



# Welcome to Adventure Connection!

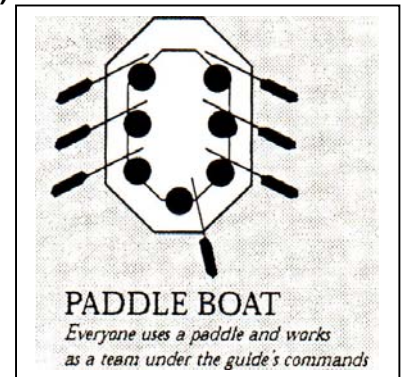
## South Fork American River – Gorge Run

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

**CLASS III+ (BEGINNING: LOW TO MEDIUM INTENSITY WHITEWATER-13 MILES)**

#### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- \*Most popular California River for the first-time rafter as well as experienced paddlers, families with kids, groups of friends, and company team building outings
- \*A wonderful day of rafting with lunch along the riverbank
- \*Our beautiful riverside camp has a camp store, which provides last-minute items you may have forgotten including t-shirts, shorts and other sportswear
- \*Experienced guides, skilled and ready to provide a safe and fun outdoor adventure
- \*A great day of excitement, fun and relaxation in a beautiful river canyon

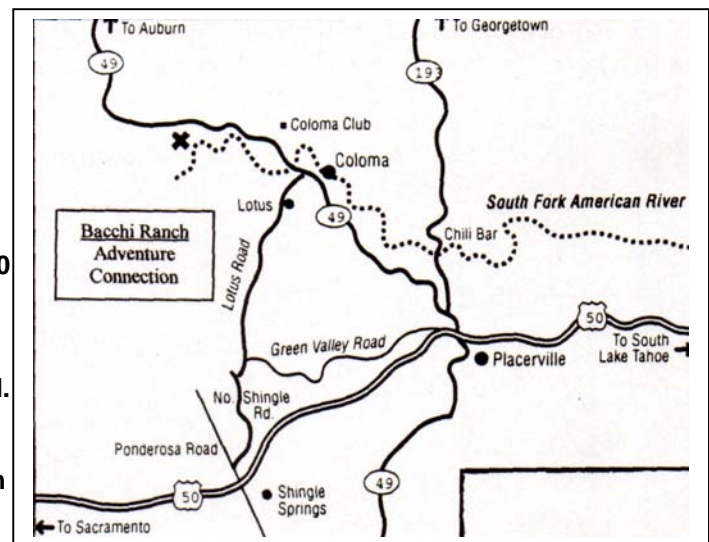


#### MEETING TIME AND PLACE

- \***9:45 AM** 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 take the Ponderosa Road exit in Shingle Springs. Turn left over the freeway, then make an immediate right at the light onto North Shingle Road. That automatically becomes Lotus Road at mile 4.5. At mile 11.3 turn left at the stop sign onto Hwy. 49, and follow 2 miles to the Adventure Connection sign at 6500 Hwy 49. Turn left into gate and follow signs to our meeting area.



#### TRIP ITINERARY

**Get ready for a great day on the river!** At 10 a.m. we gather for orientation and safety information and head for the river where you will receive your paddle and life jacket. We launch our boats, practice paddling skills with our guides, and head for some easy rapids to get us started feeling confident and ready for the day. Then the real fun begins!

We stop mid-day for a hearty lunch along the river, have time to enjoy the peacefulness of the canyon and its wildlife and then paddle through more exciting rapids which include *Satan's Cesspool* and *Hospital Bar* to finish the day's run. We return to camp around 4-5 p.m. full of memories of a great river experience.



## PLACES TO STAY THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR TRIP

Combine your raft trip with an overnight stay in one of several hotels and bed & breakfast accommodations in the area. Enjoy strolling main street Placerville (historic gold discovery settlement), antiquing and visiting specialty gift shops.

In Placerville places to stay include:

\*Best Western at 800-528-1234

\*Cary House Hotel at 530-622-4271; continental breakfast is included.

In Coloma near the historic Marshall Gold Discovery Park places to stay include:

\*[The Sierra Nevada House](#) at 530-626-8096

\*[The Coloma Country Inn](#) at 530-622-6919

Call the El Dorado County Visitors Authority at 887-588-4386 to obtain a listing of all the local hotels and bed & breakfasts or check out [www.southforkamericanriver.com](http://www.southforkamericanriver.com) for local businesses.

## PHOTOS & TIPS

At the end of the trip you will have the chance to view and purchase photos of your raft running the South Fork—a wonderful reminder of your exciting day 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 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.

*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.

