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Gauley Season occurs in September and October when water is released from Summersville Lake.



The New River made West Virginia rafting famous starting in the 1960s.

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Adventures on the Gorge is Getting Ready for Gauley Season

FAYETTEVILLE, W. Va. July 21, 2020 - In Southern West Virginia there are two things the locals can always count on: The Gauley River will flow at 2,800 cubic feet per second on weekends in September and October, and the excitement level of rafters will be off the charts.

Blessed with two of the world's best rivers for whitewater rafting, the region attracts adrenaline junkies seeking - and usually finding - the perfect rapid. Every fall "[Gauley Season](#)" occurs when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers draws water from Summersville Lake and releases the torrents into the Gauley River. On these days, the river features the best whitewater in the world.



The Gauley Overnight features two days of rafting and a night of riverside camping.

“Right now, predictability is a precious commodity,” said Roger Wilson, chief executive officer of [Adventures on the Gorge](#) (AOTG), the state’s largest outfitter and adventure resort. “Our guides and customers alike are finding comfort as they escape to the river.”

Gauley rafting is broken down into two sections - the Upper and Lower. The Upper Gauley starts just below Summersville Dam and drops more than 335 feet in fewer than 13 miles, creating the most intense whitewater on the river and one of the most challenging whitewater experiences in the world. The 12-mile Lower Gauley is slightly less intense, but still extremely challenging, with 70 rapids including Class Vs with ominous names like “Heaven’s Gate” and “Pure Screaming Hell.”

In addition to a straightforward trip on either the Upper or Lower Gauley, Adventures on the Gorge offers several options for rafting during Gauley Season:

The Gauley River Marathon. Comprised of both the Upper and Lower portions in one day, this trip translates roughly to the length of a runner’s marathon.

The Reverse 2-day. Some people will raft both sections in two days by running the Lower section first followed by the Upper the next day.

The Deluxe Overnight. After a day on the Upper Gauley, rafters will stop at Canyon Doors campground for the night where they will unwind with a hot shower, wood-fired hot tub and dinner prepared by an expedition chef.

The Double Upper Gauley. Those seeking the most thrills will book and take on the biggest waves twice in one day.

The Gaudiathon. With eight trips in four days on the [Upper Gauley](#), this trip is for rafters who simply cannot get their fill.

The resort also offers a variety of accommodations including freestanding cabins and campgrounds. There are other adventures too, including [rafting on the New River](#), [TreeTops Zipline](#), [Bridgewalk](#), [rock climbing](#), [TimberTrek](#) and more.

Guests may add on cabins, camping, pre-paid meal plans and other adventures.

For more information on these and other activities, visit the website or connect with the resort on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [TripAdvisor](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#) and by signing up for AOTG [e-newsletter](#).

Reservations can be made [online](#) or by calling 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](#).



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