

# AMERICAN WHITEWATER EXPEDITIONS, INC.

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**VERY IMPORTANT: All Times Are Approximate!**  
Road Conditions Can Cause Unexpected Delays - Please Do Not Miss Your Trip!

## DIRECTIONS TO THE SOUTH & MIDDLE FORKS OF THE AMERICAN RIVER

**Directions to Camp From Southern California:** Take I-5 North. Follow the Directions to Camp from Sacramento.

**Directions to Camp From San Jose/San Francisco:** Take I-80 East. Follow the Directions to Camp from Sacramento.

**Directions to Camp From Sacramento:** (Driving time approx. 1 hr. 15 min.) From Sacramento, take Hwy 50 east, about 30 miles. Exit at the Ponderosa Road/Shingle Springs offramp (Exit 37) and turn left over the freeway. Just north of the freeway, make an immediate right turn on North Shingle Road. Continue 11.2 miles on North Shingle/Lotus Road (N. Shingle Rd. turns into Lotus Rd.) until Lotus deadends at Hwy 49. Turn right on 49 and go approximately 1/4 mile on Hwy 49, passing James Marshall State Park, and go straight onto Coloma Heights Road. (Hwy 49 makes a sharp right hand turn but you'll go straight), and bear left on New River Rd. to American River Campground. Follow the signs to the American Whitewater campsite.

**Directions to Camp From South Lake Tahoe:**

(Driving time approx. 1 hr. 15 min.) From Tahoe, take Hwy 50 west. Turn right (North) on Hwy 49 in Placerville. Continue on Hwy 49 for 7.8 miles and, just past Sutter Center Market on the left, turn right on Coloma Heights Road then bear left on New River Rd. to American River Campground. Follow the signs to the American Whitewater campsite.

**Directions to Camp From North Lake Tahoe and Reno, Nevada:**

(Driving time approx. 2 hr. 30 min. from N. Lake Tahoe and 3 hr. from Reno, NV) Take either 267 North or 89 North to Truckee. From Truckee take Interstate 80 West to Hwy. 49 South in Auburn. Stay on Hwy. 49 to Coloma, pass James Marshall State Park, and continue straight onto Coloma Heights Road. (Hwy. 49 makes a sharp right hand turn but you'll go straight.) Bear left on New River Rd. to American River Campground. Follow the signs to the American Whitewater campsite.

**Directions to Camp From Sacramento Airport:**

(Driving time approx. 1 hr. 15 min.) Take Fwy. 5 South to Hwy. 50 East then follow the driving instructions to camp from Sacramento.

**When you get to American River Resort**

you will reach a gate. Enter the appropriate gate code listed here:

April 15-30 - **2020**; May 1-14 - **2224**; May 15-31 - **2628**;

June 1-14 - **3032**; June 15-30 - **3436**; July 1-14 - **3840**;

July 15-31 - **4244**; August 1-14 - **4648**; August 15-31 - **5052**;

Sept. 1-14 - **5456**; Sept. 15-30 - **5860**.

Go straight past the pond and follow American Whitewater signs.

**Do NOT turn right after the gate.**

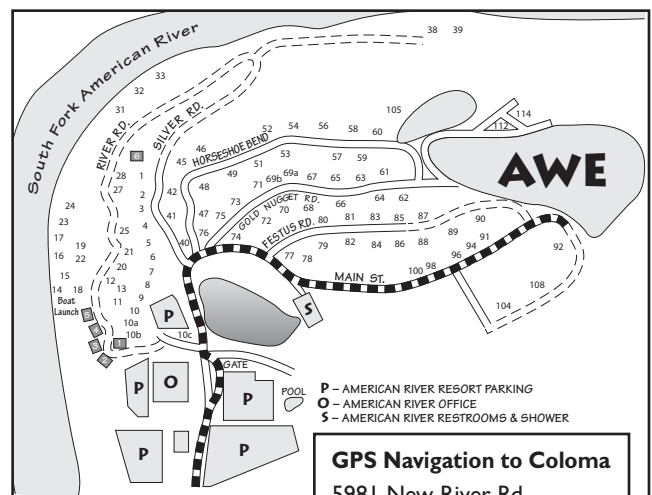
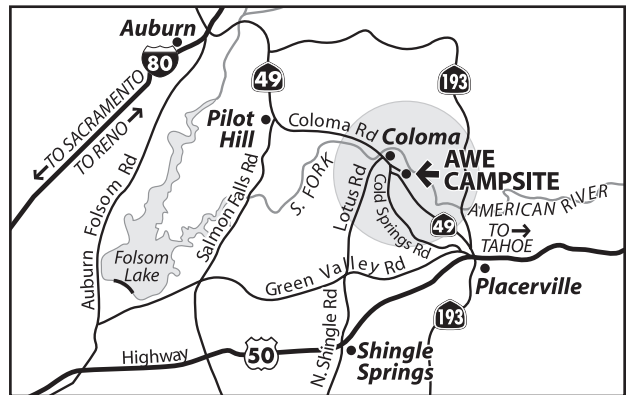
You will pass the ARR Restrooms on your right and continue up the hill following the AWE signs.

At the top of the hill, follow the road to the right and park ONLY in the designated American Whitewater parking areas which are clearly labeled.

Check-in is in the Kitchen area. Greeter will advise you where you are to camp and whether you can have your vehicle close to your camping site at this time.

**Vehicles parked in the incorrect parking areas or blocking roads will be towed!!!**

**Please PARK only where it says American Whitewater parking!!!**



### GPS Navigation to Coloma

5981 New River Rd.  
Coloma, CA 95613 USA

Latitude 38.798467

Longitude -120.886472

## ARRIVAL TIMES

**Two Day Trips:** You can arrive at the campground the night before your trip anytime after 5:00 pm. Our greeter will be there to welcome you from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm and until 1:00 am on Fridays. After 10:00 pm look for the signs directing you to your camping area.

**Monday-Friday: South Fork One Day & Half Day Trips:**

Arrive at 9:00 AM. If you have added and paid for breakfast arrive at 8:00 AM.

**One Day Trips:** If not camping the night before your trip, arrive at the time listed having already had breakfast. (Breakfast can be added in advance.)

**Middle Fork:** For all Middle Fork one day trips arrive at 7:00 am. If you have added and paid for breakfast arrive at 6:45 am.

**Saturday & Sunday: South Fork One Day & Half Day**

**Trips:** Arrive at 8:30 AM. If you have added and paid for breakfast arrive at 7:30 AM.

## EQUIPMENT LIST

### FOR APRIL THRU SEPTEMBER YOU'LL NEED THE FOLLOWING:

- Sleeping Bag - available to rent.
- Tents, All Sizes - available to rent.
- Foam Pad use is complimentary.
- Folding Chair.
- Tennis shoes to wear on the raft and when swimming. They'll get wet, so don't bring your best shoes.
- Sandals with ankle strap. Such as Teva, Keen or Chaco or equivalent.
- **No flip flops!** Wet-Shoes or Aqua Shoes not recommended.
- Swimsuit or shorts\* and T-shirt\* to wear on the rafts.
- Extra tennis or other shoes for something dry to wear around camp.
- Long sleeved shirt and pants for evening. In April, May and September, the nights and early mornings are cool, so bring warmer clothes, i.e., long pants, warm jacket, etc.
- Towel, washcloth, toiletries.
- Visor to wear under AWE-provided helmet. Caps and hats will not fit under helmets but are useful at camp.
- Sunglasses\* with neck strap\*, suntan lotion\*, sunscreen\*, lip ointment\*.
- Plastic water bottle\* (we refill your bottle with our on-board supply.)
- Sheet for very warm nights when it is too warm to get into your sleeping bag.
- Pillow.
- Ear Plugs

- Head Lamp or Flashlight\*. You'll need this for getting around at night. There are no lights on the way to the bathroom.
- Waterproof camera\*, and film\*.
- Fishing equipment including bait suitable for bass and trout.

### IN ADDITION ON SPRING TRIPS:

- Any garments made of polarplus, synchilla, wool, fleece, capilene, etc.
- Hat made of above materials.
- Heavy pair of wool socks.
- Warm sleeping bag, especially in April and early May.
- Wool sweater, vests, etc., for nighttime.
- 2- or 4-man tent. Inquire before bringing larger tents.
- Wetsuit, booties, jacket or dry suit. Wetsuits available to rent. (*Wetsuits included on North Fork trips.*)

\* Available at our River Store.

**QUIET HOURS START AT 10 PM AND WILL BE ENFORCED! NO RADIOS, BOOM BOXES/CD PLAYERS AFTER 10 PM. CONVERSATIONS MUST STAY WITHIN YOUR CAMPING AREA!**

**NOTE: Rafters must fit into our Lifejackets with all buckles securely fastened. Maximum torso circumference - 57 inches. If over 300 lbs we must talk with you!**

## RENTALS

All rentals must be reserved and paid for in advance of your trip. There is a limited amount of rental equipment available so it cannot be rented "on the spot" at the campsite.

### SLEEPING BAG

1 Day - **\$8.00**  
2 Days - **\$12.00**  
Extra Days - **\$4.00/day**

### ALL TENTS SET-UP FOR YOU!

#### 4-PERSON DOME TENT with FOAM PADS:

1 Day - **\$16.00**  
2 Days - **\$25.00**  
Extra Days - **\$8.00/day**

#### CABIN TENT with FOAM PADS:

1 Day - **\$35.00**  
2 Days - **\$50.00**  
Extra Days - **\$15.00/day**

**EXTRA NIGHT'S CAMPING**  
**\$10.00 per person per night!**

### PACKAGE SPECIAL:

4-person dome tent with foam pads and 2 sleeping bags,  
2 days: \$39.00 (reg. \$49.00)

## FLYING TO SACRAMENTO

Great fares available. Check with your travel agent or call the airlines direct. From the airport rent a car or van, or inquire about our round trip airport shuttle. Be sure your flights allow adequate time to get to and from the river. Driving time to camp approximately 1 hour, 15 minutes.

## SPECIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE

Birthday, anniversary, or just need an excuse for a special river celebration? We can provide a surprise cake - we're good at keeping secrets - for any special occasion to help insure your river trip is one you'll never forget. Just give us a call and we'll explain how it works.

## TIPPING

While all our employees are paid for their services and do not expect a tip, if you feel your river guide or cook has made your trip especially enjoyable, tipping is a nice way of expressing thanks - and is certainly appreciated!

## AMERICAN WHITEWATER'S SOUTH FORK SOUVENIR STORE CARRIES THE FOLLOWING:

- T-SHIRTS - MANY STYLES. KIDS SIZES TOO!
- CAPS, HATS & VISORS
- SUNTAN & SUNSCREEN LOTION
- RIVER BANDANNAS
- TOOTHPASTE & TOOTHBRUSHES
- BOTTLED WATER / SNAPPLE
- FLASHLIGHTS
- BATTERIES
- SUNGLASSES
- RIVER SHORTS
- EYEGLASS RETAINERS BY CHUMS & CROAKIES
- ICE - CUBE & BLOCK
- WATER PROOF I-USE CAMERA
- GOLD PANS

## PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the person reserving and organizing a trip with American Whitewater to assure that all participants are aware of the conditions as stated in the brochure and furthermore to guarantee that all participants receive a copy of all material mailed to the group organizer concerning any trip with American Whitewater.