



Trip Details on Trip #7: Upper New Raft

Class Rating:

Easy Class II and III

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Offered:

May - October

Boat:

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Minimum Age*:

6 years old for rafts

10 years old to paddle a ducky

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

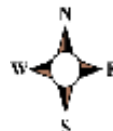
Depending on water levels, many aspects of this trip change. Please refer to chart below.

Water Level	Put-In	Take-Out	Lunch Spot	Lunch Option***	Miles	Total Hours	Rapids	Rating
Above 4,200 cfs*	McCreery	ACE Beach	River Side	Deli	13	7 - 7.5	12	II - III
Below 4,200 cfs*	Stonecliff	Cunard	ACE Beach	Grilled**	8	7 - 7.5	8	II - III

* Cubic Feet Per Second.

** When water levels fluctuate quickly (sometimes overnight) preperation 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 bigger. March - May offers the biggest waves of the season, while summer months offer fun, excitement and warmer temperatures. Great rafting remains a constant in September and October as fall is fabulous in the New River Gorge.

Trip Format: The Upper New River is composed of calm pools and relatively mild rapids (Class I, II and III). The rapids are mainly long chutes dropping gently over ledges. The expanses of calm water are interspersed with stretches of waves. Generally, little maneuvering is required to negotiate the rapids. This section of river is well suited for family adventures, scout and youth groups, and anyone looking for a mild introduction to white water. Children as young as six can do it too!

ACE offers a variety of river craft to suit individual needs, abilities, and river levels: rafts or duckies (two person inflatable kayaks). We have 1 person duckies. (Must be at least 10 years old to paddle a single ducky). Children 6 to 9 may ride along in a 2 person duckie with an adult. During your check-in, you may choose your favorite water craft. During the trip you may switch out between the rafts and the duckies.

There is plenty of time to play, experiment, and sample the different types of boats as we cruise down this beautiful section of river. The calm stretches between warm water rapids is a great place for swimming and floating (with PFD's on, of course!).

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



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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)

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.
- Approximate 30 minute bus ride 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 our deli-style lunch part way down the river. There are limited 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 to Download](#))
 - **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

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Download Waiver Forms:

[Download the General Waiver](#)

Note: Any guest under 17 years old **MUST** have a waiver signed by both parents!
NO EXCEPTIONS!

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[Download the Menu for the Lakeside Dining Lodge](#)

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