a boat? (Thwarts.) The little door-like device we open to inflate a boat, and close to keep it pumped up? (The valve.)

12) What do guides call it when they work their way around an under-inflated boat pumping just enough air into each chamber to make the pressure drum tight? (Topping off.)

13) How many separate air chambers does a high quality inflatable boat have? (Counting the four perimeter tube chambers, the floor, and the thwarts, 8 or 9. Are these boats unsinkable or what?)

14) How can you tell if your life jacket is tight enough? (With all snaps fastened and straps pulled snug, it should be tight enough so that when you pull up on it, it stays put and will not slide up your chest—and you should still be able to breathe comfortably.)

15) Name the parts of a paddle: [The blade, the shaft, the throat (where the shaft meets the throat), and the grip (or T-grip).]

16) When you hold your paddle to take strokes, where should you grip it: (Inboard hand on the top of the T-grip, outboard hand well down the shaft.)

17) If your guide yells, "High side!" what should you do? (Jump to the downstream side of the boat.)



WHITEWATER VOYAGES ~ 2012 TRIP PRICING

Please note: Discounts cannot be combined...only one discount applicable per person

All trip prices subject to land & river use fee ranging 3% to 8%, depending on selected river. Prices/policies subject to change.

River & Trip	Start Day	Full Fare	10% Disc Price	20% Disc Price	Start Day	Full Fare	10% Disc Price	20% Disc Price
LOWER KERN								
Southern Sierra Escape, 2-Day	Mon-Thurs	335	302	268	Sat	395	356	316
	Fri, Sun	365	329	292				
Jungle Run, 1-Day	Mon-Thurs	155	140	124	Sat	175	158	140
	Fri, Sun	165	149	132				
Jungle Run, 1/2-Day	Mon-Thurs	115	104	92	Sat	135	122	108
	Fri, Sun	125	113	100				
Big Water Run, 1-Day	Mon-Thurs	185	167	148	Sat	205	185	164
	Fri, Sun	195	176	156				
UPPER KERN								
Dazzler, 1/2 Day	Mon-Thurs	110	99	88	Sat	130	117	104
	Fri, Sun	120	108	96				
Snap, Crackle, Pop, 1-Day	Mon-Thurs	155	140	124	Sat	185	167	148
	Fri, Sun	170	153	136				
Thunder Run (Class V), 1-Day	Sun-Fri	215	194	172	Sat	225	203	180
FORKS OF THE KERN								
Wilderness Juggernaut, 2-Day	All Days	695	626	556				
Wilderness Juggernaut, 3-Day	All Days	895	806	716				
KAWEAH								
Sequoia Shooter, 1-Day	Mon-Fri	145	131	116	Sat	165	149	132
	Sun	155	140	124				
KINGS								
Joy Ride, 1-Day	Mon-Fri	135	122	108	Sat	155	140	124
	Sun	145	131	116				
Mega Joy Ride, 1-Day, 1-Night	Mon-Fri	155	140	124	Sat	175	158	140
	Sun	165	149	132				
Ride the Glide, 2-Day, 1-Night	Mon-Fri	275	248	220	Sat	295	266	236
	Sun	285	257	228				
Ultra Mega Ride the Glide, 2-Day, 2-Night	Mon-Fri	295	266	236	Sat	315	284	252
	Sun	305	275	244				
SOUTH FORK AMERICAN								
South Fork Express, 1/2 Day	Sun-Fri	105	95	84	Sat	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Fork Fun Run, 1-Day Gorge	Mon-Thurs	125	113	100	Sat	145	131	116
	Fri, Sun	135	122	108				
South Fork, 1-Day Chili Bar, Two-For-One	Mon, Tues	125	n/a	n/a				
South Fork Whole River, 1-Day	Mon-Thurs	145	131	116	Sat	165	149	132
	Fri, Sun	155	140	124				
Saturday Night Special	Raft Sun	175	158	140	Raft Sat	195	176	156
South Fork Fun Run, 2-Day	Mon-Thurs	265	239	212	Sat	305	275	244
	Fri, Sun	285	257	228				
MIDDLE FORK AMERICAN								
Middle Fork Blaster, 1-Day	Mon-Fri	139	125	111	Sat	169	152	135
	Sun	169	152	135				
Middle Fork Blaster Blaster, 2-Day	Mon-Fri	289	260	231	Sat	339	305	271
	Fri, Sun	309	278	247				
NORTH FORK AMERICAN								
North Fork Thriller, 1-Day	Mon-Fri	145	131	116	Sat	170	153	136
	Sun	160	144	128				
TUOLUMNE								
Tuolumne Classic, 1-Day	Sun-Fri	225	203	180	Sat	240	216	192
Tuolumne Classic, 2-Day	Sun-Fri	425	383	340	Sat	440	396	352
Tuolumne Classic, 3-Day	All Days	575	518	460				
MERCED								
Yosemite Wildwater, 1-Day	Mon-Fri	145	131	116	Sat	165	149	132
	Sun	155	140	124				
YUBA								
Maytag Whirl, 1-Day	Sun-Fri	145	131	116	Sat	155	140	124
Class V Alive, 1-Day	Sun-Fri	160	144	128	Sat	170	153	136
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