



MERCED RIVER WHITewater RAFTING

April - July*



The Merced river tumbles and twists out of Yosemite Valley, gradually mellowing into a raftable whitewater river just 4 miles below the town of El Portal. It is here that our trips begin. Offering abundant whitewater confined by a narrow corridor, this river is a must for the whitewater enthusiast. Indeed, the Merced river offers one of the best whitewater rafting paddle-boat trips in California. The 11-14 miles of rafting on the Merced is typically class 3 (rated 1-5, with 5 being most challenging) and includes memorable rapids with names like Terminator, Grand Slam and Split Rock! These full and half day trips through our partner, Zephyr Whitewater Expeditions, are typically available April through July and are suitable for first time rafters, and depending on water levels, children over age 7.



TRIP TIME

Full Day: 10am- between 3:30-5:30pm (depending on water level)

Half Day: 8:30am-1pm or 2pm-6pm

PRICE

Full Weekday: Adult: \$164.30, Youth (10-17): \$137.80

Full Weekend Day: Adult: \$185.50, Youth (10-17): \$159.00

Half Weekday: Adult: \$115.54, Youth (10-17): \$104.94

Half Weekend Day: Adult: \$121.90, Youth (10-17): \$111.30

INCLUDES

- Wetsuits/paddle jackets for spring trips
- All river gear including helmets and life jackets
- Lunch served on river (Full Day trips only), beverages at trip's end
- Lunch is not included on 1/2 day trips

DIFFICULTY/AGE LIMIT

The Merced River is typically class 3. Suitable for ages 10 and older. 7 and older during low water levels.

MEETING PLACE

Indian Flat RV Park in El Portal, 1 hour 15 minute drive from Rush Creek Lodge. Visit Recreation Desk for driving directions.

WHAT TO BRING

- Completed Trip Registration Forms
- Minimum 32 oz. (1 Liter) water
- Swimsuit and/or wool or synthetic layer to wear under wetsuit in cooler weather
- Wool or neoprene socks and proper footwear – sports sandals with heel straps, closed toe river shoes or tennis shoes. No flip flops.
- Sunscreen and lip balm
- Brimmed hat and sunglasses with tie-on
- Camera (only suggested if waterproof)

OTHER INFORMATION

Guide gratuity not included; for exemplary service a 10-15% tip is customary.

*Conditions permitting. Call for additional seasonal availability.
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