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In Response to Coronavirus Concerns, Adventures on the Gorge Eliminates Deadline to Purchase 2020 Rafting Passes

FAYETTEVILLE, W.Va., March 9, 2020 - Understandable concerns about booking travel during the fast-moving coronavirus crisis have prompted Southern West Virginia's [Adventures on the Gorge](#), one of the country's leading adventure resorts, to eliminate the deadline for purchasing online [rafting passes](#). The passes previously had a book-by date of March 31, and they can now be purchased and used anytime throughout the 2020 season.

Passes are \$109, and they can be used for a variety of rafting trips on the New and Gauley rivers. A rafting pass is like an insurance policy. If plans change due to health, weather or any other concerns, rafters can simply choose a different time to visit. Once purchased, rafters need only choose the day and make reservations 48 hours in advance.



Rafting trips for all skill levels are available.

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Wilson noted that most guests travel by car on West Virginia’s famous country roads to get to the rural resort. Air travelers fly to Charleston, W. Va.’s Yeager Airport (CRW), which is about a 70-minute drive from the resort. “Car travel will be popular this summer, and this is a fun, scenic and inspirational destination for road-trippers,” he said.

New River rafting is generally available daily from April 1 through Oct. 1, and Gauley River rafting begins in mid-May and ends in the fall at the conclusion of Gauley Season.

The passes are not valid for Saturdays on the Gauley during September, and a \$15 upgrade charge will be applied for Saturday New River trips June 20-August 8, 2020.

The passes are not transferrable, but they may be purchased as gifts.

Rafting the New River

The intensity of the whitewater depends on the time of the year. The New River includes [Lower](#) and [Upper](#) sections. On the Lower New River, there is often big whitewater in the spring and early summer with intermittent long, calm pools for swimming and floating. The Upper New River is much calmer throughout the season, making this section a good choice for families with children as young as six.

Rafting the Gauley River

Adventures on the Gorge also offers [Gauley River](#) rafting trips beginning in mid-May. During a wet year, paddlers can count on intense, technically challenging whitewater during the spring. As summer approaches, there are typical trends in the amount of flow resulting in tighter channels of water, steeper drops and the use of a variety of boats includes duckies and smaller rafts.

During the fall, however, the river is transformed during “Gauley Season” when Summersville Dam schedules weekends-only releases of water into the river to create some of the biggest whitewater found anywhere in the world.

More Activities

Aerial adventures, rock climbing/rappelling, lake adventures, guided hiking, mountain biking, paintball and stand-up paddle boarding (SUP) are available as well.

AOTG also offers a variety of [cabins](#) as well as [pre-paid meal plans](#). To book adventures, accommodations or packages, call 1-855-379-8738.

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What to know about Adventures on the Gorge



Named one of the top six adventure resorts in the country by [U.S. News & World Report](#), Adventures on the Gorge is located on more than 250 acres along the rim of the majestic New River Gorge near Fayetteville, W.Va. The resort provides an array of outdoor experiences including whitewater rafting on the New and Gauley Rivers, aerial adventures, rock climbing, rappelling, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, fishing, mountain biking and hiking. There are also restaurants, bars and shops as well as a small-group conference center. Visitors can choose from a variety of [accommodations](#) and [vacation packages](#).

Travelers can find out more about Adventures on the Gorge [online](#), by calling 1-855-379-8738, or connecting on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Google+](#), [TripAdvisor](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#) and signing up for AOTG [e-newsletter](#).

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