

Whitewater Rafting on the Truckee River and other rafting trips near Lake Tahoe and Reno

Truckee River rafting offers exciting whitewater close to Reno and Lake Tahoe. This rafting trip is a fun, 7-mile guided white water adventure, with many Class 2-3 rapids for the first 6 miles and exciting Class 3+ rapids in the last mile. The trip is approx. 3 ½ hrs. including the short shuttle to the river and back from Truckee. This section of the Truckee River passes through the High Sierra desert, with cottonwoods lining the banks and though the river parallels I80, the road is out of sight and hearing.

At the put-in, life jackets, helmets and paddles will be provided and a safety talk will be given. We launch on the Little Truckee River below Boca reservoir, and each raft will include a professional river guide who will call out commands and help steer. Above the rapid "Bronco", it is possible for the more timid passenger or younger child to disembark and take a short hike from here to the take-out at Floriston. Most will opt to run the most exciting rapids on this Truckee River rafting trip. At take-out, refreshments are served, the equipment is loaded, and we return to our meeting location.



What is needed: For summer rafting conditions, no previous experience or swimming ability is required. Swim suits with fast drying shorts and shirts are suitable (not Levi's) and old sneakers (that will get wet) or sturdy sandals or water shoes (not thongs) are required. Any hats and glasses are best attached with a strap. Professional photographers are usually present at the last rapid, so leave expensive cameras behind (waterproof disposables OK)

Meeting Locations/Times: The meeting location is at the [Granite Chief store](#), near the town of Truckee. During the peak season, 2 trips a day are scheduled, at 9:00 am and 1:30 pm. After Labor Day weekend, there is usually just 1 trip a day at 12:30 pm.

Prices: Mon-Fri \$69; Sun \$74; Sat \$79. All trips are subject to an additional 3% government use fee.

Youths: 7-17 yrs get a 10% discount plus group discounts up to 15%. Youths under 9 years may be required to walk around the last set of Class 3+ rapids. For youths under 7 years, Class 2 runs on the Lower Middle Fork American, South Fork American (Lotus Run) or the East Fork Carson are recommended (see following page or [Rafting with Children](#)).

Group discounts: 5% with 6-11, 10% with 12-17, 15% with 18-24, 20% with 25-30, 25% with 31+ (with own bus). Youth groups additional 5%. Custom trips for groups are usually available, and transportation from the Reno and Lake Tahoe areas, can be arranged at cost. Call us for a specific quote.

Distance/time to location from:

Squaw Valley	20 mins/12 miles,	Tahoe City	25 min/14 miles,	Kings Beach	25 min/15 miles
Incline Village	30 min/19 miles,	Reno	35 min/33 miles,	Carson City	1 ¼ hrs/41 miles
So. Lake Tahoe	1 ¼ hrs/48 miles,	Sacramento	1 ¾ hrs/103 miles,	Quincy	2 hrs/71 miles

Reservations: We recommend making your reservations well in advance (particularly around July 4th), though we may have space available for last minute bookings. Advance payment is required.

See next page for other Lake Tahoe Rafting Options.

These rivers are within 1-2 hrs of Lake Tahoe. For prices, full descriptions and additional information on these rivers, please check out the rivers section on our website or our color brochure.

The East Fork Carson River is unique, with its hot springs tumbling into the river. The 21 miles of wilderness can be enjoyed on 1 and 2 day trips. If you are not sure about rafting, its mellow Class 2 rapids break you in gently and the spectacular views of Sierra Nevada peaks and a soak in the hot springs can ease your cares away. A 6-7 mile ½ day run of continuous Class 3 is available for a short season, depending on the snow pack. We meet in Markleeville, 32 miles south of South Lake Tahoe, 1½ hours from Truckee or 1 hour from Incline Village. Trips are offered May - mid. July (depending on snow pack). Duration of trips is 3½ hrs, 8½ hrs or 2 days.

The South Fork American River is suitable for beginners and youths from around 7-8 years, and yet is exciting enough to bring back many people year after year. It has 21 miles of Class 3 whitewater offered on ½ , 1 and 2 day trips. Though it is located 1¼ hours from South Lake Tahoe, it is a good choice for those traveling from the Bay Area. We meet in Coloma, just 15-20 minutes off I80 or Hwy 50 from Auburn and Placerville. Trips are offered April - October and range in duration from 4 - 9 hrs.

The Middle Fork American River is a step up in difficulty for those wanting more excitement, with 17 miles of wilderness and an introduction to Class 4 whitewater. This trip is also suitable for the active and adventurous first-time rafter. Long 1 day and 2-3 day trips are available. We meet in Auburn, off I80, approx. 1¼ hrs W. of Truckee and 2 hrs SW of South Lake Tahoe, usually at 8:00 - 8:30 am and are finished around 5:00 pm. Duration: 8-9 hours. Season: May-September.

The Lower Middle Fork American is Class 2, 7 mile run, ideal for a first time trip for youths from 4 years or for those just wanting a short, leisurely trip in almost wilderness surroundings. It is usually run as a ½ day afternoon trip from June - September. We hardly see another soul, but do spot deer, nesting ducks and other wildlife and also pick the best blackberries imaginable. We meet in Auburn at 1:30 pm and recommend bringing some refreshments, as we stop for some swim/play time at a safe sandy beach. 1 ¼ hrs W. of Truckee and 2hrs SW of South Lake Tahoe. Duration: 4-5 hrs.

The North Fork American River, though only available in the spring from April into June, is an outstanding river, with wonderful scenery and numerous Class 4 rapids for the more experienced boater. We meet in Colfax, off I80 approx. 1 hr SW. of Truckee, 1 ¾ hrs SW of South Lake Tahoe. Duration: 6+ hours. Season: April through June depending on snow pack.

The North Fork Yuba River offers springtime rafting on 4 different runs, suitable for the adventurous first-timer and the more seasoned veteran. It is un-crowded and pristine, flowing through the evergreens of the Tahoe National Forest. Trips from 1-4 days are available on either Class 4 (intermediate or adventurous first-timers) or Class 5 (previous Class 4 experience only). We meet at our camp near Downieville at 9:30 am., approx. 1 ¼ hrs W of Truckee, 2 ¼ hrs N. of South Lake Tahoe. Duration: 6+ hours. Season: April to mid-July depending on snow pack.

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