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There's nothing to do but hang on tight when you're poised on the edge of a 20-foot waterfall on California's Tuolumne River.

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his is the only rapid that really weirds me out. Shannon Wiere said as we approached Clavey Falls. Coming from the leader of our rafting trip down the Tuolumne too-WAL-uh-me. River in Northern California, that didn't exactly inspire confidence among the rest of us. Especially when she added that it wasn't really the 20-foot falls you had to worry about, it was the hole—a mass of ferocious, churning water on the left side after you went over