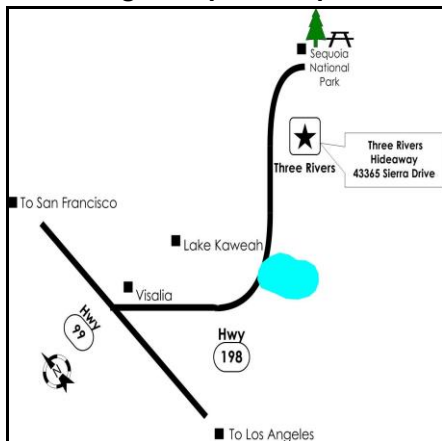


Difficulty: Class IV
Minimum Age: 16
Length: 7.5 Miles
Season: May – July
Swimming ability is a requirement



DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACE

From Visalia:

- Take Highway 198 East towards Sequoia National Park.
- After you drive around Lake Kaweah, look for the 'Welcome to Three Rivers' sign.
- Three Rivers Hideaway is located on the North side of Highway 198, 37 miles East of Highway 99, and ¼ mile past the Sierra Lodge on your left.

From Northern California:

- Take Highway 99 South to Visalia
- In Visalia take Highway 198 East and follow directions from Visalia.

From Los Angeles Area:

- Take Interstate 5 North
- Merge onto Highway 99 North after the Grapevine.
- In Visalia take Highway 198 East and follow directions from Visalia.

Three Rivers Hideaway
43365 Sierra Drive (Hwy 198)
Three Rivers, CA 93271
Ph. 559-561-4413

GPS, Map Quest & Google are unable to calculate our exact location

36° 27' 30" N 118° 52' 52" W

Kaweah River

1-DAY TRIP

Meeting Time and Place

Our trip meets promptly at 10:00 AM at the 'Three Rivers Hideaway' located at 43365 Sierra Drive Three Rivers, CA 93271. Everyone must arrive on time; we do not wait for late arrivals. Please check in with a staff member from **American River Recreation** since other companies meet at Three Rivers.

Please follow our directions to the meeting place and arrive 10 minutes early

Trip Logistics

The adventure begins with a scenic shuttle ride to our launching point. Here you will meet your guides, receive the safety talk, paddling instructions and wetsuits (if required). Once on the water you will have time to practice paddling skills before the journey begins down one of the most action packed whitewater rafting trips in California. The Kaweah River flows out of Sequoia National Park in the southern Sierra Nevada range. It offers non-stop class IV rapids almost from the starting point to the take-out. Get ready to challenge such rapids as 'Milk', '2.8', 'Powerhouse', 'Suicide Falls', and 'The Flood'. Along the way we will stop for a delicious deli-style lunch to be served on the banks of the river. To top off the river trip we will run upper and lower 'Slickies'. Depending on the level of the lake, we will either take-out at the lake (low level) or back at our meeting place (high-level). Please be aware that a variety of factors may cause a trip to end earlier or later than planned. Take this into consideration when making your travel plans.

We Supply

On 1-day trips we provide the following: trained guides, lifejackets, paddles, helmets, whitewater rafts, river shuttle service, lunch and cold refreshments at the end of the trip. **Note: 1-Day trips do not** include camping, rental tents, dinner or breakfast. These items may be added for an additional fee and must be reserved and paid in advance.

What to Bring

River attire is very casual and **you will get wet**, so dress accordingly. Quick-dry clothing is always recommended. Cotton stays wet and does not keep you warm.

Following the list below will assure you a comfortable and well-prepared trip:

- **Shorts or Swimsuit**
- **Waterproof Camera/GoPro**
- **Sunscreen (waterproof)**
- **Sunglasses w/Strap**
- **Full Personal Water Bottle**
- **No Flips-Flops, Crocs or Bare Feet Allowed**
- **Sun Hat or Visor**
- **Dry Clothes/Shoes/Towels (leave in the car)**
- **Tennis Shoes/River Sandals (w/heel straps)**
- **Lip balm w/ sunscreen**

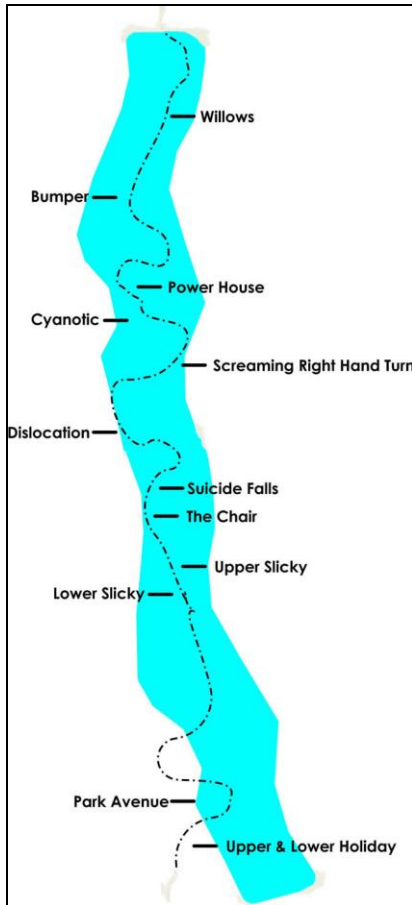
Cold-weather clothing is recommended as a precaution during April-May or anytime during the season when rain or cool weather is a possibility:

- **Wetsuit**
- **Neoprene Booties**
- **Rain Jacket**
- **Wool Socks**
- **Wool Hat**
- **Polypro Clothing**
- **Wool Sweater**
- **Wool Gloves**
- **Nylon Windbreaker**

Wetsuit with splash jacket can be rented through our office for cool weather conditions. Call to reserve in advance. Rental fees: 1-day \$10, 2-days \$15.

We do not allow pets, fireworks, or firearms. Because of the risk of injury, high-pressure water guns are not allowed on trips. **It is in your best interest to leave valuables behind** (we do not have lockers). You will have the opportunity to purchase photographs of you running key rapids upon the end of your journey. American River Recreation is not affiliated with the photo companies. It is not possible to photograph while running the rapids.

KAWEAH RIVER



KAWEAH LODGING OPTIONS

- Gateway Lodge: 559-561-4133
- Best Western Holiday Lodge: 559-561-4119
- Sierra Lodge: 559-561-3681
- Lazy J Ranch: 559-561-4449
- Buckeye Tree Lodge: 559-561-5900
- Comfort Inn & Suites: 559-561-9000
- Sequoia Village Inn: 559-561-3652

- Sequoia River Dance B&B: 559-561-4411
- Cort Cottage B&B: 559-561-4671
- Three Rivers B&B: 559-561-4270

CAMPGROUNDS

- Three Rivers Hideaway: 559-561-4413
- Kaweah Park Resort: 559-561-4424
- Sequoia National Park: 559-561-3134
- Horsecreek Campground: 559-561-3155

Responsibility

All river trips involve some risk and we recognize that accidents or illness can occur. We assume no responsibility for injury, damage or loss of your personal property, or for time and expense incurred. All participants are required to complete and sign the Release of Liability Agreement before the rafting trip begins. Minors participating in a trip without a legal guardian present are required to bring a pre-signed form by his/her legal guardian. Please bring completed form to the river for Check-In. Release forms are available at www.rafting.com/waiverform.pdf. We ask that each participant be both physically and mentally prepared for the rafting trip. Each participant must notify us prior to a trip of any medical conditions, i.e., life threatening allergic reactions and prescribed medications for severe physical conditions, etc. We reserve the right to turn away anyone we feel will jeopardize his or her own safety or the safety of other passengers and guides. The river is not a place for drugs or alcohol. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone under the influence of such substances that will hinder his or her performance and jeopardize personal safety or safety of others. There are no refunds for cancellations made for this reason.

Cancellation Policy

Please read our cancellation policy and advise all participants in your party. If you must cancel, all but a reservation fee of \$20.00 per person will be refunded for cancellation made 30 days or more before the trip start date. A 50% trip refund will be issued for cancellations made 15-29 days prior to the trip start. **There are no refunds for cancellations made within two weeks of the trip start date or for 'No Shows'.** Seats are transferrable. In the event of a last-minute cancellation, try to find another person to take the seat. The reason for this strict policy is that we have a limited amount of seats we can sell. Often our trips fill up and we have to turn others away. Also, substantial commitments and expenses must be incurred by American River Recreation before a trip departs. We reserve the right to cancel or modify any trip due to weather, water conditions, insufficient reservations or other circumstances beyond our control. In such cases, we cannot be responsible for expenses other than refunding all or part of the fees paid to American River Recreation. We are not responsible for any other expenses incurred by the individuals. The determination of a refund will be made after reviewing the trip details. Guides and other personnel employed by American River Recreation are not authorized to make or promise trip refunds or trip credits. Such determination can only be made by a company officer.

Travel Insurance

Unforeseen circumstances may result in last-minute cancellations and could cause significant financial loss to our guests. For this reason we strongly recommend short-term travel insurance.

Gratuities

Clients often ask us if tipping the guides is appropriate. Although our staff is well compensated for their services, if you feel they went that extra distance to make your trip special, a tip is a great way of showing your appreciation as in any service industry.

