

# NEW RIVER TREK

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*Discover The Grandeur Of One Of The World's Oldest Rivers In The Heart Of West Virginia's Appalachian Mountains.*

**T**he New River cuts deep into the heart of the Appalachian Mountains. Its long history spans the hunting and foraging of Native Americans, the fur trapping of early frontiersman, and the raw strength and determination of the coal miners and railroad workers who sought to tame its rugged beauty.

More recently, outdoor enthusiasts have flocked to the New River to enjoy a myriad of outdoor adventures and admire the natural beauty of the New River Gorge. The New River Gorge boasts outstanding whitewater rapids (Class I to V), extensive world-class climbing opportunities, fishing, hiking, mountain biking and more.

But it is more than just an adventure destination; it is an important ecosystem that contains diverse wildlife habitats, continuous forest systems, and diverse plant life. Visitors experience nature up close.

And of course, the New River Gorge is culturally significant as a reminder of our national Coal Heritage. At one time, the Gorge was dotted with small coal camps and towns. Visit their remnants today and come to understand the strength and character of the men and women whose hard work and determination helped shape our country.

We invite you to come enjoy a river voyage through the historically, culturally, ecologically significant New River Gorge. Paddle, camp, fish, and enjoy all that it has to offer to the next generation of rugged individuals willing to match their mettle against one of the world's rugged natural wonders.



## SAMPLE 50-MILER ITINERARY

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| DAY 1 | Arrival/ Shakedown/Camp @ Christen HAB Base Camp.  |
| DAY 2 | Portage Day. Put in at Helem's Beach. Portage Sandstone Falls. Camp @ Meadow Creek. (10 mi)  |
| DAY 3 | Ironman Day. Paddle Meadow Creek to Criddle Beach. (17 mi)   |
| DAY 4 | Waterfall Day. Paddle Criddle to Dowdy Creek. Hike Dowdy Waterfall. Paddle Dowdy Creek to Stone Cliff. (9 mi)                        |
| DAY 5 | Service Day. Paddle to Dun Glen. Service Project and Tour of Thurmond Ghost Town. Paddle to Cunard and camp @ River Run Park. (8 mi) |
| DAY 6 | Whitewater Day. Raft from Cunard to Teay's Landing. Return to Christen HAB Base Camp (8 mi)  |
| DAY 7 | Departure Day  |

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# PAUL R. CHRISTEN NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE BASE



## TRIP OVERVIEW

This is a 50-mile paddle trip on the New River. You will navigate the upper portion of the river in inflatable kayaks (one or two-man) called "duckies". This portion of the river includes Class I to III rapids. The final whitewater day in the Lower Canyon is a rafting experience and includes Class III to V rapids.

Crews camp along the river through the New River Gorge. A gear boat (raft) accompanies the group to transport gear and food.

Please note that in exceptionally high water, the entire trip may be conducted in rafts.

## ELIGIBILITY

Registered Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Venturers **who are at least 14 years old**; and their registered leaders

## SKILL LEVEL

Participants must successfully complete the BSA Swimmer test. We recommend that participants have completed the Kayaking Merit Badge or have equivalent knowledge and skill.

## FORMS

The following forms are required for participation: BSA Annual Health & Medical Record (Parts A-D), Summit Waiver, Whitewater Waiver.

## FISHING

If you want to fish during your trip, you must purchase a West Virginia fishing license at [www.wvfish.com](http://www.wvfish.com). Fishing equipment will be available for your use. Youth under 15 years of age may fish without a license.

## DATES (July 18, 2020 - July 25, 2020)

Travel to New River Gorge on Saturday July 18

Trek: Sunday July 19 to Saturday July 25

Return home late evening Saturday July 25.

**COST** \$1250 A \$250 non-refundable deposit required to confirm your reservation; Payment schedule: \$250 deposit upon confirming registration; \$500 due on 11/1/2019; balance due by 3/1/2020. Transportation, meals, 2 tech shirts, and patches included in cost.

**RESERVATIONS - LIMITED to first SIX (6) YOUTH placing a deposit. Interested adult leaders should contact Trek Advisor below for consideration.**

Reservations for this program can be made through council office 706-733-5277

For more information, email questions to Trek Advisor: Rich Baker, [rebakersr@comcast.net](mailto:rebakersr@comcast.net) (803) 270-0343

## GEAR LIST

### FOR LAND

- Sleeping Bag
- Compact Sleeping Pad\*
- Simple toiletries
- Towel
- Camp clothes
- Camp shoes
- Sweater/Light Jacket Long sleeve shirt
- Rain Gear

### FOR WATER

- Swimwear
- Closed-toe shoes
- Sunscreen
- Medication
- Waterproof camera\* Hat
- Sunglasses w/strap Water bottle w/locking carabiner

\*Optional but highly recommended

All land gear must fit into a 6500 cubic inch drybag provided by SBR.

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