



River rafting trips being offered by Kah-Nee-Ta

River rafting is fast becoming a popular sport among outdoor enthusiasts. The thrill of running rapids becomes unquenchable once experienced, one is told. The Deschutes River offers at least temporary satisfaction for those with rafting fervor.

Many guests arriving at Kah-Nee-Ta have inquired about river rafting trips and are often surprised when they learn there is nothing available to them to satiate their rafting desires. Now, however, Kah-Nee-Ta is offering this experience to its guests.

Interested guests will be able to spend one night at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge and one day whitewater rafting on the whitewater rafting on the Deschutes River in a package deal being offered. This offer is being made by Kah-Nee-Ta in conjunction with the Juniper Guide Service. The 15-mile trip begins above Maupin and concludes close enough to Sherars Falls that you can almost feel spray in your face.

Entering the swiftly moving river in only an air-filled craft initially creates a slight lump in the stomach. But once feet are wet, raft and crew afloat, the feeling of independence takes hold and the anticipation of the unexpected is overwhelming.

After going over the first fast-moving drops in the river the excitement mounts. Getting wet is hardly a concern. Eyes and ears become tuned in to the action of the river.

There are peaceful moments while drifting. These come when gazing into the depths of the water and getting lost in thought. Pleasure comes also in being surrounded by the natural mysteries of the river itself and the towering megaliths on each side of the Deschutes exposing 30 million years of geologic history.

A river trip can take you totally away from civilization but the force of the river must be respected. The run between Maupin and Sherar's Falls introduces rafters to 20 major rapids rated class 1 through 4, 1 being very gentle, 6 being dangerous and unnavigable as is Sherar's Falls.

Those who are able to partake in any river rafting experience will know why river trips are often repeated and more exciting trips are sought. River rafters are instable adventurers. They know where it's at.



(Top) A raft traveling down the Deschutes River moves about four miles per hour. Going over fast drops the raft moves a little faster. All you can do is go along for the ride and avoid any rocks that may be in the path.

(Middle) Water is nothing to flinch at in the middle of the river.

(Bottom) Several of the crew members rafting the river were Kah-Nee-Ta employees. Kristy Sevendson from Sales and Hazel Woods from reservations experienced the trip in order to tell guests about it first hand.

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