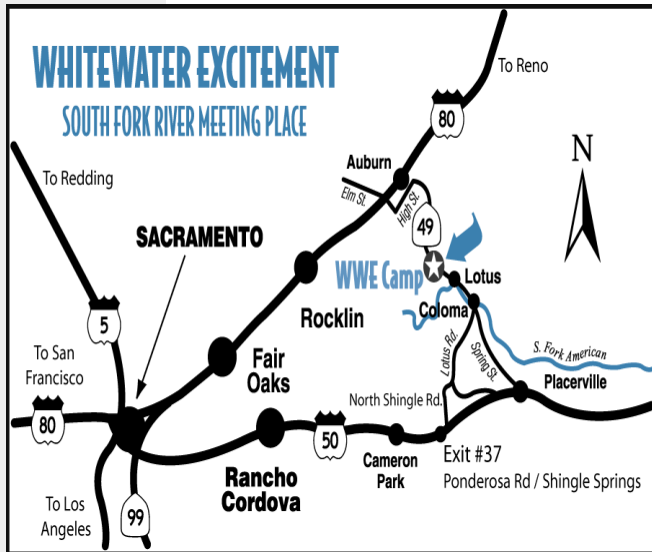


## The Best in California River Rafting

### South Fork Highlight

**Section:** Chili Bar to Folsom Lake  
**Difficulty:** Class III (Min. Age 8)  
**Skill Level:** Beginner to Intermediate  
**Season:** April – October  
**Length:** 35 Miles

### Ultimate South Fork American River – Two Day Trip Information



#### DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACE

##### From Sacramento:

- ♦ Take Hwy 50 east towards Placerville and South Lake Tahoe.
- ♦ Exit Ponderosa Rd (Exit #37) in Shingle Springs. This is 1 mile past the Town of Cameron Park.
- ♦ Turn left on Ponderosa Rd and cross over Hwy 50.
- ♦ At the second stop light (**immediately** over the overpass), turn right on North Shingle Rd towards Coloma.
- ♦ Drive 4.5 miles and you'll come to a curve in the road, keep left, this is Lotus Rd. Drive 7 miles on Lotus Rd. Lotus Rd will dead end into Hwy 49. Turn left on Hwy 49 and drive 1.7 miles. Start slowing down at the 1.5 mile mark. Look for the **Whitewater Excitement sign** on the left. Turn left into driveway, stay to the right and follow the signs to the **WWE parking area**.

##### From South Lake Tahoe:

- ♦ Take Hwy 50 West to Placerville.
- ♦ Turn right on Hwy 49 (Spring Street, Sign to Coloma).
- ♦ Follow Hwy 49 to Coloma. Pass Marshall Gold State Park and you'll cross a bridge over the river. Drive 1.5 miles past the bridge to the **Whitewater Excitement sign** on the left. Turn left into the driveway, stay to the right and follow the signs to the **WWE parking area**.

##### From Auburn:

- ♦ Exit Hwy 49 Southbound towards Placerville/Cool
- ♦ Follow Hwy 49 down the canyon.
- ♦ At the bottom of the canyon turn right across the bridge and up to the town of Cool.
- ♦ Four Miles past Cool is Pilot Hill. Drive 5.5 miles and look for the **Whitewater Excitement sign** on the right. Turn right, stay to the right and follow the signs to the **WWE parking area**.

**WWE Camp**  
**6580 Hwy 49, Lotus, CA 95651**  
**RUNNING LATE/ LOST CALL 530-642-2546**

#### Thank you for choosing Whitewater Excitement

for your Ultimate Two Day river adventure on the South Fork of the American River. Over two days you will be rafting 35 miles of hydroelectric dam controlled water with 40 major rapids that will test your paddling skills. Your trip includes two nights of camping at our private riverside campground, 2 days of rafting (first day Gorge Run, second day Whole River) and 5 delicious meals. 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. **It is essential that you follow our driving directions. GPS, MapQuest, Google and other navigation searches are not reliable to bring you to our exact location.**

#### Meeting Time and Place

The Two Day Trip begins with your first night of camping at our private riverside campground. Arrival time for camping is **5:30 pm** or after. Please check in with our camp host or check on the WWE Camp Assignment Board in front of our camp store for your group camp assigned area. Meals begin with breakfast the next morning around 8:15 am, and then you will need to be ready to raft at 10:00 am. We begin rafting after you receive your lifejacket, helmet, paddle, safety talk, and paddling instructions. Lunch will be provided on the river each day. Once back at camp sit back and relax while we provide appetizers, sodas, beer and wine followed by a delicious BBQ dinner. The next morning breakfast will be served at around 7:15 am and you will need to be ready for the river at 7:45 am. We end the journey at Folsom Lake with a scenic bus ride back to WWE camp arriving around 4:30 pm.

#### 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.

**River Portion** - Swim suit or shorts, old tennis shoes or river sandals (**NO FLIP FLOPS OR BARE FEET ALLOWED**), light wind breaker and wool or polypro sweater in case of cool weather, hat (optional under helmet), sunglasses with retaining device such as chums, lip balm, sunscreen, bottle of water, 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.

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. Other recommendations for you to bring in times of cool weather: neoprene booties, wool socks, wool hat, wool/polypro sweater, rain/wind breaker and wool gloves.

**Camping Equipment** - Tent and ground cloth, sleeping bag, pad, pillow, lawn/camp chairs, camp clothes (dry shoes, long pants or shorts, shirt, sweater or light jacket), flashlight, lantern, insect repellent, personal items (towel, toothbrush and paste, soap, shampoo, etc.), and firewood for camp fires. We have limited supplies at the camp store for sale. **Additional camping is \$14.00 per person per night and requires a reservation.**

**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 (we do sell these at the WWE Camp Store). 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.

# Ultimate South Fork American River – Two Day Trip Information

## Lodging/Restaurant Options

### Lodging

Located off Highway 50  
Motel 6 – Cameron Park 530-677-7177  
Quality Inn - Cameron Park 530-677-2203

Located off Highway 80  
Best Western - Auburn 800-201-0121  
Holiday Inn – Auburn 800-863-4780  
Powers Mansion Inn B & B 530-885-1166  
[www.powersmansioninn.com](http://www.powersmansioninn.com)

Located off Highway 49  
American River Inn B & B –Georgetown  
530-333-4499 [www.americanriverinn.com](http://www.americanriverinn.com)  
Casita Del Oro House – Lotus  
530-621-3030 [www.casitadeloro.com](http://www.casitadeloro.com)

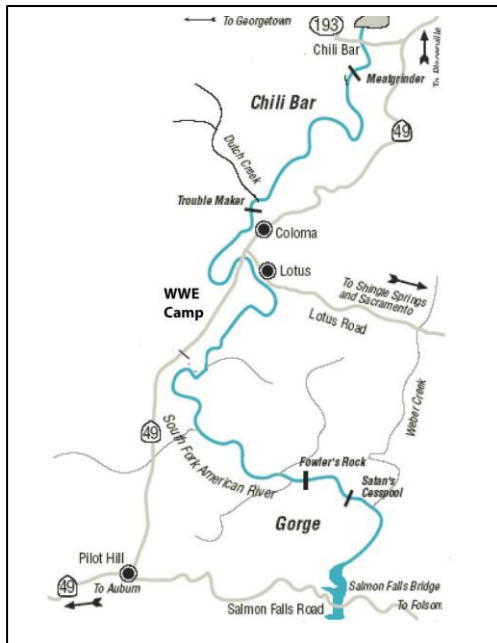
### Campgrounds

WWE Camp Area 800-750-2386  
(Prior reservations are required for additional camping. Please call for availability.)  
Camp Lotus 530-622-8672  
Coloma Resort 530-621-2267  
American River Resort 530-622-6700

### Restaurants

American River Pizza & Grill 530-887-1969  
7 miles Left out of WWE Camp on Hwy 49  
Coloma Club 530-626-6390  
1 mile Right out of WWE Camp on Hwy 49  
Coloma Deli 530-642-8482  
1 mile Right out of WWE Camp on Hwy 49  
Sierra Rizing Bakery 530-642-1308  
1.6 miles Right out of WWE Camp on Hwy 49

## South Fork American River



## Camping Facilities

If you are interested in camping the night before your trip, WWE has a great, private campground on the South Fork of the American River with modern bathroom facilities that include flush toilets, hot showers and electrical outlets, volleyball court and horseshoe pits. Camping is \$10.00 or \$14.00 (riverside) per person per night and requires a reservation.

**Our camp opens at 5:30 P.M.** the night before your trip and you are welcome to come in, set up and relax! Upon arriving at the WWE Camp Area, please check in either with our Camp Hosts or check on the WWE Camp Assignment Board in front of our camp store for your group camp assigned area. **Please set up in the ASSIGNED AREA ONLY.**

**\*\*If you arrive earlier than 5:30 P.M. you must wait until 5:30 P.M. and see our Camp Hosts BEFORE going to your Camp Area – Thank You!**

Camping at the WWE Camp Area is GROUP camping. We have 5 main camp areas. We arrange groups by size to share the camp areas. Please feel free to make new friends. Late Night Arrivals: Our Camp Hosts are on duty until 10:00P.M. If you come in after that, please look on the Camp Assignment Board for your group name. If you can find them easily and quietly, please do so. If not, please find a flat area and camp for the night. Please be as quiet as possible during the late night hours as others are sleeping. **After 10:00 P.M. we have established a Quiet Time.** Please turn your radios down very low, or off and keep your noise down to a minimum for the enjoyment of everyone else camping with us. Pets are **NOT** allowed at the WWE Camp Area.

## WWE Camp Store

At the meeting area, we have a small store that has T-Shirts, sweat shirts, river shorts, hats, waterproof cameras, retaining devices for your sunglasses, river sandals, sunscreen, chapstick, along with drinks, snacks and some light camping equipment.

## 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 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. Release Forms available at <http://www.whitewaterexcitement.com/plan-your-trip/disclaimer-form> **Completed Assumption of Risk Forms are turned into our staff at the time of your rafting trip.**

## Cancellation Policy

Please read our policy and advise other trip members. If you must cancel, all but a \$25 per person cancellation fee will be refunded to you provided we received written notice from you at least 31 days prior to your trip date. For cancellations made within 30 days of the trip, all trip fees are non-refundable, in which case we encourage you to find substitutes for the cancelled space(s). 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 the WWE Office Staff.

Trip Travel Insurance is strongly suggested and will cover such cancellations. Policy information can be found at [www.travelinsure.com/select7](http://www.travelinsure.com/select7) Trips depart rain or shine.

## Gratuities

We are often asked if guests should tip their guides. While not mandatory, if you feel your guide did a great job in giving your group a safe and exciting time, then they would greatly appreciate a tip. Usual tip amounts are: ½ Day Trips - \$3-\$5 per person, 1 Day Trips - \$5-\$10 per person, 2 Day Trips - \$10-\$20 per person.

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