

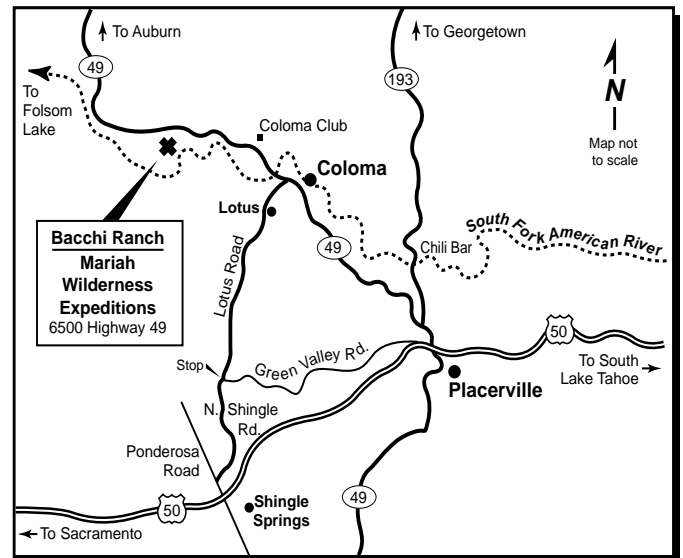
# MARIAH WILDERNESS EXPEDITIONS

## SOUTH FORK AMERICAN RIVER TWO-DAY TRIP, BUCCANEER'S BAY

Class III: Low-Medium Intensity Whitewater—21 Miles

### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- The South Fork of the American River is the **best river in California** and perfect for the first-time rafter as well as experienced paddlers, families with kids, groups of friends, and company team building outings.
- Enjoy two days rafting, two night camping, five great meals.
- Mariah has top quality guides who are skilled and provide a safe and fun outdoor adventure.
- Our wilderness camp, BUCCANEER'S BAY, is totally isolated from all civilization. We boat all of our gear in.
- On the second day, you will spend the entire morning at BUCCANEER'S BAY, having plenty of time for fun, hiking, swimming, birding, and relaxation.



### DIRECTIONS

Take **Highway I-80** or **Highway I-5** to Sacramento. Continue east about 36 miles on **Highway 50** toward Placerville to the Ponderosa Road exit at Shingle Springs. Turn left over the freeway and right at the stop onto North Shingle Road. Drive about 11 miles to **Highway 49**, where Lotus Road deadends. North Shingle Road becomes Lotus Road at about 4.5 miles. Turn left onto Highway 49 and drive 2 miles to the Mariah Wilderness Expeditions sign at **6500 Highway 49** on left side of the road. Drive in, park next to the Welcome Mariah sign, walk down to the kitchen where your Head Guide will be waiting to check you in. **NOTE:** Our Coloma field office is located in the Coloma Village Shopping Center at 7170 Highway 49. Don't stop there. Drive past it to our camp located at **6500 Highway 49**.

### MEETING TIME AND PLACE

- **8 A.M.** the day of your trip for breakfast in the main kitchen. Camping at our South Fork Campground the night prior to your trip, is included in the cost of the trip.
- **6500 Highway 49, Coloma**, about 50 min. east of Sacramento heading toward South Lake Tahoe; about 3 hours from the Bay Area, about 45 minutes west of Auburn, 2.5 hours west of Reno and North Lake Tahoe, two hours from South Lake Tahoe heading toward Placerville and Sacramento.

### TRIP ITINERARY

**Friday Night:** Camping is provided at our South Fork base-camp; we have reserved THE SWIMMING HOLE for Friday night's camping. Arrive anytime after 5 P.M.

**Saturday:** Breakfast in the main kitchen area at 8 A.M. (coffee is ready by 7:30 A.M.). Have your gear already packed when you come for breakfast. You will pack your overnight gear in waterproof bags which we will give to you the evening prior. 9 A.M. gather for orientation and safety information; and about 9:30 A.M. we board the Mariah vehicles and drive the 40 minutes to the top of the river, Chili Bar. Here, you will receive your paddle and life jacket. We launch our boats, practice paddling skills with our guides, and head for some easy rapids which help us increase our confidence. We raft about 6 miles through lots of Class II+ and III rapids.

We stop for a delicious lunch along the river, and then paddle our boats past the Marshall Gold State Park, under the Hwy 49-bridge, past the Mariah Campground, and on to our wilderness site, Buccaneer's Bay. Our overnight gear will have already arrived. We settle in to enjoy a beautiful late afternoon, evening, dutch-oven prepared dinner, and a night camping under billions of stars.

**Sunday:** We remain at Buccaneer's Bay most of the morning; we have lunch, and then we board our boats and raft the entire Gorge. We return to the Mariah Campground around 3 P.M. with time to enjoy a hot shower and view your river photos. You will be ready to head for home about 4 P.M.

## CAMPING AT OUR SOUTH FORK AMERICAN CAMPSITE THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR TRIP

**Friday Night:** Camping at our main, base-camp, South Fork Campground the night prior to your trip is included. There will be other groups of Mariah customers camping at this camp--men, women, families. We have reserved THE SWIMMING HOLE camp area for this special women's trip. You may come into camp anytime **after 5 P.M.**, set up your campsite, and enjoy the evening. If you have rented tents, pads, and/or sleep kits from us, they will have already been set up for you at the Swimming Hole. Dinner the night prior is not included. You may wish to eat before reaching camp.

**Saturday Breakfast** will be in our main camp in a co-ed environment. **Camping Saturday night** will be at Buccaneer's Bay in an entirely all-women environment. If you have rented one of tents, we will pack it for you Saturday morning. Your slide show will be back at our main, base-camp at the end of your trip.

### WHAT TO BRING

**SINCE WE WILL BE BOATING ALL OF OUR GEAR IN TO BUCCANEER'S BAY (SAT NIGHT CAMPING), YOU WILL NEED TO PACK VERY LIGHT- NO PERSONAL ICE CHESTS. WE WILL PROVIDE A SMALL AMOUNT OF BEER AND WINE. YOU MAY BRING A SMALL AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL ALCOHOL, HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE NO WAY TO KEEP IT COLD.**

#### WHAT TO BRING- ON-RIVER

- SHORTS/SWIMSUIT
- T-SHIRT\* FOR SUN PROTECTION
- SHOES THAT FIT SECURELY ON YOUR FEET, SUCH AS:
  - TENNIS SHOES. (SANDALS MUST FIT SECURELY; TEVAS WITH VELCRO STRAPS CAN OFTEN COME LOOSE AND SLIP OFF.)
- HAT\* OR VISOR\*
- SUNSCREEN\*
- SUNGLASSES\* AND CHUMS\*
- CAMERA: DISPOSABLE\* WATER-PROOF (OPTIONAL)

#### FOR CAMP

- CHANGE OF DRY CLOTHES
- DRY SHOES AND SOCKS
- WOOL SWEATER OR FLEECE JACKET
- SWEAT PANTS OR FLEECE PANTS
- TOILETRIES & TOWEL
- FLASHLIGHT
- INSECT REPELLENT
- SLEEPING BAG & PAD (RENTALS AVAILABLE)
- TENT (2-PAX RENTALS AVAILABLE)
- GROUND CLOTH

#### AVAILABLE TO RENT

- TENTS (2-PAX TENTS - WE PUT THEM UP)
- SLEEPING PAD(4" THICK)
- SLEEPING BAG (W/LINER)

### PHOTOS & GRATUITIES

At the end of the trip, you will have the chance to view and purchase photos of your paddle boat running the rapids on the South Fork--a wonderful reminder of your exciting day with Mariah Wilderness Expeditions on the river.

We are frequently asked if it is customary to tip the guides. Our guides' goal is to provide you with a fun and safe river trip. The guides do not expect a tip. However, they enjoy a token of your appreciation for a job especially well-done. A popular gesture seems to be for each crew member to present their guide with around \$10-\$20 per day, per rafter at the end of your trip.

### FOR YOUR SAFETY

Mariah Wilderness Expeditions has an excellent record of providing safe and fun river adventures. While most of our trips are not strenuous, they can be a dramatic change in routine and do involve some risk. We take many safety precautions and ask you to respond to

### SOUTH FORK NOTICE

The South Fork of the American River in its natural state would not normally have sufficient flows during the summer season to support rafting as it is known today. Adequate flows for rafting result from releases from hydroelectric facilities located at Chili Bar and above. These releases are made for power generation and are not subject to the control of the County of El Dorado or commercial rafting

### CANCELLATION & REFUND

Due to our limited trip sizes, we turn away others once your reservation has been submitted. If you must cancel your trip, please notify us as soon as possible. Upon receipt of written notice 31 days or more prior to your launch date, you will receive a full refund less your per person deposit. Any cancellation made within 30 days of the trip will not be eligible for a refund. You may, however, substitute another person without penalty.

We reserve the right to cancel a trip due to weather, water conditions, or other good cause beyond our control. Should this occur, your trip fees will be fully credited towards another trip. All refunds and credits shall be limited to amounts actually paid to Mariah Wilderness Expeditions.

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