

NEW RIVER TREK



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SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE



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. Fishing equipment will be available for your use. Youth under 15 years of age may fish without a license.

SAMPLE 50-MILER ITINERARY

- DAY 1 Arrival/ Shakedown
- DAY 2 Put in near Sandstone. Camp @ Meadow Creek
- DAY 3 Ironman Day. Paddle Meadow Creek to Criddle Beach. (17 mi)
- DAY 4 Waterfall Day. 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 (8mi)
- DAY 7 Departure Day

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 caribiner

*Optional

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

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