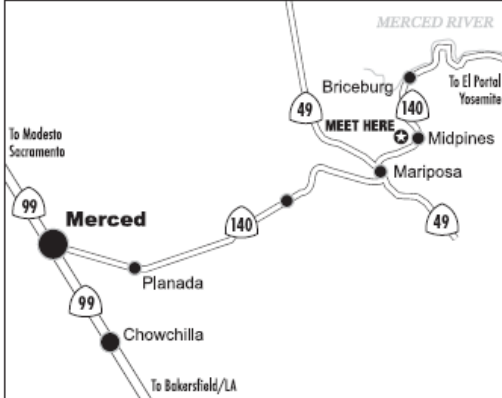


Difficulty: Class III-IV+: Minimum Age 16
Class III: Minimum Age 12
Length: 18 Miles **Season:** April – June
Average Gradient: 34 Feet per Mile
Swimming ability is a requirement



DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACE

- Take Highway 99 to the town of Merced
- Exit at Highway 140 east to Yosemite National Park.
- Continue on Highway 140 towards Mariposa and Midpines.
- 9.8 miles past Mariposa on the left side of Highway 140 is our meeting area and parking lot.
- Our meeting area is about 2.4 miles past the Midpines Country Grocery Store. If you past the Yosemite Bug Resort, you need to make a U turn.
- Look for our vans with the **American River Recreation** logo.

LODGING OPTIONS

- Cedar Lodge: (209) 379-2612
- Comfort Inn Mariposa: (209) 966-4344
- Yosemite Way Station: (209) 966-7545
- Mariposa Lodge: (209) 966-3607
- Mother Lode Lodge: (209) 966-2521
- Sierra View Motel: (800) 627-8439
- Yosemite View Lodge: (209) 379-2681
- Yosemite Bug Mtn. Resort (866) 826-7108

CAMPGROUNDS

- Indian Flat: (El Portal) (209) 379-2339
- KOA/Midpines: (209) 966-2201
Bagby: (Hwy 49) (800) 468-8889
- Yosemite Park & Curry Co. (559) 252-4848
Yosemite Nat'l Park Info: (209) 372-1000

GPS, Map Quest & Google are unable to calculate our exact location.
37° 34' 35" N 119° 56' 52" W

Merced River

2-DAY RIVER TRIP

Meeting Time and Place

Our trip meets promptly at 9 AM. Our meeting location is 6923 Highway 140 Midpines, CA 95345 just 9.8 miles east of Mariposa on Highway 140 and just prior to the **Yosemite Bug Resort**. Everyone must arrive on time; we do not wait for late arrivals. Please check in with our staff upon arrival.

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 and paddling instructions before the journey begins. Nightmare Island, Percolator and Ned's Gulch are just a few of the rapids that will get your heart pounding in the morning. In the afternoon a delicious deli-style lunch buffet is served halfway through the day. In the afternoon you will tackle Split Rock, Corner Pocket and many other great rapids. When we pull into camp the first day, you have time to set up your overnight gear, fish, relax and snack on delicious appetizers while your guides prepare dinner. The next morning after breakfast, the adventure continues while stopping mid-day for lunch. Day two we have the option of running the lower 'Quarter Mile' section of the river or the upper section of the river again. The water can be a deciding factor. 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. During the peak snowmelt, the Merced River is popular for its large standing waves and powerful hydraulics. Later in the season the river drops a bit, still offering a technical and challenging ride with plenty of whitewater action.

We Supply

On 2-day trips we provide the following: trained guides, lifejackets, paddles, helmets, whitewater rafts, shuttle service and camping for one night. Meals include lunch and dinner the 1st day, breakfast and lunch on the 2nd and cold refreshments at the end of the trip. **Note:** Call to reserve rental tents in advance.

What to Bring

River attire is casual and **you will get wet**, dress accordingly. Quick-dry clothing is 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 Flip-Flops, Croc 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:

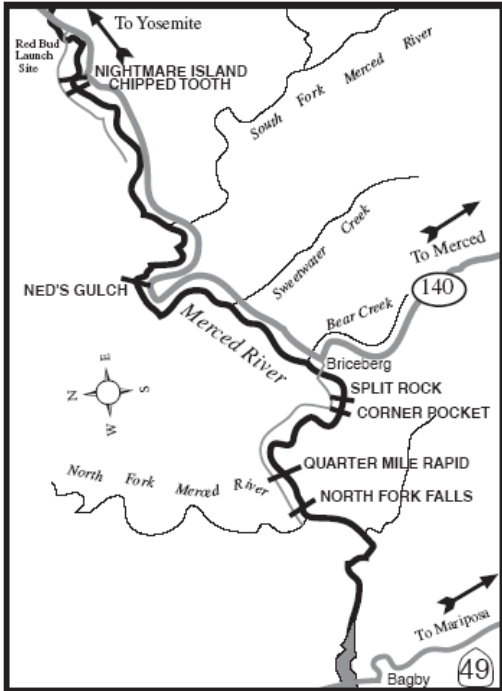
- **Wetsuit**
- **Neoprene Booties**
- **Rain Jacket**
- **Wool Socks**
- **Wool Hat**
- **Polypro Clothing**
- **Wool Sweater**
- **Wool Gloves**
- **Nylon Windbreaker**

Suggested Overnight Gear: (Personal Drinks & Snacks), Bath Towel, Sleeping Bag & Pad, Small Tent w/Ground Cloth, Light Jacket, Flashlight, Dry Shoes, Pillow, Personal Toiletries, Warm Clothes, Insect Repellent & Medications

Wetsuit with splash jacket can be rented through our office for cool weather. 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.

Merced River 2-Day



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 officers.

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.

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