



**EL DORADO COUNTY
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
PARKS DIVISION**

River Management – South Fork of the American River
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Large Group Registration Form

Who should register?

El Dorado County requires all non-commercial boaters running the South Fork in a group of 4 or more boats having 3 or more occupants, or a total of 18 or more people to register their trip before launching.

How do I register?

1. Designate a trip leader.
2. He/she fills out this form and certifies the trip is non-commercial.
3. Keep the top (white) copy & deposit the yellow copy in the drop box.
4. Review the safety/etiquette information & help spread out river use!

What is a non-commercial river trip?

A shared-cost trip. All participants contribute an equal share of the actual trip costs. No money above the actual cost of the trip has been collected.

Actual costs may include:

Camping and river access fees; food and beverage expenses; equipment rental; insurance; transportation or shuttle costs.

Actual trip costs may not include:

Any fees or payments to guides or trip organizers; fund-raising activities; charges for equipment wear and tear.

Comments or questions?

Contact EDC Chief Administrative Office, Parks Division - River Program @ (530) 621-6052

Trip leader date of birth: _____

Address or email: _____

Is this trip run through an educational institution or tax-exempt organization: Yes No

If yes, Organization Name: _____

Organization Phone: _____

Trip dates: _____ Approximate put-in time: _____

Put-in Location: _____ Take-out Location: _____

Number of people in group: _____ Number of Rafts: _____ Number of Kayaks: _____

Cost per person for the trip: _____

Costs include: _____

As the trip leader, I certify that this is a non-commercial river trip

I understand that violating the non-commercial trip requirements by offering or selling any commercial service is considered illegal outfitting.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Giving false or misleading information on this form is a violation of County Ordinance 9.04.020, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and/or up to six months in jail. The County will pursue civil prosecution of illegal outfitting under the Unfair or Fraudulent Business Practice (§17200) and False Advertising (§12500) provisions of the California Business and Professions Code, punishable by penalties up to \$2,500 per violation.

RIVER SAFETY - Your actions should not put others at risk

Everyone should wear suitable lifejackets.

Wear a Coast Guard approved type III or V PFD.

The label should indicate that it's designed for either "whitewater", or "canoeing" or "kayaking".

Boats and equipment.

Use only rafts and equipment designed for class III whitewater.

All guides should have Class III + skills.

- Boat in control Keep your line through rapids and stay in the current on flat stretches.
- Boat as a group ... Maintain safe spacing between your group and others, particularly in the class III rapids. Don't cut into or split up other groups.
- Always yield ... to upstream craft before leaving eddies. Wait for a good-sized break in the traffic.
- Let others pass ... if you are a slow-moving group or water-fighting.

Know the flow.

Phone:(530) 621-6616

Website: Dreamflows.com

Quiet Zone Regulations Now Apply To All Non-Commercial Boaters

Respect homeowner's rural tranquility. Please, no water fighting, yelling or screaming in the **QUITE ZONE**, which starts at river mile 4.5 & ends at river mile 11.5. Noise is alright in Troublemaker Rapid.

Violations of Quite Zone regulations are an infraction with at \$50.00 fine.

Help Spread Out River Use on Summer Weekends

Saturday river use patterns:

Most outfitters run the Gorge section. The river can be crowded in the Coloma-Greenwood stretch from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, and at Fowler's Rock from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Saturday suggestions:

- **Boat the upper or Chili Bar section:**
Launch late in the morning, but keep an eye on the flow – utilities may decrease the flows after noon.
- **For a Gorge Run, launch afternoon:**
Boat traffic will be well-dispersed, and flows will be all the way up.
- **If you launch before noon:**
 - Wait for the flow to reach 1000 cfs. Otherwise, you will get out in front of the release. Both the County Park and Camp Lotus have river gauges and post flow information.
 - Avoid entering the gorge (Fowler's Rock @ river mile 15.8) until after 3:00 pm.
 - Use the public lands at river mile 15.3. There is a nice beach, and this area is used far less than the beach area at river mile 12.3.

Sunday river use patterns:

Most outfitters will boat the Chili Bar run, launching between 9:30 am and 11:00 am.

Sunday suggestions:

- **Boat the gorge run:**
And if you launch after noon, you'll see relatively few boats.
- **If you boat the upper section:**
Launch before 10:00 am or after 11:00 am. Between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm water ramps down slowly.