

2014

American Whitewater

E X P E D I T I O N S

34 Years Of First Class Rafting Adventures On The American River

Boatloads of Fun On & Off The River!

Great Water on Our Dam-Controlled Rivers



Great Campground & Menu

- Grass-covered campsites, stocked fishing pond, swimming pool & clean indoor restroom facilities.
- BBQ'd Steak & Chicken & Seasoned Fish Dinners with Microbrews on Tap and Premium Local Wines.

**Generous
Group
Discounts
& Free Trips!**
See page 13.

Greetings



This year celebrates our 34th year as the premier whitewater rafting companies on the American River, providing over 250,000 rafters with a first class trip. Our goal has always been to be that one unique rafting company providing uncommonly good rafting adventures that are exciting, relaxing and, most importantly, lots of fun!

Since 1980 American Whitewater Expeditions has been dedicated to providing rafters the highest quality and most professional rafting trips on the South, Middle and North Forks of the American River.

When you raft with us you know you are getting a top quality trip. Our U.S. and international guides are super-competent and friendly, our rafting equipment is always new, our campsite is comfortable and our menu gourmet! With three different rivers and three levels of adventure to choose from, we can give anyone from ages 6 to 106-plus a really great time.

PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS!!!

This will be our 6th year at our own private campsite and only a few minor improvements remain to be done! The grass is in, split rail fencing is everywhere and fire pits and picnic tables are abundant. Native plants are all around the kitchen and the mister system is fully operational ensuring you stay cool while eating meals under the dining canopy.

Returning for 2014 our Operations Manager Arnie Chandola who has rafted for over 19 years on world class rivers in New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Turkey, Austria, Nepal, and India as well as Colorado, Idaho, W. Virginia and Montana. He is an extremely competent organizer and customer service is very important to him. Arnie and the superb returning AWE guiding staff will make sure your rafting trip is a memorable one both on and off the river!

RIVER FLOW INFO

While California is experiencing a drought and most other rivers and recreational lakes will be very low or empty, the South and Middle Fork of the American River will have great recreational flows all season long. Thanks to long-standing agreements with the agencies that control the dams, we are guaranteed fun daytime flows at least 5 days a week. We are looking forward to a great 2014 rafting season!

The water release schedule on the South Fork is forecast to be in the range of 1200+ CFS (cubic feet per second) 5 days a week for the entire rafting season, making it consistent with a normal whitewater season. The same is true for the Middle Fork but with water 7 days a week, so never fear! The rapids will be roaring and ready all season long!

Since the North Fork is not dam controlled the projection for this season is approximately from April to May.

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TESTIMONIALS

Everything was Absolutely Outstanding...

I just wanted to thank the both of you for making our Santa Monica youth group feel so welcome with American Whitewater Expeditions. Your staff is the best! Their patience, knowledge, and the love of what they do really shows. The teens as well as Austin and I had such an awesome time that we are going to try and make this an annual event. About 95% - 97% of our kids have never heard of whitewater rafting let alone seen it before. They are still talking about it with their peers and staff members. Exposing them to this has helped some of them overcome some fears about being in a raft surrounded by water.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

KH

I wanted to send you an email to let you know what a great time we had on our trip. You have made a lot of great improvement to your facilities since our trip last year. I would say this was a perfect trip, not that the prior 2 trips weren't. The facility, food and hospitality were all wonderful and we can't wait until next year. Thank you again and please pass along to your staff that they are the best!

M. C.

That is so nice of you. You could have just as easily not refunded the money and we would have never known. I really appreciate your good and honest business practices.

As for the trip, I can safely say that everyone had a really, really great time. I know a few of us wanted to stay on the river the rest of the summer! The food was great and, honestly, better than I expected. There was always plenty to go around and I never felt that I couldn't get seconds. Everyone involved in your outfit was exceptionally nice and very friendly. Our guide, Stacey, was really awesome. I'm sure there are many guides at AWE that are great, but she really went out of her way to make sure that everyone was having a good time. I must say, she was also quite the sport to be able to go with the flow of so many grown men acting like children! She is also a really great guide in general and I'm pretty sure that everyone in her boat felt they were in good hands.

Thanks for such a great experience. The trip was for my bachelor party, and it could not have been better. I know where to come next time I want a great rafting experience.

Have a great week and thanks again,

B.C.

Just wanted to send a Thank You on behalf of Troop 390 for the great rafting experience we had yesterday. The scouts and adults alike enjoyed every aspect of the weekend - the visit to the State Park, the use of the swim pool, the campground itself, and the rafting trip the next day. A number of the adults expressed an interest in future trips this summer with their families using your services. Thanks also goes to the staff that helped us in the planning stages that were quite friendly and accommodating in answering our many questions.

Sincerely,

R. B.

Thank you for your follow-up call the other day. Our students enjoyed the trip on the river more than any adventure we have offered in the history of our club. More than half said next time we should ratchet up to the next level. I'm not sure we can top what you offer. I was particularly impressed with the pre-trip presentation Stacy did for the kids. They are all second language learners, and apparently understood her very well, because she made her message comprehensible by demonstrating what she meant by her words. All the guides were excellent. There were only positive comments about them. Your chef was very cooperative and we appreciated that. Thanks again for a great experience.

Sincerely,

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Why You Should Make American Whitewater Your First Choice for Your Fun-filled Rafting Adventure!

We offer you a quality experience ...

First Rate Equipment and Staff

- **High-tech, custom-designed self-bailing Hyside rafts.** Custom built and rigged just for our rivers, our rafts are super tough and durable and considered the standard of the industry.
- **We have the newest equipment on the river.** All of our rafting equipment is never older than three years.
- Comfortable, Coast Guard-approved life jackets.
- In-house Honda Jet Ski raft tow service at the end of your South Fork trip.
- **Friendly, experienced and well-trained staff.** Our U.S. and international river guides have years of experience in whitewater skills and have the ability to make a river trip a special event in your life. All are friendly, talented, professional people who love river rafting and have a desire to share their love of the outdoors with you. Everyone is ready with a kind word, a helping hand, and is great to be around.
- **For your safety:** Helmets are provided on all trips.
- All of our guides are Red Cross certified in First Aid and CPR, and most are certified in Advanced First Aid, Swift Water Rescue and as EMT's or Paramedics.

Our Deluxe Campsite

- Camping is FREE the night before one day and half-day trips.
- We now provide FREE Wi-Fi high speed internet service at our campsite for all to enjoy.
- Our campsite is just a three-minute walk from the famous Troublemaker Rapid on the South Fork
- Flat, grass-covered campsites with picnic tables, benches, and fire pits; BBQ's available at many sites
- Firewood available to purchase or bring your own
- Professional-level volleyball sand court
- Heated swimming pool
- Fishing pond stocked with trout and bass
- Horseshoe pits
- Easy 5-minute walk to James Marshall Gold Discovery State Park where gold was discovered in 1848
- RV spaces available with or without hookups
- A/C River Store for all your last-minute items and souvenirs, including river rafting T-shirts, hats, caps and visors, sweatshirts, river shorts, eyeglass retainers, waterproof cameras, river sandals and much more

First Class Menu

- Professional gourmet cook
- Exceptional hearty food: Barbequed Steak and Chicken, and Seasoned Fish Dinners. (See menu on pages 16 & 17.)
- Tasty appetizers
- Premium wine from local vineyards, ice-cold microbrews on tap from Auburn Alehouse or Placerville Brewery, and soft drinks with dinner.
- Delicious Homemade desserts
- Vegetarian meals upon request



34 Years of Fun on the River!

View of Fishing Pond and Mt. Murphy



Your Comfort Is Important

- Free use of thick foam sleeping pads!
- Super-clean formal restroom facilities with multiple hot showers, flush toilets, sinks and electrical outlets. Mirrors too!
- A greeter will meet you on arrival and help you feel at home
- No long walks with your camping gear! Your vehicle will be close by. Some sites feature car accessibility at the site.
- Rentals: 2 & 4 person tents • Cabin tents (Set up) • Cots & Chairs • Sleeping bags • Wetsuits (See page 15)
- Rental wetsuits, paddle jackets & booties (included for free on all Spring North Fork trips)
- Local Bed & Breakfast Inns and Motels list available
- Ice-cold beverages on the bus at take-out



Our American Whitewater River Store



Swimming Pool

For Your Trip Memories

- Photos are taken beginning with the safety talk and continue to the end of your trip. CD's are available at the completion of your trip from Sierra Nevada Photos. Photos will be shown on the big screen back at camp after the trip.

Lots of Fun at the Right Price!

- Great Group Discounts & Free Trips (See page 13)
- Family Midweek Special (See page 9)
- Other Weekday Specials (See page 12)
- Special Discounts for Firefighters, Paramedics, Police Officers and the Military (See page 12)
- Special Combo Packages (See pages 10 & 11)
- Ultra Packages - Add to One day trips with meals and camping (See pages 7, 8, 10 & 11)

American Whitewater Expeditions is Eco-Friendly! We Care!



We are as 'green' as we can be. We recycle all aluminum, plastic and glass bottles, and paper products and use washable plates, cups and silverware to keep the campground and environment clean. We compost all vegetable matter and use diesel vehicles which are very fuel efficient compared to those powered by gasoline. We also use LED lights when possible. Please recycle, for we only have the present to save the future.

American Whitewater Expeditions actively supports Friends of the River (F.O.R.) through donations, river trips and gear. You'll find F.O.R. literature at our camp. We also support the American River Land Trust.

Hot water in the bathroom & shower facility is provided by on-demand water heaters. Very fuel efficient!



Our Regulation Volleyball Court



Stocked Fishing Pond

Call Free 800-825-3205

GPS Navigation to Coloma

5981 New River Rd.
Coloma, CA 95613 USA

Latitude 38.798467
Longitude -120.886472

Coordinates

38.798467, -120.886472
N38°47.90802, W120°53.18832

How the Rivers Rate!

Class III:

South Fork. Medium whitewater. Exciting and challenging but not overwhelming. Perfect for novices, youths ages 6 and up, as well as experienced rafters.

Class IV:

Middle Fork. Medium to difficult whitewater; bigger drops, more action, more intricate maneuvers. Okay for novices in good physical condition and ready for a big day on the water.

Class V:

North Fork: Medium to very difficult whitewater; bigger drops, constant maneuvering, lots of action. Prior rafting experience a good idea.



First Class Rafting Adventures on the American River

The American River is the premier rafting river in California. Located in the heart of the Sierra Nevadas, the different forks of the river take you through beautiful wilderness, majestic canyons and the rolling foothills of the Gold Rush Country. The river consists of three forks: South, Middle and North Forks. Each fork offers a different rafting experience.

Thanks to dams on the South and Middle Forks, our whitewater rafting season runs from April to September.

South Fork, APRIL - SEPTEMBER CLASS III

Just a short drive east of Sacramento or west of Tahoe, the South Fork offers over 30 exhilarating rapids and a great deal of fun and enjoyment. Whether this will be your first time or you are a whitewater veteran, the South Fork will provide an exciting and thrilling adventure.

TWO DAY TRIP: CHILI BAR TO SALMON FALLS - 21 miles (2 Night's Camping & 5 Meals)

Your river voyage begins with your arrival the day before your trip at our deluxe river campground, complete with indoor restrooms and hot showers, swimming pool, volleyball court, and more.

The first day of your trip begins with a hearty breakfast then, after an informative safety talk, you're off to the river for a day of fun, laughter, excitement, and lots of exhilarating whitewater.

The first few rapids you'll encounter on the lower stretch are small but spirited and will allow you to practice your new paddling skills. Then a huge deli-style lunch to match those big, outdoor appetites will be set out for you by the side of the river. After lunch, we're off to challenge "The Gorge" and experience the excitement of outstanding rapids such as Satan's Cesspool and Hospital Bar. Just before the reservoir our own Honda Jet Ski will meet you for the tow to the take-out.

At the end of the day's rafting, cold beverages and transportation back to camp await you. At camp you can enjoy some tasty hors d'oeuvres, a hot shower or free time until we serve a delicious, healthy dinner that will satisfy the heartiest appetite.

Your raft trip will be photographed by a Sierra Nevada Photo staff person who will document your trip from the safety talk on. Put in, water fights, lunch, all the major rapids such as Satan's Cesspool, Bouncing Rock, Hospital Bar and more will be featured during the digital photo show on our big screen after dinner. CD's available of your trip thru Sierra Nevada Photo.

On the second day of your river adventure following another delicious breakfast, the thrills start swiftly on the upper stretch with more outstanding whitewater including rapids such as Meatgrinder, Triple Threat and Troublemaker. A tasty lunch completes your unforgettable 21 mile trip. You'll leave with memories of beautiful scenery, the satisfaction of challenges met and shared with friends old and new, and the fun and exhilaration of whitewater rafting.

WHOLE RIVER ONE DAY TRIP: Chili Bar to Salmon Falls - 21 miles

Are you looking for a super full day on the river that's just packed with fun, excitement, and thrills? Then this is the trip for you! You'll raft the entire length of the South Fork in a wet and wild one-day trip, have a hearty deli lunch along the river, and enjoy cold beverages at the take-out.

ONE DAY TRIP - GORGE RUN: Coloma to Salmon Falls - 15 miles

The longest Gorge Run available.

We'll meet you at our riverside campground and, following a safety talk, you'll be on your way for a day of fun on the exciting Gorge Run. Your trip begins just below Troublemaker Rapid and you'll raft past James Marshall Gold Discovery State Park, where gold was discovered in 1848! This trip includes a hearty lunch served beside the river, cold beverages at the end of your trip, and a shuttle back to camp.

HALF DAY TRIP - CHILI BAR RUN: Chili Bar to Coloma - 6 miles

If your time is limited but you still want to experience the joy of rafting, then this trip is just for you. You'll raft the Chili Bar Run which quickly puts you into some challenging rapids including Meatgrinder, Triple Threat, and Troublemaker. (Lunch is not included.)

Low cost additional camping, breakfast, lunch and/or dinner is available with one day and half day trips. Please inquire.

ONE DAY TRIP ULTRA PACKAGE

Enjoy our one-day Gorge Run trip PLUS:

- 2 Day's camping
- Dinner
- 2 Breakfasts
- Use of thick foam sleeping pads
- Lunch Riverside
- 2- or 4-person tent rental setup

Arrive the day before your trip at our comfortable campsite. Enjoy a tasty hot breakfast the morning of your trip, raft the invigorating Gorge Run complete with a deli lunch served along the river, then, back at camp, you'll have our hearty dinner and all the fixings! Camp that night, have another great breakfast the next morning, and then depart at your leisure. On midweek trips receive a 50% discount on rental gear.

Arrival Times For All South Fork Trips

For **two day trips** you can arrive at the campground anytime after 5:00 PM the night before your trip. Our greeter will be there to welcome you from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. After 10:00 PM look for the board at the check-in area directing you to your camping area or tent.

For the **South Fork Lower**, if not camping prior to your trip, arrive by 9:30 AM Daily.

For the **South Fork Whole River and Upper** arrive by 8:30 AM daily. If you have added and paid for breakfast arrive at 8:00 AM daily.

[Later arrival times available by prior arrangement. Please inquire.]

Call Free 800-825-3205

South Fork Trips, Prices & Specials

South Fork Specials

HALF DAY TRIP DISCOUNT – Every Friday; Chili Bar to Coloma

Join us any Friday for a bargain price on the half day trip.

Youths, (Ages 6-16) **\$74** each; Adults, **\$84** each. Plus 8% River Use Fee.

Lunch not included. No further discounts at this special price. Call for details.

SOUTH FORK GROUP DISCOUNTS – See page 13 for details

TWO DAY GROUP TRIP WITH BUS DISCOUNT

Groups of 40 rafters or more taking the bus for the weekend South Fork two day trip receive a special low price of **\$397.92/adult & \$376.32/youth** (Includes 8% Use Fee).

(If fuel prices continue to rise the bus cost will go up.)

Preferred Trip Starts

The Chili Bar (Half-day) and Whole River runs are offered on Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday.

The Gorge (Lower) run and the addition of Ultra Packages are offered on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Two-day trips are offered Monday & Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, and Saturday & Sunday.

Groups of 10+ can start a trip on any day except Wednesday.

COST PER PERSON*:	MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
CHILI BAR RUN: <i>Add Lunch: \$7/person</i>	\$89	\$79	\$105	\$95	\$99	\$89
GORGE RUN EXPRESS:	\$110	\$100	\$124	\$114	\$124	\$114
GORGE RUN:	\$125	\$115	\$139	\$129	\$139	\$129
WHOLE RIVER:	\$145	\$135	\$155	\$145	\$155	\$145

ULTRA PACKAGE: Add **\$55/Adult & \$50/Youth** to any One-Day Trip.

(2 night's camping & 3 meals with half-day trip.) (4 meals total with One-Day Trips.)

TWO DAY TRIP:	MONDAY & TUESDAY THURSDAY & FRIDAY		FRIDAY & SATURDAY SUNDAY & MONDAY		SATURDAY & SUNDAY	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
	\$269	\$249	\$289	\$269	\$299	\$279

8% Government Land & River Use Fee is added to all trip prices.

Free camping the night before all Half Day and One Day Trips.

Additional Camping \$10/day/person midweek & \$20/day/person Friday & Saturday night.

All South Fork trips: Single Bookings OK • Minimum Age - 6 years • Youth are ages 6 - 16.

Minimum age will be raised to 10 or 12 if there is high water in April & May. Inquire.

SAVE ON GAS!

2 Day Weekend Trip with bus from So. Cal.
\$397.92/Adult & \$376.32/Youth (Includes 8% Use Fee)

Family Fun on the South Fork

The South Fork is the ideal adventure for families. Enjoy the fun and excitement of whitewater rafting with your kids while creating wonderful memories of time spent together on the river. Your kids will develop an appreciation for the great outdoors, get to know the wonders of nature, and have a terrific time. Our guides are enthusiastic, safety conscious, and looking forward to introducing your family to the thrills of rafting. We'll take good care of you and your kids.

Only American Whitewater's campground is able to offer your children such fun-filled activities as fishing in a trout-stocked pond, swimming in the pool, and playing volleyball and horseshoes. Plus, Troublemaker Rapid is just a 3 minute walk and James Marshall Gold Discovery State Park is only a 5 minute walk from our camp!

South Fork Family Midweek Special

4-person tent rentals (set up) are free!

You save \$28!

Adults paying full fare can take ONE CHILD PER ADULT for these special prices. Prices are per person.

	One Day Trip (Gorge Run)	Two Day Trip	Whole River Trip
Adult price:	\$125	\$269	\$145
Special youth, ages 6 -16, price:	\$62.50	\$134.50	\$72.50
Extra youth price:	\$95.50	\$217.50	\$115

These special trips are available as follows:

One-Day Trips: Monday and Thursday.

Two-Day Trips: Monday & Tuesday. Thursday & Friday.

Whole River Trips: Tuesday and Friday.
Minimum of 10 rafters, your group or join ours.

Half Day Trip: See page 8 for Friday Half Day Trip Discount.

No other discounts or specials apply.

Free camping the night before all One Day Trips.

8% Government Land & River Use Fee is added to all trip prices.



Midweek South Fork Fun

South/Middle Fork Combo Family Midweek Special

Families can now enjoy the Class III South Fork and the Class IV Middle Fork at a special Family Midweek price. This trip is a great experience for those families with children who are 12 years of age and older. Use of 4-person rental tent is free!

Adults paying full fare can take ONE CHILD PER ADULT for this special price.

Adult price: \$289

Special youth, ages 12-16, price: \$199

Extra youth price: \$234

Two-Day Combo available Monday & Tuesday and Thursday & Friday. No other discounts or specials apply. 8% Government Land & River Use Fee is added to all trip prices.



South Fork Smiles

Class III: South Fork – Medium whitewater. Exciting and challenging but not overwhelming. Perfect for novices, youths ages 6 and up, as well as experienced rafters.

Middle Fork Trips...

MAY - SEPTEMBER, CLASS III- IV

OXBOW BEND TO GREENWOOD BRIDGE - 18 miles

If you'd like more thrills, challenges, and excitement as well as a true wilderness experience, the Middle Fork, pioneered by American Whitewater, is just for you. This beautiful river, flowing through rich gold-bearing country, has impressive rapids, including the ultimate in "Big Drops" at the Tunnel Chute Rapid. Here the river descends 18 feet through a very narrow chute, over a distance of 80 feet. Then you'll suddenly find yourself underground for 90 feet traveling through a tunnel blasted by the gold miners long ago.

WHOLE RIVER ONE DAY TRIP

Covering 18 river miles, you'll experience one long, thrilling day on the river on this adventurous trip. We provide you with a hearty deli lunch along the river and ice-cold beverages at the end of your voyage.

Coloma and Auburn departures. See Arrival Times

THE ONE-DAY TRIP ULTRA PACKAGE

Enjoy our one-day trip PLUS: • 2 Day's camping • Lunch • 2 Breakfasts • Dinner • 2- or 4-person tent rental • Use of thick foam sleeping pads

Arrive the day before your trip at our comfortable campsite. Start your rafting day with a continental breakfast, raft the exciting Middle Fork with a deli lunch served along the river, and then, back at camp, enjoy our hearty dinner and all the fixings! Camp that night, have a hot, satisfying breakfast the next morning, and then depart at your leisure. (See Menu pgs. 16 & 17.)

On midweek trips receive a 50% discount on all rental gear.

MIDDLE FORK THURSDAY SPECIAL

Every Thursday, May - September, join us for a one day Middle Fork trip for only **\$119** per person. No other discounts apply. Camp Wednesday night for **FREE!** (Additional camping \$10/day/person.) Add our Continental Breakfast for just \$8/person. *See page 15 for rental information.*

Coloma and Auburn departures. See Arrival Times

MIDDLE FORK GROUP DISCOUNTS

See page 13 for details.

2 DAY MIDDLE & SOUTH FORKS COMBO

Our 2nd Most Popular Trip!

18 miles Middle Fork, plus 6 or 15 miles South Fork: (2 Night's Camping & 5 Meals)

On this trip, you'll raft the entire 18 miles of the scenic Middle Fork, then return to our deluxe South Fork camp where you can relax and make use of all the amenities.

The next day's rafting will be on the lively Chili Bar run of the South Fork. (Trip may be run in reverse order, South Fork Gorge Run/Middle Fork.)

This unique, combo river trip is recommended for those with previous paddle boat experience, but first time rafters, physically fit and looking for an exciting challenge, are also welcome.

SOUTH/MIDDLE COMBO

FAMILY MIDWEEK SPECIAL:

Every Monday & Tuesday and Thursday & Friday, families with children 12 years of age and older can enjoy this great Combo and special youth prices. *See page 9 for details.*

Arrival Times:

For 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. After 10:00 PM look for your name on the lighted campsite board in the check in area.

For one day trips, if not camping prior to your trip, arrive at our South Fork camp in **Coloma** at 7:00 AM or at Raleys in **Auburn** at 8:00 AM, having already had breakfast. Breakfast and additional camping can be added. Please inquire. (RALEYS MEETING SPOT BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT ONLY)

COST PER PERSON:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday Adult/Youth		Thursday Special Adult/Youth		Saturday, Sunday Adult/Youth	
	1 DAY TRIP	\$129		\$119		\$159
ULTRA PACKAGE:	Add \$55/Adult & \$50/Youth to any One-Day Trip. (2 night's camping & 3 meals.) (4 meals total with One-Day Trip.)					
	Monday & Tuesday / Tuesday & Wednesday Wednesday & Thursday / Thursday & Friday		Thursday & Friday Special* No other discounts except free trips		Friday & Saturday Saturday & Sunday	
2 DAY COMBO						
Gorge Run/Middle	\$289/A	\$269/Y			\$299/A	\$279/Y
Middle/Chili Bar	\$279/A	\$259/Y	\$259/A	\$239/Y	\$289/A	\$269/Y
SUPER COMBO , Full Length Both Rivers, Two Day Trip, 39 River Miles:	\$309/A	\$289/Y	\$289/A	\$269/Y	\$319/A	\$299/Y
					\$339/A	\$319/Y

8% Government Land & River Use Fee is added to all trip prices.

(See page 14 for group discounts & details.)

Free camping the night before all One Day Trips. Additional Camping \$10/day/person midweek & \$20/day/person Friday & Saturday night.

All Middle Fork trips: Single Bookings OK • Minimum Age - 12 Years • Youth are ages 12 -16.

North Fork - Spring Class V Action

More Challenging

APRIL & MAY, CLASS IV-V

ONE DAY, Iowa Hill Bridge to Ponderosa Bridge or Lake Clementine, 9 or 11 Miles

The North Fork American River, located an easy drive from San Francisco, Reno, or Tahoe is the ideal one day spring run for those with previous rafting experience or first timers who want to go for the gusto on their first rafting trip. Featuring almost continuous technical whitewater rapids, you'll slalom through Chamberlain Falls, Bogus Thunder, Staircase, and many more. While a hearty deli lunch is served along the river you can enjoy the spring wildflower display, lush foliage, and abundant wildlife. The last few miles of your adventure offer a slower pace allowing you to catch your breath, relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the canyon. Safety Kayak or Hyside Safety Paddle Cat on all trips when needed.

TWO DAY NORTH & SOUTH FORKS COMBO - CLASS III-V

6 or 15 miles South Fork, plus 9 or 11 miles North Fork: (2 Night's Camping & 5 Meals)

This two day celebration of high water action is our most popular springtime run. On the first day we'll raft the South Fork which is truly spectacular at high water flows. The second day we journey to the Class V North Fork for rapids that are even more challenging. Join us for two fun-filled days of whitewater adventures you'll long remember. (Trip may be run in reverse order, i.e., North Fork on day one.)

TWO DAY NORTH & SOUTH FORKS SUPER COMBO - CLASS III-V

21 miles South Fork plus 9 or 11 miles North Fork: (2 Night's Camping & 5 Meals)

Raft two exciting rapid-filled days with your friends on the North Fork the first day, then the whole river run of the South Fork on the next day. That's 30 or 32 total river miles of thrilling whitewater. (Trip may be run in reverse order, i.e., South Fork on day one.)

TWO DAY MIDDLE & NORTH FORKS COMBO - CLASS IV-V

18 miles Middle Fork plus 9 or 11 miles North Fork: (2 Night's Camping & 5 Meals)

Raft the Middle Fork one day and the North Fork the next for two intense days of Class IV/V action. May and possibly into June. (Trip may be run in reverse order, i.e., North Fork on day one.)

NORTH FORK SPRING SPECIAL

All North Fork trips include:

- Our most experienced guides.
- **Free** rental of wetsuits, paddle jackets and booties.
- One night's **free** camping on 1-day trips. 50% discount off additional nights: Only \$5/person/night.
- **Free** rental of 4-person tents (set up). Save \$20-\$28!
- Safety Kayaker if necessary.

NORTH FORK GROUP DISCOUNTS

(See page 13 for details)

NOTE: On all North Fork trips prior Class III or IV experience is recommended but not mandatory and you must be in good physical shape. Wetsuits, paddle jackets and booties are required and rentals are provided free of charge.

Call Free 800-825-3205

COST PER PERSON:	MONDAY - FRIDAY	SATURDAY -	SUNDAY
	Adult/Youth	Adult/Youth	
1 DAY TRIP	\$129	\$139	
DOUBLE ONE DAY	\$179 Available on some weekends. Please inquire.		
	MONDAY - THURSDAY	FRI./SAT. & SUN./MON.	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
2 DAY NF/SF COMBO	\$279	\$289	\$299
2 DAY NF/MF COMBO	\$299	\$309	\$329
NF/SF SUPER COMBO , Full Length Both Rivers, Two Day Trip, 30-32 River Miles:	\$299	\$309	\$329

ULTRA PACKAGE available on Saturday: **Add \$55/Adult & \$50/Youth** to the One-Day Trip. (2 night's camping & 3 additional meals.)

8% Government Land & River Use Fee is added to all trip prices.

All North Fork trips: Single Bookings OK • Minimum Age - 14 Years • Youth are ages 14 -16

Specials, Courses & Events

Specials

FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS, PARAMEDICS, EMT'S & MILITARY DISCOUNT

American Whitewater has offered this discount since 1998 and is our way of saying 'Thank You'. **Group rates** for all active military, police, paramedics, EMTs and fire fighter personnel and their families. Plus, we will also provide free use of a rental 4-person dome tent. Save up to \$45!

MIDWEEK TRIPS

Slower pace for a lower price.

Midweek river trips offer an opportunity to experience rafting at a slower, more relaxed pace, with fewer people on the water, the same great food, and all at a lower price. You can even stay an extra day at our South Fork campsite (\$10/person) while you see the sights in the heart of the Gold Rush country including quality restaurants in Placerville and Auburn, parks and antique stores. Combine your rafting adventure with a visit to Tahoe, San Francisco, or enjoy wine tasting at Gold Hill Winery, David Gerard Vineyards & Winery and Venezio Vineyards & Winery just minutes from our camp.

Try a weekday escape this season and find out for yourself why midweek trips are so enjoyable. It can become a habit!

For additional specials & midweek prices see page 8 for the South Fork, page 10 for the Middle Fork and page 11 for the North Fork.

Guides School

FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING RAFTING SKILLS

May 19-30

Join us for 12 days of hands-on instruction in the "How To" of river guiding. You'll learn how to navigate whitewater starting with the basics of boat rigging and ending with the achievement of guiding a raft through the rapids. This school is instructive, professionally staffed, fast paced, thorough, and a lot of fun. Call or check our website for course outline.

Cost: \$680.00

Events

NON-RAFTERS WELCOME

If you just want to hang out while your friends or family are on the river, there is a lot to see and do at our campsite and the surrounding area - swimming pool, historical sights, antiques, movies, wine tasting, shopping and more. Cost is only \$75/person and includes 2 night's camping and 4 meals. Children 5 years old and under are free! (Breakfast & Dinner on Day 1 and Breakfast & Lunch on Day 2)

SPECIAL SERVICES

Anniversary? Birthday? Or just a desire to make your trip extra memorable? Contact us in advance to arrange a cake, champagne, musicians, wine tasting, gourmet trip, — you name it! We'll take good care of you!



Hospital Bar Rapid,
South Fork

Get the Gang Together!

Group Discounts

ATTENTION ALL GROUPS (from 6 to 187 rafters)
- Families, Friends, Co-workers, Organizations,
Youth Groups, Churches, Corporations, Clubs.

Groups come in all shapes and sizes, are comprised of a variety of people brought together by any number of unifying qualities, and, by their very nature, are all perfect for the fun, adventure, and excitement of whitewater rafting. Just give us a call and we'll start you down the road to our river camp.

We have: Flyers
Online Brochure
Organizational Aids

Plus, we are a great source of information for all those questions that will arise.

To show our appreciation for the efforts of the group and the organizer we offer these discounts:

SMALL GROUP SPECIAL*

With 5 paid rafters, the 6th goes for half fare.

BIG GROUP DISCOUNT*

For every 11 paid rafters, the 12th is free **and so on**. With 18 rafters, 1 is free and 1 is at half fare. **Also, if there are 22 paid rafters, not only are the 23rd and 24th free, but on all two day trips everyone receives a \$20 discount, on one day trips a \$10 discount.** The organizer of groups of 24 or more receives free rental gear – a sleeping bag and 4-person dome tent.

In exchange for the discounts the organizer collects all payments and sends in one check, and distributes all trip materials to group members. **Discounts are forfeited if we receive individual checks from group members.**

Custom bus trips are available for larger groups midweek or weekends (*See page 14*)

Don't delay! Prime weekend dates fill up fast so call now for further information and reservations.

* Does not apply to Specials

YOUTH, SCHOOL, SCOUT, & CHURCH GROUPS

Extra special discounts for youth groups. Swimming pool and stocked fishing pond use included in trip cost, plus free tent rentals (midweek only). We can custom-tailor a memorable trip for any budget - Guaranteed!

We'll Take Great Care of You!

FOR THE MOST GENEROUS DISCOUNTS:

- With every 5 paid rafters, the 6th is half fare.
- 11 paid rafters, the 12th is free,
- 18 rafters, 1 is free & 1 is half fare,
- 22 paid rafters, 23rd & 24th are free **and so on**.
- Plus, with 22 paid, **\$10** discount on 1-day trips & **\$20** on 2-day trips.
- **Have a really large group? Contact us for special pricing and expert assistance with booking your big group raft trip:**

1-800-825-3205



Midweek Fun at Troublemaker Rapid

FREE INFORMATION PACKET FOR GROUP & CORPORATE ORGANIZERS

We make it easy for you to arrange your group's raft trip by providing you with everything you need to make your trip a great success. Contact us for your free *V.I.P. GO-PACKET. [*Very Important Paddler Group Organizer Packet] It includes information that will help to get you started in organizing your trip, such as:

1. The 'How To' of Organizing a Group Trip
2. Sample Custom Flyer
3. Money Check-in Sheet and **much more**.

Getting There in Style Transportation

Transportation

DELUXE BUS FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Our bus transportation to the river is first class and ecologically kind. **Departure place and time may change so please be flexible.**

The luxurious coaches will take you to the river in comfort with reclining bucket seats, extended legroom, tinted windows, high output A/C, restroom, complimentary soft drinks, and video.

DELUXE BUS FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Custom bus departures are available **midweek** and **weekend** from **San Jose**, **San Francisco**, & other cities at very affordable prices. Please inquire.

GROUP TRAVEL

Groups filling a bus (35 to 44 max.) in Orange or LA can pick their departure time and place – midweek or weekend. Midweek bus trips are available for groups throughout California - please inquire

AIR TRAVEL: Did you know that the closest river to Southern California is the American River via commercial airlines into Sacramento? Total travel time from your airport to Sacramento then the drive to our river camp is under three hours.

For your drive to our camp from Sacramento call:

Hertz	800 - 654 - 3131
Avis	800 - 331 - 1212
Budget	800 - 527 - 0700
National	800 - 328 - 4567

Or call American Whitewater if you have a group of 10 or more. We can arrange an airport shuttle for you at a reasonable price.

RAFT/AIR/SHUTTLE PACKAGES:

Departing Friday and returning Sunday, airline space is available at super low airfares from San Diego, LAX, and Burbank into Sacramento plus round trip shuttles to camp. Call for price and availability.

PRIVATE PLANE: Fly directly into Placerville airport. Rental cars or pick-up can be arranged.

CAR OR VAN: Drive directly to our on-river campsite by following our detailed travel directions sent with payment confirmation or available on our website. We highly encourage you to carpool or vanpool to save gas and to make your drive more enjoyable.



WEEKEND BUS & RAFT SPECIAL!

**2-Day South Fork trip with bus
\$397.92/adult & \$376.32/youth
(Includes 8% Use Fee)
for groups of 40+ rafters.**

Call free 800 825-3205

info@americanwhitewater.com

Tents, Sleeping Bags & Wetsuit Rentals

**ALL RENTALS MUST BE RESERVED
PRIOR TO YOUR TRIP.**

**RENTALS AT THE RIVER ARE
SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.**

*All tents are set up and ready for
you complete with free use of
thick foam sleeping pads!*

- SLEEPING BAG: **\$10**
- 2-PERSON DOME TENT: **\$15**
- 4-PERSON DOME TENT: **\$20**
- CABIN TENTS **\$40**
- CABIN TENTS WITH 4 COTS AND 4 CHAIRS: **\$60**
- ADD A COT (set up) TO ANY TENT: **\$ 5**
- BARBECUE GRILL
complete with propane and cooking utensils: **\$25**
- EXTRA CAMPING \$10/day/person midweek & \$20/day/person Friday & Saturday night (No Meals Included)
- **COMFORTABLE FOAM SLEEPING PAD: Free use of thick foam sleeping pad at the river.**



Chunder Rapid,
Middle Fork

	1 Day	2 Days	Extra Days
SLEEPING BAG:	\$10	\$14	\$ 4/day
2-PERSON DOME TENT:	\$15	\$20	\$ 5/day
4-PERSON DOME TENT:	\$20	\$28	\$ 8/day
CABIN TENTS	\$40	\$55	\$15/day
CABIN TENTS WITH 4 COTS AND 4 CHAIRS:	\$60	\$80	\$20/day
ADD A COT (set up) TO ANY TENT:	\$ 5	\$ 9	\$ 3/day
BARBECUE GRILL complete with propane and cooking utensils:	\$25	\$35	\$10/day

ULTRA PACKAGES

Added to a Half Day or 1-Day Trip includes: 1 additional night camping, 4-person tent rental with thick foam sleeping pad, 2 breakfasts & 1 BBQ dinner

Adult: **\$55** Youth: **\$50**

50% discount off additional rentals

WETSUIT RENTALS

During spring trips and high water, staying warm while on the river certainly makes your trip more enjoyable. Wetsuit, paddle jacket and bootie rentals are included with all North Fork trips.

	1 Day	2 Days
Wetsuit	\$15	\$20
Paddle Jacket	\$ 6	\$ 9
Booties	\$ 5	\$10
The Works - wetsuit, jacket, & booties	\$20	\$30

Wetsuit costs can be added to your trip payments or paid by cash or credit card the morning of your trip.

Tunnel Chute Rapid, Middle Fork



Call Free 800-825-3205

First Class Menu!

What better way to compliment a fantastic day of rafting than our hearty, delicious food. *Our meals feature*

fresh produce and top quality beef, chicken, and fish with complimentary ice-cold beer, soft drinks, and wine from local vineyards with dinner. We invite you to enjoy gourmet dining in a majestic setting accompanied by a generous helping of well-being and camaraderie.

BREAKFAST

You'll awaken to a beautiful rose streaked sky and the wonderful aroma of fresh brewed coffee and a bountiful breakfast. Breakfast is accompanied by: Fresh fruit, assorted cereals, yogurt, fresh brewed coffee, assorted teas, juice, hot cocoa, & milk.

MIDDLE FORK BREAKFAST

Due to the early departure time, we offer a Continental-style breakfast consisting of bagels, muffins, yogurt, orange juice and coffee or tea. This breakfast is included with all two-day trips.

SOUTH FORK BREAKFAST

Cooks' Choice - (one of the following):

BLUEBERRY PANCAKES

Plump, juicy berries make these hotcakes extra special. Served with hearty sausage links and your choice of syrups: Maple and Blueberry

TORTILLA ESPANOLA *(Spanish Omelette)*

A Spanish-inspired dish of eggs baked with roasted red peppers, mushrooms, sautéed potatoes, onions, fresh herbs and cheese. Served with sausage links.

TEXAS-STYLE FRENCH TOAST

Thick slices of French bread dipped in our special sherry-laced batter. Served with your choice of syrups, and our healthy potato and veggie scramble with fresh salsa.

BREAKFAST 'MUCHO GRANDE' BURRITOS

A generous ensemble of scrambled eggs, refried beans, cheese, veggies, and salsa rolled up in warm tortillas. Served with sizzling sausage & Spanish rice. Olé!

LUNCH

The rapids, the splashing, the fun, the laughter, the excitement and now - The Lunch. Lunch is accompanied by: Juice & a variety of tasty cookies or snacks.

One of the following: (Cook's choice)

DELI FEAST

Select from a variety of fresh, sliced meats and combine them with Swiss, cheddar, Jack or provolone cheese on large tortilla wraps. Heap with onions, tomatoes, lettuce, sprouts, olives, mushrooms, avocados, and top with three kinds of mustard and other assorted condiments.

SAVORY SOUTHWEST CHICKEN SALAD WRAP

Chunks of tasty grilled chicken breast mixed with red onion, celery, mayo, Chipotle peppers, and a special blend of southwest spices. Served in a wrap with cheese and veggies.

CREATE-YOUR-OWN BURRITO

Fill a flour tortilla with spicy ground beef or tasty marinated chicken along with refried beans, cheese, and veggies. Served with guacamole, salsa, sour cream, and chips.

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

ALWAYS AVAILABLE

Ground peanut butter with jelly, jam or honey rates as a favorite of all ages!

VEGETARIAN MENU

For vegetarians we always offer an abundance of fresh fruits, vegetables, and a salad.

A basket of fresh, locally grown apples is always available.





DINNER

You've just completed an exhilarating river run and are now ready to kick back, relax, and enjoy nature's pristine setting.

APPETIZERS

Dinner is preceded by a delicious selection of the following. Fresh vegetables with a variety of dips. Hot bean dip with chips and salsa. Savory Southwest Cheesecake served with tortilla chips.

ENTREES

Served on all 2-Day Trips – Have 1 entrée or all 3

BARBECUED STEAK & CHICKEN, and SEASONED FISH

Mouth-watering, tender cuts of beef and juicy, marinated chicken grilled on the open pit barbecue and fish seasoned with herbs and spices. Served with corn-on-the-cob, vegetable du jour, baked potatoes, fresh tossed green salad, and garlic bread.

Served on all 3-Day Trips (Cook's Choice)

PRIME RIB OF BEEF

Slow-cooked tender meat served with garlic potatoes, vegetable du jour, fresh tossed green salad with hot rolls or garlic or Parmesan butter-fried bread.

COOK'S SPECIAL PASTA

Tasty pasta with a variety of fresh ingredients and seasonings. Served with Vegetables du jour, tossed salad, and garlic bread.

MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN

Barbecued Chicken cooked in a garlic, dijon mustard, balsamic vinegar, honey and olive oil marinade plus Rice Pilaf, Tomato & Onion Salad with sliced tomatoes and finely chopped red onions dressed with garlic, basil, balsamic vinegar, honey and olive oil vinaigrette, and Vegetable du jour. Plus Garlic Bread.

BEVERAGES

Dinner is accompanied by wine from local vineyards, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay, beers on tap including Microbrewery selections from Auburn Alehouse and Placerville Brewery, plus Budweiser as well as name brand soft drinks, and delicious, robust gourmet coffee.



MICRO-BREWERY CHOICES!

Only American Whitewater offers you a selection of the best local brews on tap from Auburn Alehouse.



We also provide an assortment of name brand soft drinks, diet and regular, for those who prefer a non-alcoholic thirst quencher.

Desserts

One of the following with dinner.

To complete your meal you can indulge in one of our cook's delicious treats:

SINFUL HOME BAKED TREATS!

Bonfire Brownies

with nuts and frosting. Served with vanilla ice cream.

Almond Shortcake

Decadent but light shortcake with berry sauce.

Gold Rush Chocolate cake

with frosting. Served with vanilla ice cream.

Reservations: Plan Early!

We make it easy for you!

- 1. Select a date.** The water flows on the South and Middle Forks are dam controlled so we can guarantee great water through September. The North Fork is not dam controlled so is only runnable in the Spring - April and May.
- 2. Call toll free to confirm your date.** 800-825-3205, 9 AM-5 PM Monday-Friday
- 3. A deposit of \$75 per person confirms your space** on two day trips, \$35 each for one day Middle Fork trips, and \$25.00/person for one day South Fork trips. The deposit is due at the time of booking and we accept Discover, Visa, MasterCard and American Express.
- 4. Reservation confirmation and all trip information will then be sent to you.**
- 5. Final payment is due 30 days prior to the trip and payment by check is preferred.**
- 6. If booking is made inside of the 30 day period, full payment is due at once.**
- 7. Last minute reservations are accepted on all rivers** depending on availability. Payment must be by credit card - Visa, MC, American Express or Discover.

NOTE: Group organizers are responsible for collecting all payments and submitting them on one check. Don't send individual checks from your group.

Call today and raft tomorrow

Contact our office for availability as late as the day before you'd like to raft.

Payment for these trips is by credit card only.

**Call Toll Free
800-825-3205**

FAX 530-642-0855

or E-mail:

info@americanwhitewater.com

www.americanwhitewater.com



TRANSFERS

There is a \$10.00 per transfer processing fee if you change your trip date once payment has been received. There are no transfers on the South Fork within two weeks of your trip date, nor on the Middle Fork within 30 days. After a transfer, no trip credits will be given for a cancellation.

CANCELLATIONS

Your reservation is a special commitment for you as well as American Whitewater. Once your space is confirmed, other clients are turned away.

There are no cash refunds. If you need to cancel a trip you will receive credit for a future raft trip with American Whitewater as follows:

Cancellations made:

- 90 days or more before the trip:
100% trip credit
- 60-89 days before the trip:
75% trip credit
- 30-59 days before the trip:
50% trip credit
- 15-29 days before the trip:
25% trip credit

No credit for cancellations made less than 15 days before your trip, This includes no shows.

There will be no exceptions to this policy. We encourage you to consider trip travel insurance which may protect you in the event you have to cancel your trip.

Come rain, snow, or high water, we almost always run in California. But if there are insufficient reservations, we reserve the right to alter the departure date or place, or to cancel a trip. There will be a full refund for any trip canceled by American Whitewater. Our financial liability is limited to the amount paid to American Whitewater and shall not cover any other costs incurred by trip members.

TRIP TRAVEL INSURANCE

Low-cost travel insurance is highly recommended and provides emergency evacuation, medical, baggage, and trip cancellation protection. Policies are available from your travel agent or Allianz at 800 284-8300.

NOTE: Water flows in the South Fork American River result from releases from hydroelectric facilities located upstream. Such water releases are not subject to the control of El Dorado County or commercial rafting companies operating under permits from the county of El Dorado.

Frequently Asked Questions

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO GO?

For those looking for the most action, the time to raft is in April when the spring runoff is at its peak and the water will be running fast, high, and exciting. The summer months are the most popular for our dam-controlled rivers with great water continuing through September. Midweek river trips offer a slower pace, lower prices, and fewer rafts on the water. The locale of the American River is unique in its weather pattern. Summer arrives early, sometime around April, with temperatures in the high 70's to 80's, climbing into the 90's and 100's in mid-summer. So, bring your river shoes, shorts, and T-shirt for an exciting, fun-filled river trip.

WHICH RIVER WOULD BE BEST FOR ME?

If this is your first raft trip we recommend the South Fork American River, a Class III trip with plenty of excitement even for experienced rafters. For those who want more thrills, we suggest the Middle Fork with Class III-IV rapids or the North Fork with Class IV-V rapids and enough paddle action to satisfy anyone. For those wanting the most action and time on the water, try one of our combo trips. For large groups, over 100 people, the South Fork is your river.

I'M NOT PART OF A GROUP.

DO YOU HAVE A TRIP FOR ME?

Absolutely! Just call our office and we'll make arrangements to include you with other single bookings or small groups so you can experience the excitement of whitewater rafting.

NOT EVERYONE IN MY GROUP WANTS TO RAFT ON THE SAME RIVER. WHAT CAN WE DO?

It's no problem. Part of your group can raft the Middle/South Forks Combo and the rest can raft the South Fork. You'll all be at the same campground and will raft the same stretch of river together on the South Fork for one day.

DO I NEED EXTRA MONEY?

We take care of you during most of your stay with us, but we recommend that you take a small amount of cash. You may desire to purchase a T-shirt from us, a photo, or a souvenir. We think that \$40 - 80.00 will be adequate. Visa, MC, American Express, & Discover are accepted at our Souvenir Shop.



DO I HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO SWIM?

No. Even though recommended, it's not necessary as everyone wears the very best life jackets at all times on the water.

I HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION OR PAST INJURY, CAN I GO ON A RIVER TRIP?

Having a medical condition or past injury does not preclude you from experiencing all of the fun, excitement, and adventure of a whitewater raft trip. People with a medical condition or past injury raft with us all of the time without incident.

SHOULD I GIVE A GRATUITY?

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

WHY DO YOU HAVE WATER ALL SUMMER LONG?

There are a series of dams upstream of the South and Middle Forks of the American River which provide water for electrical power, irrigation, and drinking for residents of California. The most water is released in the spring and summer supplying plenty of exciting whitewater action. This assures you of a great raft trip all summer, through the end of September, even in low snowpack years.

The North Fork American is not dam controlled so it is runnable only in April, May and early June in some very deep snowpack years.



American Whitewater

EXPEDITIONS

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