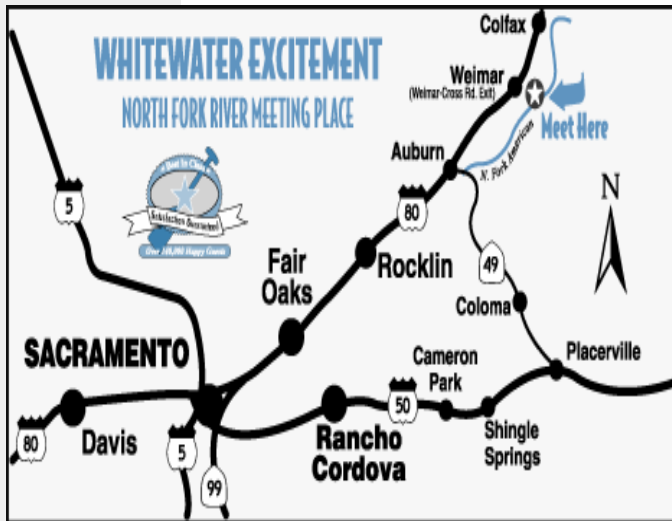


The Best in California River Rafting

North Fork Highlights

Section: Chamberlin Falls Gorge
Difficulty: Class IV (Min. Age 16)
Skill Level: Adventurous Beginners
Thrill Level: Thrills and Excitement
Length: 9.5 Miles

North Fork of the American River – One Day Trip Information



Thank you for choosing Whitewater Excitement for your river adventure on the North Fork of the American River. This 9.5 mile, naturally controlled stretch has 20 major rapids that will test your paddling skills. **SWIMMING ABLITY IS REQUIRED FOR ALL NORTH FORK TRIPS.** Our launching point is just East of Auburn, CA. The weather during the spring and summer can range from cool and rainy to hot and sunny. The following information will give you all the details about the trip including: directions to the meeting area with an area map, meeting time, what to bring, and information about camping.

Meeting Time

A.M. The Morning of your Trip.

Driving time from the SF Bay Area is 2.5-3 hours, from Southern California 7 to 8 hours. Please be on time, as we only wait 30 minutes for latecomers.

Check-In

Upon arrival at the Whitewater Excitement meeting area, please walk toward our vans and our guide staff will check you in there.

What to Bring

River clothing is very casual and you should expect to get wet, please dress accordingly. Cotton gets wet and does not keep you warm.

List of items to bring:

Swim suit or shorts, tennis shoes or Teva Type Sandals (**NO FLIP FLOPS OR BARE FEET ALLOWED**), light wind breaker and pile or polypro sweater in case of cool weather, hat with tie, sunglasses with retaining device such as chums, lip balm, sunscreen, garbage bag for you wet clothes, some dry clothes for the trip home (to be left in your car), and a small amount of money for souvenirs, photos, and meals on the way home.

Cool Weather Pre-Cautions

In case of cool weather we recommend the following as a pre-caution for the months of April, May and anytime during the season when rain or cool weather is a possibility: In addition to the provided wet suits listed below, we recommend you having wet suit booties, wool or poly pro sweater, socks, and hat.

Wet Suits are required during the Spring (prior to Memorial Day) and during times of High Water. These are provided to you as a service of WWE. Our wet suits fit those under 6'4" and/or 260 pounds. If you or any member of your group is over this size, they will need to rent a custom suit at a local dive or surf shop. For your safety, those not having wet suits when required will not be able to participate in the trip.

Please do not bring any pets, fireworks, or firearms. Because of the great risk of injury, we do not allow any high-pressure water guns on our trips. We urge you to leave your valuables at home. If you wish to bring a camera, please make sure it is a water-proof disposable type. Professional photographers will be taking pictures at various rapids and are available for sale after the trip. These photographers are in no way associated with Whitewater Excitement.

Directions

If you are coming from the **northern or southern California** area drive to the city of Sacramento. Then take Interstate 80 east toward Reno. Drive past Roseville and Auburn. 10 miles past Auburn is the town of Weimar. Take the **WEIMAR-CROSS ROADS EXIT**, turn to the right and park in the Park and Pool lot right there. Look for the Whitewater Excitement Vans(s).

If you are coming from the **South Lake Tahoe area**, take Highway 50 west to Placerville. Turn right onto Spring Street, at the Highway 49 sign. Spring street turns into Highway 49. Follow Highway 49 to Coloma, then to Auburn. In Auburn take Interstate 80 east toward Reno. 10 miles past Auburn is the town of Weimar. Take the **WEIMAR-CROSS ROADS EXIT**, turn to the right and park in the Park and Pool lot right there. Look for the Whitewater Excitement Vans(s).

If you are coming from the **North Lake Tahoe area**, take Interstate 80 west to Colfax. Just west of Colfax, take the **WEIMAR-CROSS ROADS EXIT**, turn to the left and cross over the freeway, turn right and park in the Park and Pool lot right there. Look for the Whitewater Excitement Van(s).

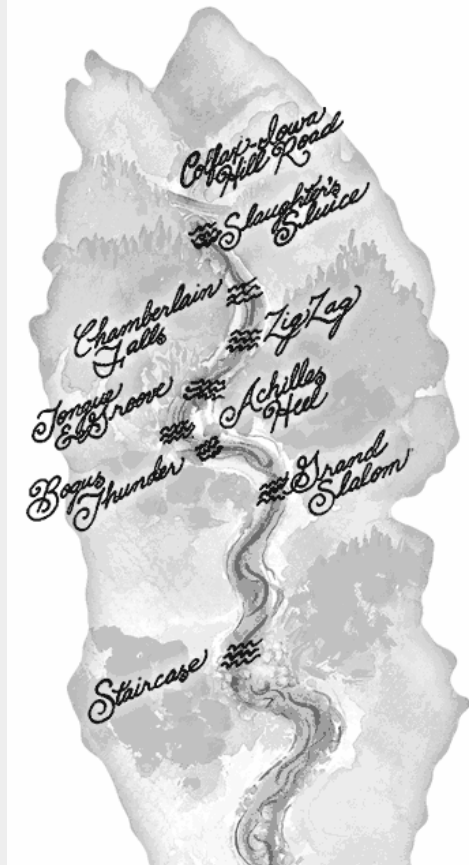
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Types of Rafts

During normal water flows, Whitewater Excitement runs paddle rafts on the North Fork of the American. In a paddle raft, each guest and a professional guide have a paddle and navigate the river, working as a team. North Fork trips are FULLY participatory and can be intense runs so guests need to be ready and willing to paddle.

Gratuities

Our guests often ask us if tipping the guides is appropriate. Although our staff is well paid for their services, if you feel that they went the extra distance to make your trip special, a tip is a great way of showing your appreciation.



Meals

You will be served our riverside buffet deli-styled lunch half way down the river. Our lunch has many fruits and veggies for the vegetarians in the group. We will also have drinks and snacks at rivers end for the bus ride back to the meet area.

Responsibility

All river trips involve some risk and we recognize that accidents and injuries can occur. We assume no responsibility for injury, damage, or loss of your belongings. **ALL PARTICIPANTS NEED SWIMMING ABILITY.** All participants will be required to sign an Assumption of Risk/Liability Release form before the trip. Any minor not being accompanied by their parent must have this form signed by their parents before coming up to the river trip. The river is not a place for drugs or alcohol. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone under the influence of such substances and to anyone we feel will jeopardize his or her personal safety or the safety of others on the trip. There are no refunds for cancellations made for this reason.

Cancellation Policy

Please read our policy and advise other trip members. If you must cancel, all but a \$50 per person cancellation fee will be refunded to you provided we received written notice from you at least 45 days before the trip. For reservations made within 45 days of the trip, all trip fees are non-refundable, in which case we encourage you to find someone to take your place. Often our trips fill up and we have a limited number of guests we can take down on any one trip, while holding your space we are turning others away. Whitewater Excitement also incurs substantial expenses prior to the trip departure.

We reserve the right to cancel or modify a trip due to weather, water conditions, insufficient reservations or other circumstances beyond our control. In such cases we are only responsible for the trip fees paid to us. Guides and other on-river staff employed by Whitewater Excitement are not authorized to make or promise trip refunds or credits. Such determinations can only be made by WWE Office Staff. Trip Travel Insurance is strongly suggested and will cover such cancellations. Trips depart Rain or Shine.

Camping Options on the North Fork

Long Ravine Campground, Rollins Lake (916) 346-6166
Orchard Springs Campground, Rollins Lake (916) 346-2212
Auburn KOA Just outside of Auburn. 530-885-0990
Auburn State Recreation Area
Several large, primitive campgrounds. 530-885-4527 or 800-444-7275

Motels

Best Western - Auburn	(530.885.8611) or (800.201.0121)
Travel Lodge - Auburn	(530.885.7025)
Foothills Motel – Auburn	(530-885.8444) or (800.292.5694)
Best Inns & Suites - Auburn	(530.885.1800) or (800.272.1444)

Bed and Breakfasts	
Powers Mansion Inn	(530) 885-1166

Places to Eat

There are many different places to eat in the area. Auburn has the most variety. You can find deli's, supermarkets, and all kinds of restaurants all within 15 minutes of the meeting area.