



# Welcome to Adventure Connection!

## Middle Fork American River – Wilderness

### 2-Day Trip Information, Itinerary & Directions

**CLASS III to IV (Intermediate to Advanced: Medium to Advanced Intensity Whitewater - 18 MILES)**

#### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- \***Exciting Whitewater**, perfect for the experienced paddler as well as the very adventuresome first time rafter
- \*The famous Class V **Tunnel Chute**, an exciting adrenaline rush whitewater ride
- \*Two days rafting, two nights camping, 5 great meals, & 18 miles of river
- \*A delightful remote riverside camp where we can enjoy the quiet of the evening
- \*Great guides, skilled and ready to provide a safe and fun outdoor adventure
- \*Exciting wildlife and spectacular mountain vistas to savor and enjoy
- \*Two full days of fun, relaxation and excitement in a beautiful river canyon

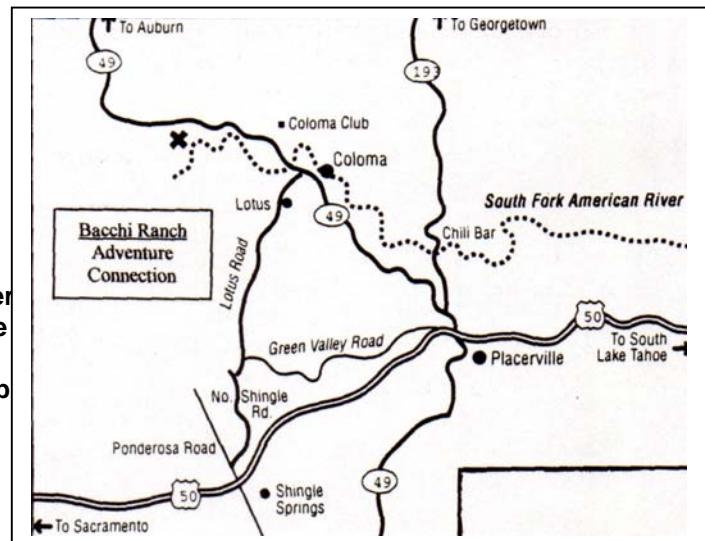


#### MEETING TIME AND PLACE

- \***8 a.m.** the morning of your trip
- \***6500 Hwy 49, Coloma**, approximately 50 minutes east of Sacramento on Hwy 49, about 3 hours from the Bay area.

#### DIRECTIONS

Take Hwy I-80 or Hwy I-5 to Sacramento, then Hwy 50 east towards Placerville/So Lake Tahoe. In about 30 miles you'll exit at Ponderosa Road. Turn left over the freeway and then make an immediate right at the light onto North Shingle Road. At mile 4.5 that becomes Lotus Road which you follow until the stop sign at Hwy 49 (mile 11.3). Turn left, go 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!** We board our river van promptly at 8 a.m. and head for the river about 45 minutes away. En route your guides will present orientation and safety information. At the river launching site, you will receive your river gear including a paddle, helmet and life jacket. We will launch our boats, practice paddling skills with our guides, and head for the excitement and fun of the *Tunnel Chute* and *Kanaka Falls*!

We stop around mid-afternoon at our wilderness camp where your personal gear awaits you; there is time to enjoy the peace of the remote canyon over dinner and campfire. The next day we continue our run with more big rapids like *Chunder* and *Parallel Parking*. Our shuttle vehicle will greet us at take-out with cold beverages for the ride back to camp. You're ready to head home by around 5 p.m., relaxed and full of memories from 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.** Your gear will need to be packed and ready to go before breakfast.

Two weeks prior to your trip, a detailed map showing your specific campsite designation at our South Fork camp will be sent to you.

## **PHOTOS & TIPS**

At the end of the trip you will have the chance to view and purchase photos of your paddleboat running the Middle Fork—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 call to discuss any concerns that you may have.
- \*Please consult your doctor and discuss with us in advance any medical 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 us in advance if you have any concerns.

*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 our 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.

## **NOTE REGARDING PACKING**

Please pack as light as you can because all of your overnight gear is rowed down the river in a separate oar boat. Your personal gear should be able to fit into a king size pillowcase (the same size as our dry bags).

