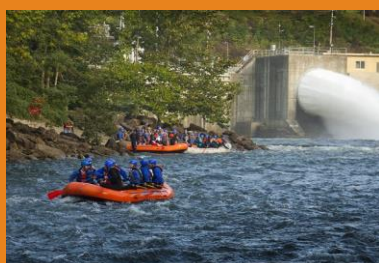




FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



The Upper Gauley starts just below Summersville Dam.

A Fluid Situation: Adventures on the Gorge Offers “Best Run of the Day” Option; Resort Monitors Water Levels and Chooses for Whitewater Rafters

FAYETTEVILLE, W. Va., March 11, 2022 - Guests of [Adventures on the Gorge](#) (AOTG), West Virginia’s leading rafting outfitter, now have the option of letting the guides and trip leaders decide which run to take.

The “[Best Run of the Day](#)” is available every day of the week except Saturday for moderate to adventurous rafters over the age of 15.

“We are fortunate to have two of the best rivers in the world for whitewater rafting,” said Roger Wilson, CEO. “Because the New and Gauley Rivers also have distinct personalities that can change a rafting



The Lower New River is the most popular run in the state.



The Gauley River features 97 named rapids.

experience from day to day, rafters can sign up for a trip and let us choose the trip.”

Most spring rafting occurs on the New River while the Gauley River rafting is less predictable in spring as flows are dependent upon sporadic water releases from Summersville Lake. Water levels on the New River are dependent upon rainfall to the south - mainly in North Carolina - which makes its way north to New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

Abundant rainfall also accumulates in wetlands - or glades - 3,000 to 4,000 feet above the rivers.

Throughout spring and summer, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers controls Gauley River flows by releasing water from Summersville Lake.

On any given day, the best run could be the well-known Upper Gauley, Middle Gauley, Lower Gauley, Upper New or Lower New as well as the less-frequently run Dries on the New River, the Cherry or the Middle Meadow River.

The Dries refers to the section of the New River just below the Hawk’s Nest Dam. The Cherry is a tributary of the Gauley featuring Class III rapids. The Meadow River is also a Gauley tributary and features rapids topping out at Class IV.

Here’s what spring rafting looks like on the New and Gauley Rivers:

Rafting the New River

The New River includes [Lower](#) and [Upper](#) sections. Rafting on the Lower New River features complex currents and rapids up to Class V. There is typically big whitewater in the spring and early summer with intermittent long, calm pools for swimming and floating.

Rafting on the Upper New River begins in mid-May and 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 offers [Gauley River](#) rafting trips beginning in mid-May, but the frequency of water releases varies. Unlike the New River, the biggest waves occur on the Upper section, roughly 12-13 miles starting just below Summersville Dam. The Lower Gauley is also 12-13 miles long with a handful fewer rapids. The Gauley River is comprised of 97 named rapids - including nine Class V - spread out over just 25 miles.

Reservations can be made [online](#) or by calling 1-855-379-8738.

For more information about accommodations and 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](#).

###

What to know about Adventures on the Gorge

Named one of the top adventure resorts in the country by [U.S. News & World Report](#), Adventures on the Gorge is located on more than 350 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](#).

Media Links (please credit Adventures on the Gorge)

Video:

[Scenic spring summer](#)

[Scenic fall winter](#)

[Rafting](#)

[Adventures on the Gorge](#)

[New River Gorge Bridge](#)

Photos:

[360 Tours](#)

[Rafting](#)

[Rock climbing](#)

[Fishing](#)

[Hiking](#)

[Scenics](#)

Related hashtags:

#AdventuresOnTheGorge

#AlmostHeaven

#VisitWV

#NewRiverNPS

#OnTheGorge

Media contact:

Mesereau Travel Public Relations

mona@mesereaupr.com

tom@mesereaupr.com