



Trip Details on Trip # 1: Premier Lower New

Class Rating:

World Class III and V

[Click Here to See a Rapid Rating Chart](#)

Offered:

April - October

Boat:

14' - 7 people plus the guide

[Click Here to See a Chart With All the Boats](#)

Minimum Age*:

14 years old

*For your safety, ACE reserves the right to change age requirement if unusual water levels occur.

More Info on [Kid's Camp](#) (for Kids Who Don't Meet the Age Requirement)

Depending on water levels, many aspects of this trip change. Please refer to chart below.

Water Level	Put-In	Take-Out	Lunch Spot	Lunch Option***	Miles	Total Hours	Rapids	Rating
Above 4,200 cfs*	ACE Beach	Fayette Station	ACE Site	Grilled**	13	7 - 7.5	24	III - V
Below 4,200 cfs*	Cunard	Fayette Station	Riverside	Deli	8	7 - 7.5	20	III - V

* Cubic Feet Per Second.

** When water levels fluctuate quickly (sometimes overnight) preparation and supplies can not be readied to provide the level of hot grilled lunch out guests are accustomed to, therefore, a delicious deli style lunch is served.

*** See next section for a description of each lunch option.



[New River Map](#)

[Current Water Levels](#)

[Current Weather](#)

Lunch:

Hot Grilled: May be hamburges, cheeseburgers, veggie burgers, chicken patties and all the fixings.

Deli Style: May be turkey, ham, cheeses and all the fixings for sandwiches.

Both Will Have: PB&J, assorted salads (pasta, seafood, and potato), baked beans, chips & salsa, veggies & dip, hummus, trail mix, fresh fruit, cookies & desserts. Drinks may include water and lemonade.

The Season:

Different seasons provide very diverse river experiences as the dynamics of the river and the rapids themselves are transformed. Spring rafting is a thrill ride with typically higher water levels, making the waves, holes and rapids even more powerful. March - May offers the biggest whitewater of the season, while summer months offer fun, excitement and warmer temperatures. Great whitewater remains a constant in September and October as fall is fabulous in the New River Gorge.

Trip Format:

The lower section of the New River offers moderate to difficult rapids as a high volume of water constricts through the narrow gorge. The first half of the trip offers easier class II & III rapids that allows rafters time to learn to follow guide commands and paddle as a group. Jump Rock allows everyone to get out of the raft alongside the river and jump off of an (approx) 15-20 ft rock into the pool below. After lunch the Lower New alternates from exciting Class IV-V rapids to pools perfect for swimming. Upper and Lower Railroad, the Keeneys, Miller's Folly, and Double Z are among the many rapids that lie in wait on the second half of the trip. Experience the sense of a true outdoor adventure vacation as you encounter huge holes, roller coaster waves and house-size boulders plus some of the most stunning views in West Virginia. This trip is appropriate for first time rafters, age fourteen and up, as well as experienced paddlers.

High Adventure trips use 14-foot boats. This boat will accommodate up to 7 people, plus the guide. The 14' raft trips are for those wanting a bigger ride than the 16' boat. This high adventure raft is a good trip for first time rafters that are adventurous and in good physical shape.

What to Wear and Bring:**Spring**

Pile, wool, or acrylic sweater
Wool or rubber gloves, si cap
Nylon windbreaker
NO COTTON!
Towel, dry set of clothes (for after the trip)

Wetsuits and neoprene booties are strongly recommended for spring New River trips. Wetsuits are available for rent at ACE.

Summer

Swimsuit, t-shirt, ball cap
Old sneakers or river shoes
Sunscreen, glasses strap
Light nylon windbreaker
Towel, dry set of clothes (for after the trip)



[Click Here to See a Chart of River Temperatures, Average Hi/Lows, and River Conditions](#)

What to Expect**Trip Itinerary:**

- Arrive at ACE, check-in with your Trip Leader and fill out release forms (anyone under 17 years old must bring a waiver signed by both parents [Click Here to Download](#)).
- Change into your river wear, a guide will issue a PFD (personal floatation device) and helmet, then load up and head for the river.
- The bus ride to the put-in is approximate 30 minutes to put-in depending on water levels.
- On route, or at put-in, your trip leader and guide deliver a safety talk covering the fundamentals of rafting and proper use of river equipment, and precautions.
- At the put-in the trip leader will then make the guide/guest assignments. There will be a guide in every raft. The guests and guides then go through their introductions. Each guide will then take over with more specific details for the group. Basic strokes, paddling techniques, and guide commands are demonstrated and practiced by the group before heading down river. Guests riding in duckies will be taught how to paddle and maneuver the duck.
- Enjoy lunch part way down the river. There are no restroom facilities alongside the river.
- At the take-out point, the gear is loaded onto our vehicles and we head back to ACE while enjoying a complimentary beverage. Approximate 30 minute bus ride back to ACE.

- Back at ACE enjoy a hot shower, shop at our Outfitter's Store, check out our various lake & resort amenities, and dine at our Lakeside Dining Hall or the Lost Paddle Lounge - all located at ACE's 1400 acre Adventure Center.

Tips for Group Organizer:

[Click Here to Download a Group Organizer Kit](#)

(This is a large file!)

- Plan Ahead
 - Get your group together EARLY! Spread the word and schedule a planning/preliminary meeting
 - Do your homework. Be familiar with the trips, lodging, and meal options
 - Call to check availability of any trips and lodging you are considering
 - Become familiar with our reservation/cancellation policies and age/height limits
 - Direct participants to the printed material, our website at www.AceRaft.com or give us a call at 800-SURF-WVA (787-3982).
- Make a Group Plan
 - Decide what trip and time is right for your group
 - Decide on lodging options
 - Decide on meal options
 - Get a head count of all participants - Use the Trip Planner (in the group organizer kit) to gather names and contact information
 - Set a FIRM payment schedule with your participants - Make participants aware of the payment schedule and FOLLOW IT!
 - Use the Trip Planner to keep track of deposits and payments
 - Use the Trip Schedule Calendar (in the group organizer kit) to keep track of when payment are due
- Get Started With ACE
 - Make your reservation
 - Call 800-SURF-WVA (787-3982) and speak with one of our friendly reservationists
 - Collect your deposit money.
 - Due 10 days after the initial reservation is made with ACE
 - If you reservation is made less than 30 days from your arrival/trip date, full payment is due at time reservation is made
 - Review your confirmation and invoice
 - Use your Trip Schedule Calendar to make notes of when and what your group is doing while at ACE
 - Request any waiver forms needed for minors (a copy of each is in the back of the group organizer kit or [Click Here for a List of Downloads](#))
 - **All minors not accompanied by a parent or guardian are required to have a waiver form signed by both parents before participating in any activity! NO EXCEPTIONS!**
 - Send your balance payment
 - Due 30 days before before your scheduled trip or arrival date
- Pre-Arrival Planning
 - Get a final head count of all participants
 - Copy material that each may need
 - Get any maps, directions, etc. your participants may need
 - Make sure each participant knows what they have booked and what is included
 - Give them a copy of the packing list (in the group organizer kit or [Click Here to Download](#))
 - Give them the Check-In and Arrival Times

