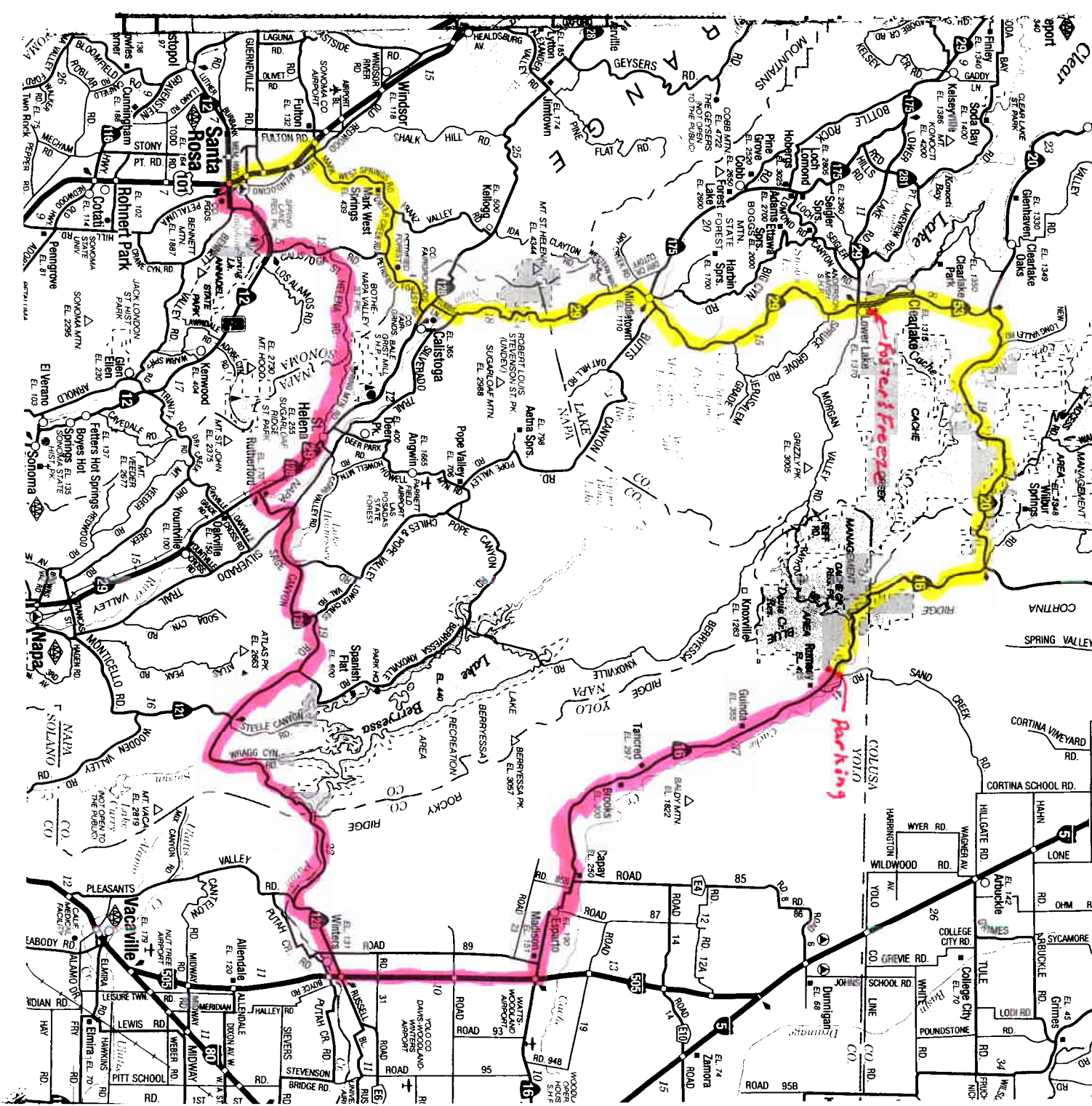


Whitewater rafting trip checklist

Many of these items came directly from the Whitewater Adventure's information brochure. Others have been added from experience. Be aware that **you** have to carry what you bring along a trail to the campsite we stake out at the campground. I recommend that you travel light.

1. Drivers license for trip/camper confirmation
2. Sleeping bag (label with duct tape or unique ID – the gear is loaded into a bus or truck, taken to the campground, and piled together on tarps at the campground. You will need to identify your stuff.)
3. One large duffle bag for all your stuff (label)
4. Optional: tent or ground cloth (label)
5. Air mattress or camping bag pad to sleep on.
6. Change of clothes.
7. Swim shorts/suit.
8. Rafting attire: shorts, swim suit, T-shirt, Texas (see River shoes below)
9. Optional: Warm layers of clothing – e.g. polypropylene underwear (This is for staying warm when wet. One year was unseasonably cold. Check the weather forecast to make your decision. Stay away from cotton because it is cold when wet.)
10. Optional: Wool sweater.
11. Optional: Wool cap
12. Optional: Wool socks
13. River shoes: Tennis shoes that lace tightly or rugged sandals with secure straps (**STRICTLY** enforced). Note: You will want shoes that can be wet all day and protect your feet from rocks. Aqua socks or neoprene booties work well.
14. Optional: Dry bag to keep stuff dry on the raft.
15. Loud Hawaiian attire (and ability to dance) for party at the campground. The best Hawaiian costume (and attitude) wins a free rafting trip from the rafting company.
16. Dry shoes and clothes for the campground.
17. Optional: hat with strap or floats attached (Hey, you can fall in the water and things sink.)
18. Optional: Sunglasses with strap or floats. (same reason)
19. Sunscreen/long sleeve shirt or other sun avoiding attire.
20. Flashlight.
21. Optional: Small plastic (NO STYROFOAM) ice chest with drinks for the raft (label it and have some means to secure the lid so that when you dump the cooler contents stay with the cooler). NO ALCOHOL while rafting.
22. Drinks: water (Judy provides each of us with two bottles. Do not forget to get them from her), Gatorade, etc. Pop is not recommended. NO GLASS. Plastic or cans only.
23. Windbreaker, pants for the campground. (The temperature can become chilly after the sun sets.)
24. No radios or boom boxes.
25. Optional: squirt gun
26. Optional: old towel for wiping off.
27. Optional: Waterproof (disposable) camera.
28. Money – Gas (\$10.00), ice cream at very short portage point and on trip home, souvenirs (pictures, t-shirts), bribes, etc.
29. Optional: Contact phone number for emergencies.



Cache Creek Rafting Trip – Directions

Route 1:

- Hwy 12 heading east
- Calistoga Road - turn left onto
- St. Helena Road - turn right onto
- St. Helena Road becomes Spring Mountain Road
- Hwy 128 & 29 - turn right onto (south). *go approximately 4.5 mi.*
- Hwy 128-turn left onto (east). *Stay on Hwy 128 past Lake Berryessa*
- I-505 - turn left (north)
- Hwy 16 - exit I-505, turn left onto (west)
- Stay on Hwy 16 through Brooks, Tancred, Guinda and Rumsey
- 1 mile north of Rumsey – park in the Blue Ridge site parking lot on the right.
- *Look for a gravel parking area on the left and for another gravel parking area on the right and below Hwy 16. (This lot will have an old lodge building, porta-potties and busses) Park in the lot for the Blue Ridge site.*
- ❖ Note: The rafting outfitter is Whitewater Adventures and their telephone number is 707-257-4444.

Route 2:

- Hwy 101 heading north
- Mark Springs Road - exit, turn right onto (east)
- Mark Springs Road becomes Porter Creek Road. *Stay right*
- Petrified Forest Road - veer left onto
- Hwy 128 - turn left onto (north). *Short distance to next turn.*
- Tubbs Lane - turn right onto (east)
- Hwy 29 - turn left onto (north)
- Hwy 53 - stay straight. *Name change for highway occurs at intersection of Morgan Valley Road and Lower Lake Road*
- Hwy 20 - turn right onto (east)
- Hwy 16 - turn right onto (south)
- Look for Rayhouse Road on the right - reference point
- Approximately 4 mi. south of Rayhouse Road is the Blue Ridge site parking area on the left.
- *Look for a gravel parking area on the right and for another gravel parking area on the left and below Hwy 16. (This lot will have an old lodge building, porta-potties and busses) Park in the lot for the Blue Ridge site.*
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Note: Morgan Valley Road and Rayhouse Road is not a shortcut to the Whitewater Adventures parking areas unless you are driving an all terrain vehicle and have an extra hour of travel time. If the unmarked turn for Rayhouse Road is missed, then your destination becomes Lake Berryessa instead of the rafting parking site.