



Welcome to Adventure Connection!

Middle Fork & North Fork American River 2-Day Combo Trip Information, Itinerary & Directions

CLASS III-IV (INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED, MEDIUM TO HIGH INTENSITY WHITEWATER-26 MILES)

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- *Combine two great California Rivers—the perfect trip for very adventuresome first time rafters as well as experienced paddlers
- *Two days rafting, two nights camping, 5 great meals, & 26 miles of rafting
- *Camp both nights at our South Fork American riverside camp where you will enjoy volley-ball, horseshoes, camp store, campfire hot showers and flush toilets
- *Experienced guides, skilled and ready to provide a safe and fun outdoor adventure
- *Two full days of excitement, fun and relaxation in two beautiful river canyons

MEETING TIME AND PLACE

- *7:00 AM the morning of your trip
- *6500 Hwy 49, Coloma, approximately 50 minutes east of Sacramento and 3 hours from the Bay Area.

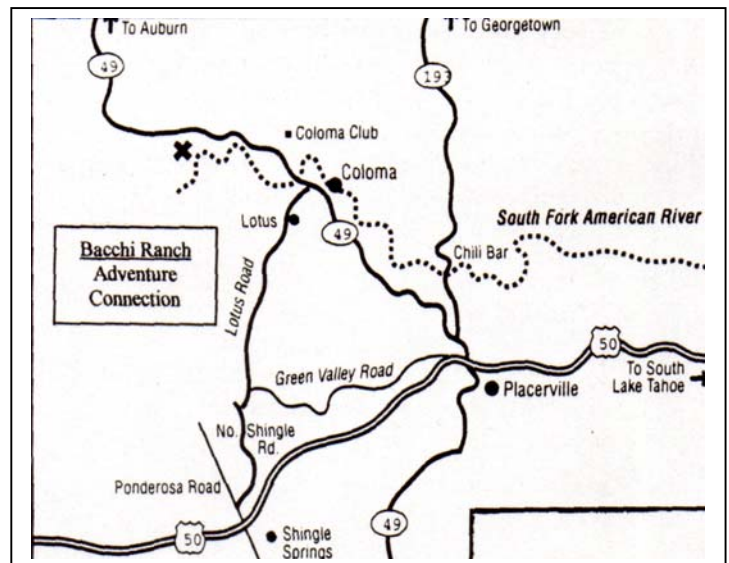
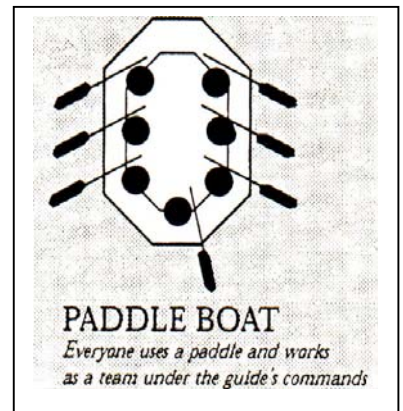
DIRECTIONS

Take Hwy I-80 or Hwy I-5 to **Sacramento**. Continue east 30 miles on **Hwy 50** towards **Placerville** to the Ponderosa Rd. exit at Shingle Springs. Turn left over the freeway and then an immediate right on North Shingle Rd. At mile 4.5 this automatically becomes Lotus Road. Continue on it until you reach the stop sign at Hwy. 49 (mile 11.3). Turn left and follow for 2 miles to the Adventure Connection sign at 6500 Hwy. 49. Turn left into the gate and follow the signs to our meeting area.

TRIP ITINERARY

Get ready for two great days on the river! Join us the evening before your trip at our South Fork camp. The first morning you'll enjoy a hearty breakfast at 7 a.m. and head for the Middle Fork. En route your guides will present orientation and safety information. At the launch site you will receive your paddle, life jacket, and helmet. We launch our boats, practice paddling skills with our guides, and head for the excitement of the *Tunnel Chute* and *Kanaka Falls*! We stop mid-day for a delicious lunch along the river and then run some fun Class III and IV rapids like *Chunder* and *Parallel Parking*. We return to camp tired and happy with time to relax and enjoy the peace of the river over dinner (including soda, beer and wine), slide show and campfire.

After breakfast the second day, we shuttle to the North Fork, tuned up and ready for even more exciting and technical rapids, which include *Slaughter Sluice* and *Chamberlain Falls*. We serve lunch and continue down river with rapids including *Staircase*. Our shuttle vehicle will greet us at take out with cold beverages for the ride back to camp. You'll be ready to head home around 4 p.m., relaxed and filled with memories of a great river trip experience!



CAMPING AT OUR SOUTH FORK CAMP THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR TRIP

Your trip includes camping at our South Fork camp the night prior to your trip. You may come into camp anytime **after 5 p.m.**, set up your campsite, and enjoy the evening. You may wish to eat before reaching camp, as dinner is not included on the first evening.

The next morning your trip begins with breakfast and check-in at **7 a.m.** River flow and permit requirements dictate rafting either the Middle or North Forks on the first day. Either way you should be in our camp **NO LATER THAN 7:00 AM** on day one. You will not need to pack your camping gear as we return to this same camp at the end of the day.

PHOTOS & TIPS

The evening between our river days and at the end of the trip, you will have the chance to view and purchase photos of your raft running the North and Middle Forks—a wonderful reminder of your exciting days with Adventure Connection.

We are frequently asked if it is customary to tip the guides. Our guides' goal is to provide you with a fun and safe river trip. Although a tip is not required, they do enjoy a token of your appreciation for a job especially well done.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

Adventure Connection has an excellent record of providing safe and fun river adventures. While most of our trips are not strenuous, they can be a dramatic change in routine and do involve some risk. We take many safety precautions and ask you to respond to our safety requirements.

- *It is your responsibility to select a river trip appropriate to your abilities and physical condition.
- *Please consult your doctor and discuss with us in advance any medical or dietary conditions that would restrict your full participation. (Our meals are planned to naturally respond to vegetarian requests.)
- *Our life jackets will fit a maximum chest size of 52 inches.
- *For your safety we reserve the right to turn away anyone we feel will jeopardize the trip. Please call to discuss any concerns that you may have.

You will be required to sign an assumption of risk and liability release before your trip begins.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

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. Upon receipt of written notice 31 days or more prior to your launch date, you will receive a full refund less your per person deposit. Any cancellation made within 30 days of the trip will not be eligible for a refund. You may, however, substitute another person without penalty.

We reserve the right to cancel a trip due to weather, water conditions, or other cause beyond our control. Should this occur, your trip fees will be fully credited towards another trip. All refunds and credits shall be limited to amounts actually paid to Adventure Connection.

WATER FLOW NOTICE

Water flows in the South Fork American River result from releases from hydroelectric facilities 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.

