



"Escape to the Outdoors!"

Raft the American River:
South, Middle and North Forks;
Merced, Kings and Tuolumne

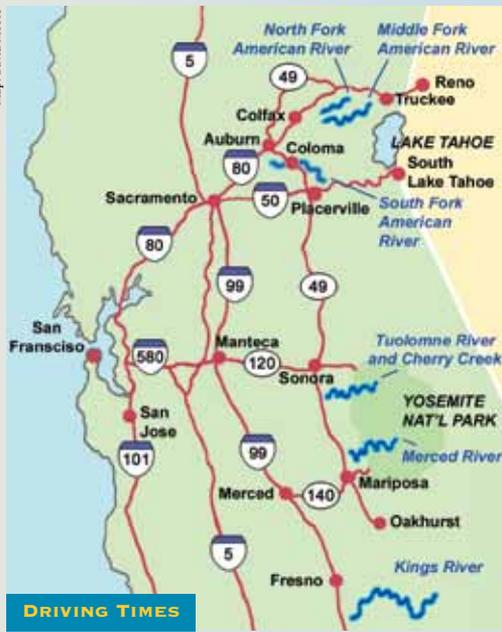


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Map: David Moore



DRIVING TIMES

RIVER	FROM BAY AREA	FROM LOS ANGELES
AMERICAN	2.5-3.5	8-9
MERCED	3-3.5	6.5
KINGS	5-6	6
TUOLUMNE	3-4	7

BOAT TYPES



PADDLE
Guests and guide paddle.



OAR
Guests relax, guide oars.



OAR COMBO
Guests paddle, guide oars.

WHY CHOOSE US?

- California rivers are our specialty with over **180,000 HAPPY CUSTOMERS** since 1982.
- **SEVEN RIVERS** to choose from—South, Middle & North Fork American, Merced, Kings, Tuolumne & Cherry Creek.
- High quality **PROFESSIONAL RIVER GUIDES** that stay with us season to season.
- **STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT** includes self-bailing boats w/foot cups & Coast Guard-approved flotation devices.
- We have our own **WETSUIT & BOOTIES** available for rent at very reasonable prices. They are cleaned after each use.
- Friendly **RESERVATION STAFF** to help you choose the right trip for you.
- Delicious, **HEARTY FOOD**, including vegetarian.
- **MINI-VACATIONS** are mini-priced, varied, exciting, safe.
- **RIVERFRONT CAMPING** on the South Fork in tents-cabins with cots, pads, and deck chairs are available to rent.

WHICH RIVER IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

INTERNATIONAL SCALE OF RIVER DIFFICULTY

CLASS I – Easy-Beginner: Moving water with small waves and no obstacles. Class I rapids are found on every river.

CLASS II – Easy-Beginner: Moderately moving water with gentle waves. Obstacles such as rocks are easy to maneuver through and around, mild gradient.

CLASS III – Beginner-Intermediate: Moderate whitewater, exciting but not difficult. Obstacles such as rocks and changes in river gradients are easy to maneuver through and around. Ideal for the first-time adult rafter and youth ages seven and up. *Trips: South Fork American and the Kings.*

CLASS IV – Intermediate-Advanced: High volume whitewater that requires technical maneuvering; helmets are often required. Ideal for experienced rafters and youth ages twelve to fourteen and up depending on the water level. *Trips: Merced, Middle Fork American, North Fork American, Tuolumne.*

CLASS V – Advanced-Expert: Maximum intensity whitewater. The river bed is extremely obstructed and expert navigating is required. A training seminar and a Class V paddler's test are required. *Trip: Cherry Creek.*

CLASS VI – Unrunnable (except in the movies).



RATINGS ARE BASED ON A NORMAL FLOW AND CAN CHANGE DUE TO WATER LEVEL. PLEASE CALL SO WE CAN HELP YOU SELECT THE MOST APPROPRIATE RIVER.



South Fork American – Fun for Everyone

- CLASS II-III
- MAY THROUGH MID-SEPTEMBER
- CHILI BAR DAM TO LAKE FOLSOM

THE RIVER

Located in the Gold Country of Northern California, the American River is steeped in history and is located a convenient distance from the Bay Area, Sacramento, Reno and Tahoe. The California Gold Rush started a few miles from here when John Marshall discovered gold at Sutter's Mill. The South Fork American is a California classic and a must-raft river. Twenty-one miles of sparkling water, the South Fork is fed by a dam and depends on releases from this dam to keep the river flowing. Usually water is released like clockwork and everyone goes with the flow.

A great introduction to whitewater rafting, the 21-mile South Fork of the American River has 50 Class II-III rapids. Look for deer along the shore, jump in and float down one of the "swimmer's rapids." Stay at our beautiful riverside campground, and sleep on cots in elevated tent-cabins.



DISCOVER THE DELIGHTS OF THIS HISTORIC RIVER BY DOING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TRIPS:

½-Day: Gorge Section, 11 miles, no meals, 11:30AM-3PM

½-Day: Chili Bar Section, 10.5 miles, no meals, 8:30AM-1PM

1-Day: Gorge Section, 11 miles, lunch, 10AM-4PM

1-Day: Chili Bar Section, 10.5 miles, BBQ lunch, 8:30AM-2:30PM

2-Days: Gorge day 1, Chili Bar day 2, 21 miles, 1N camping, 4 meals

2-Days: Family Trips—kids pay half-price. Every Mon-Tues and Thurs-Fri. 1N camping, 4 meals.

2-Days: Winery Tour & Rafting: Visit 3-5 wineries on day 1, raft Chili Bar day 2, 1N camping, 4 meals

■ "Excellent reservation experience...you kept us up-to-date about conditions and what to expect.... We were met by friendly faces when we first checked in, and even though they were getting the camp ready, they took time to explain everything to us. Our guide, Kevin, was fantastic!...very personable, easy to talk to, and VERY careful!"
B.A., South Fork Family Goldpanning Raft Trip

Middle Fork American River – “Chute” the Rapids

- CLASS II-IV
- MAY THROUGH MID-SEPTEMBER
- OXBOW BEND TO GREENWOOD BRIDGE

THE RIVER

Perfect for adventurous and fit first-timers or intermediate rafters, the Middle Fork is a step up from the South Fork, both literally and figuratively. Located near Auburn, the river flows through a stunning and remote wilderness canyon, 2,000 feet deep with tall, sheer-faced rock walls and lush pine forests.

The Middle Fork is well-known for the famous Tunnel Chute rapid—100+ yards of foam and froth known as “the Chute”, followed immediately by the 30-yard tunnel our boats float through. This rapid was created when gold miners blasted through rock to change the flow of the river. The current and gradient take us on a thrilling ride!

We will experience plenty of thrills during this full day. Lucky for us, there are some calm spots on the river for relaxing and enjoying the awesome scenery. Wet and wild, the Middle Fork is ideal for adventurous first-timers and experienced rafters ready for a new challenge.

1-DAY TRIP

17 MILES, INCLUDES LUNCH

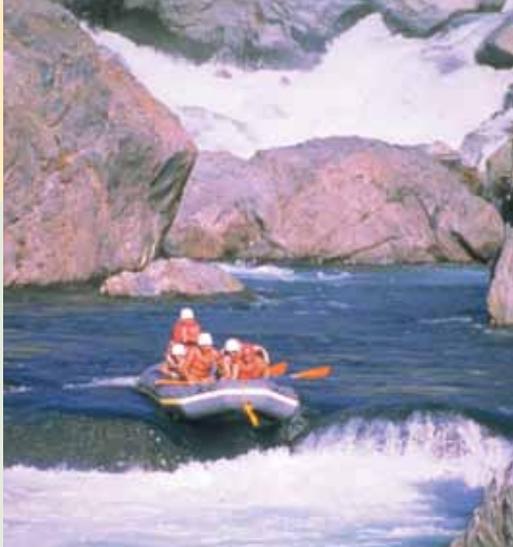
We rendezvous early in the morning in the town of Auburn for the 45-minute shuttle taking us to the put-in at Oxbow Reservoir.

At the put-in you will meet your guides and receive safety and paddling instruction. You will have the opportunity to practice your paddle skills in a few rapids. Within 45 minutes you have rafted to the Tunnel Chute Rapid. At the end of the rapid, after having successfully paddled through the tunnel, we take a short break before heading down-river for more thrills.

We enjoy a hearty lunch around noon and, if we have time, enjoy a short walk up a narrow canyon to a small and refreshing waterfall. At the end of the day, we help take out the rafts and then, with a bottle of cold water in our hands, we shuttle back to Auburn. We'll have spent a total of 4 to 6 hours on the river including a 45-minute lunch break and a possible short hike.



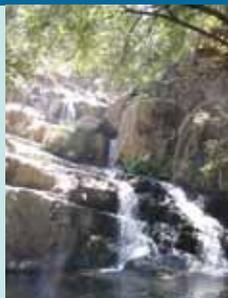
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2-DAY TRIP: MIDDLE FORK WILDERNESS CAMPING

17 MILES, 2 DAYS OF RAFTING,
1 NIGHT CAMPING, 4 MEALS,
2-PERSON TENT, SLEEP PAD

The Middle Fork American River is a very popular river for fit and adventurous beginners and intermediate rafters. Located near Sacramento, San Francisco and Auburn, an overnight trip on the Middle Fork makes for a fun, exciting, wilderness experience without the need to drive far. The river flows through a deep, densely forested canyon surrounded by 1,000' cliffs. There are side streams, pools, waterfalls, sandy beaches, remnants of the Gold Rush, and pristine wilderness that we will be able to explore and enjoy. During a long, calm stretch of river, you can take a turn at paddling an inflatable kayak.



- “I really enjoyed the improvised hikes. Climbing slippery rocks with worn out shoes, hiking with life jackets, having the “Pirates of the Caribbean” experience when walking through vines in waist-deep water and hitting the waterfall made the trip well worth it!...Overall, I enjoyed the trip because of the spontaneity and not knowing how much boats can do—like surf! Lastly, the very clean bathroom at the lunch site was an extra plus.” Middle Fork



Additional Camping & Meals Add a night of camping prior to and/or after your day of rafting. Add additional meals to your trip as well. Call 1-800-462-7424 for

availability and prices.

NORTH FORK AMERICAN RIVER, Class IV

April – end of June (depending on snowfall)

1-Day: 10 miles, lunch

Step up to the challenge of this Class IV technical river, an advanced springtime adventure. The North Fork is the most challenging Fork of the America River. Previous rafting experience and good physical condition are recommended.



MERCED RIVER, Class III-IV

April – July (depending on snowfall)

½-Day: 5-11 miles, no meals

1-Day: 16 miles, lunch

The speed of the flow produces exhilarating whitewater wave trains, technical challenges, and steep gradient drops. The Merced River also offers opportunities for laying back in the boat, relaxing and enjoying the scenery while the current takes us down the river canyon. The river is only about 45 minutes from the Yosemite Valley floor, so this trip makes a nice activity for the day.

KINGS RIVER, Class III

May – July (depending on snowfall)

1-Day: 10 miles, breakfast & lunch

2-Days: 20 miles, 2N camping, 2 days rafting, 5 meals

The Kings River is perfect for first time and experienced rafters. Located in the foothills of Central California near Kings Canyon/Sequoia National Park, it's one of the most scenic rivers in the West.

TUOLUMNE RIVER, Class IV

May – September

1-Day: 18 miles, lunch

2-Days: 18 miles, 1N camping, 2 days rafting, 4 meals

3-Days: 18 miles, 2N camping, 3 days rafting, 7 meals

The Tuolumne River (pronounced too-all-o-me) Canyon, near Yosemite National Park, is a magical 18-mile corridor of wondrous side creeks and wide, sandy beaches for camping, and is California's Class IV premier white water river. Tight, technical and steep describes many of the rapids.

MORE SPECIAL RIVER TRIPS!

ATTENTION YOUTH GROUP LEADERS

For the past 30 years we have encouraged youth to experience the beauty of being outdoors in a natural environment and to develop self confidence while enjoying the thrills of whitewater. We are proud of our efforts and continue to offer substantial discounts to youth groups. Call the Mariah office to discuss your group with us.



WHITEWATER RAFTING GUIDE SCHOOL

■ 6 DAYS, 6 NIGHTS, TEXTBOOK, CAMPING AND MOST MEALS ARE INCLUDED

Our intensive six-day workshop is designed for those wishing to work as commercial river guides as well as people wanting to gain knowledge of safe rafting techniques for their own use. The emphasis is on learning to read whitewater, Class III-IV safety techniques, boat handling, camp cooking, river conservation, and the methods of providing a safe and fun river trip. Basic instruction will be given on the South Fork American River. If water levels permit, we may also raft the North and Middle Forks of the American River.

■ "The Reservation Experience was excellent. Very easy process and they accommodated a last minute addition. We received very complete pre-trip instructions. Guides were all great. Everyone had a terrific time and the guides made it more fun. Special recognition to Morgan for getting our big raft over all the rocks during the very low water at the start. The main comment when we got off the river was "Can we do this again next year?" One person enjoyed it so much she wanted to take another trip the following weekend." T.Z., Youth Groups-South Fork American, 1-Day Gorge

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE, DEPOSITS AND BALANCE DUE:

You may book your trip online at www.mariahrafting.com. Or, you may call our Rafting Reservation Office at 1-800-462-7424 to ask questions, check on availability of the trip, dates that interest you, and to make reservations. Many of our trips fill up months in advance while others may have last-minute space availability. We will send you an invoice with trip and payment information. Most ½-day and 1-day trips require full payment at time of reservation (payment dates can be negotiated with the office). Most 2-day trips require a deposit within 5-10 days of making the reservation, and a balance due 45-60 days prior to your trip (payment dates can be negotiated with the office). Reservations made within the trip-balance date require full payment.

PAYMENT METHODS: We accept Mastercard, Visa, and Discover credit cards for DEPOSITS. Due to the high credit card processing fees we PREFER CHECKS FOR FINAL PAYMENTS.

NON-PERFORMANCE: Mariah Wilderness Expeditions reserves the right to cancel any trip due to weather, water conditions, or other good cause beyond our control. Should this become necessary, your unused monies will be fully credited toward another trip. If we determine on the day of your trip that conditions exist on a particular river to make

it unsafe or unrunnable, then we reserve the right to change rivers, if possible, rather than reschedule your trip. If we must cancel your trip due to insufficient reservations, your money will be credited to another trip. All credits shall be limited to the amounts actually paid to Mariah Wilderness Expeditions and will not include any other expenses incurred by participants.

TRANSFER FEE: If you find that you must change the original date of your trip, a small transfer fee (\$10 per person) may be charged. If the trip you are transferred from is full and we have been turning others away, your transfer will be treated as a cancellation and will fall under our general cancellation policy.

RESPONSIBILITY: While most of our trips are not strenuous, they can be a dramatic change in routine and do involve some risk. Participants are responsible for selecting a trip appropriate to their abilities and be of sufficient good health to undertake the trip. Each participant, or the parent or legal guardian of a participating minor, must sign a Waiver and Assumption of Risk form before beginning a trip.

EQUIPMENT: We use high-quality professional river equipment, Coast-Guard approved life jackets, and full safety and emergency gear. On most of our trips we use PADDLE BOATS with six to eight rafters plus your guide. We have a 100% excellent safety record, and use OAR AND PADDLE COMBINATION RAFTS on the North Fork, Merced, and Tuolumne when the water is high.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS FOR MOST AMERICAN RIVER TRIPS

(The Kings, Merced, Tuolumne, and Cherry Creek Rivers have their own cancellation and refund policies. Call the office for more information about these rivers.) Due to our limited trip sizes, we turn away others once your reservation has been submitted. If you must cancel your trip please notify us as soon as possible. If you cancel prior to 31 days or more prior to your launch date, you will receive a full refund less your deposit. If you are canceling from a one-day trip which required full payment at the time of the reservation, then there will be a processing fee of at least \$30 per person assessed. If you cancel 30 days or less prior to your trip, no refund will be given. Deposits from partial group cancellations may not be applied to remaining participants. **CREDIT CARD CANCELLATIONS** will be refunded less a 3% fee that is charged to us when we initially ran your card.

WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE. Call Travel Insurance Select at 1-800-947-1387, www.travelinsure.com.

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2014 TRIP CALENDAR & PRICE LIST

Trip	# Days	Start Days	Adult Price	Youth Discounted Price	Deposit	Min Age
SOUTH FORK AMERICAN** All trips on the South Fork American meet at Mariah's private South Fork Campground, the largest on the river! <i>Trips: May–Mid. Sept</i>	1/2 day Express	Sat or Sun, Gorge Chili Bar	\$119 \$110	\$105 \$ 97	full amt	7
		Mon–Fri, Gorge Chili Bar	\$105 \$ 95	\$ 93 \$ 84		
	1 day	Sat or Sun, Gorge Chili Bar	\$134 \$125	\$120 \$112		
		Mon–Fri, Gorge Chili Bar	\$120 \$110	\$108 \$ 99		
	1 day	Daily, Entire River	\$149	\$134	full amt	
FAMILY RAFTING <i>with special youth discount 7–16 years</i>	2 days	Sat Mon or Thurs	\$295 \$250	\$265 \$225	\$100 \$100	
	2 days	Mon or Thurs June, July, August	\$250	\$125	\$100	7
MIDDLE FORK** <i>Trips: May–Mid. Sept</i> 2-day trips require minimum 6 persons.	1 day	Sat Sun Mon–Fri	\$159 \$149 \$129	\$159 \$149 \$129	full amt	12
	2 days	Daily	\$295	\$295	\$100	12
NORTH FORK <i>Trips: April–May/June*</i>	1 day	Sat or Sun Mon–Fri	\$155 \$135	\$155 \$135	full amt	14
SOUTH/MIDDLE** <i>Trips: May–Mid. Sept</i> Trip can be run in reverse.	2 days	Sat Mon or Thurs	\$305 \$285	\$275 \$245	\$100	12
SOUTH**/NORTH <i>Trips: May–June* depending on snow melt</i> Trip can be run in reverse.	2 days	Sat Mon or Thurs	\$280 \$250	\$252 \$225	\$100	14
MERCED <i>Trips: Late April–July*</i> (Prices subject to change)	1/2 day	Sat or Sun Mon–Fri	\$115 \$109	\$105 \$ 99	full amt full amt	10 10
	1 day	Sat or Sun Mon–Fri	\$175 \$155	\$150 \$130	full amt	12
KINGS <i>Trips: April–August*</i> (Prices subject to change)	1/2 day	Daily	\$109	\$ 99	full amt	12
	1 day	Sat or Sun Mon–Fri	\$185 \$165	\$165 \$150	full amt	in Spring high water
	2 days	Sat Sun or Fri Mon–Thurs	\$329 \$305 \$295	\$295 \$285 \$275	\$100	7 in Summer
TUOLUMNE** <i>Trips: April–Sept</i> (Prices subject to change)	1 day	Daily	\$249	\$229	full amt	14
	2 days	Daily	\$479	\$439	\$100	in Spring high water
	3 days	Daily	\$639	\$569	\$200	12
CHERRY CREEK** <i>Trips: July–Sept (Prices subject to change)</i>	1 day	Daily	\$330	\$330	\$100	14
WHITewater RAFTING GUIDE SCHOOL	6 days	May 4–9 Orientation May 4, 9am	\$675	\$675	\$100	17

*The length of the rafting season on the North Fork American, Merced and Kings Rivers depends on the amount of winter snowfall. **Water flow on the South Fork, Middle Fork, Tuolumne and Cherry Creek Rivers depends on dam-released water. **All rates are subject to federal, state and local river access fees of 8%. These fees will be added to your invoice. Prices subject to change.**



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- H&R CONSTRUCTION
- COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF EAST BAY
- COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
- TABLE FOR SIX
- VARIOUS SCOUT TROOPS



■ "Melinda helped me with making the initial reservation and followed up a few days before to confirm the trip. It was great and friendly service!! Everything that was sent to me explained the trip well and what items were necessary to bring along."

■ "The trip was AWESOME!! The campsite and cabin tents were clean and private and the meals were great!! The rapids were incredible and we felt in good hands throughout the entire trip. The gear was in great condition and the guides were excellent....I would definitely choose Mariah in the future and recommend you to all!!
- C.P., South/Middle Combo

