



Spring rafting on the Lower New River can feature big water.

# Wild Water Ahead; Spring Rafting Season Kicks Off in April with Exciting Whitewater and Great Spring Break Deals at Adventures on the Gorge

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FAYETTEVILLE, W. Va., February 7, 2023 - For travelers who like their adventures on the wild side and spring vacations affordable, <u>Adventures</u> on the <u>Gorge</u> is the place to be this spring.

Situated adjacent to the <u>New River Gorge National Park and Preserve</u>, Adventures on the Gorge is one of the world's first resort destinations dedicated entirely to adventure, with more than two dozen different land, aerial and water adventures from which to choose. And with snowmelt and spring rains, spring-season rafting on the New River can mean huge waves, complex currents and Class IV rapids.

"Spring brings some of the most intense whitewater available anywhere in the East," said Roger Wilson, CEO of Adventures on the Gorge. "And the freshness of spring is evident other places as well, as the trees of the



Rafting the Upper New River gets going after Memorial Day.

Eastern Hemlock forests awaken, the spring wildflowers emerge and birds are migrating."

# **Rafting the New River**

The intensity of the whitewater depends on the time of the year, and early-season rafters are attracted by the big waves, big holes and fastrunning waters that mark spring on the New River.

The New River includes <u>Lower</u> and <u>Upper</u> sections. On the Lower New River, there is typically big whitewater in the spring and early summer with intermittent long, calm pools for swimming and floating.

Rafting prices vary according to season and day of the week.

# Rafting the Gauley River

Rafting on the Gauley River depends largely on rainfall as well as the amount of water that accumulates in wetlands - or glades - 3,000 to 4,000 feet above the river. During a particularly 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 including duckies and smaller rafts.

While Adventures on the Gorge offers <u>Gauley River</u> rafting trips beginning in mid-May, the availability of Gauley rafting trips is dependent on current water conditions and is not guaranteed. For that reason, spring breakers who desire a Gauley rafting experience must sign up for the "<u>Best Run of</u> <u>the Day</u>." Rafting guides evaluate water conditions every morning prior to trip launches and decide which river and section will provide rafters with the best paddling experience on any given day. Best runs can include 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.

#### **Other Adventures**

Other popular adventures for spring breakers include <u>TreeTops Canopy</u> <u>Zipline Tour</u>, <u>Bridgewalk</u>, guided <u>rock climbing</u>, guided <u>hiking</u> and <u>mountain biking</u>.

#### The deals

One of the best deals for April spring-breakers is half off <u>all lodging</u> through the end of the month.

The resort also offers a variety of money-saving <u>vacation packages</u>. The <u>Explore the Gorge</u> package, for example, is a customizable almost allinclusive package including choice of adventures, restaurant meals and lodging. Adventures on the Gorge adventure specialists can help vacationers put together just the right vacation for their groups.

The resort also offers packages for guests to combine adventures. For example, <u>here's one</u> that combines rafting the Upper New River one day and rock climbing and rappelling the next day.

### Lodging and more

There are numerous <u>lodging options</u> including deluxe cabins with multiple bedrooms and private hot tubs and bunkhouse-style cabins - great for larger groups - with multiple beds in a sleeping loft. The resort also features restaurants, bars and shops, hiking trails, overlooks and oncampus adventures like a disc golf course and laser tag course.

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About Adventures on the Gorge

Established in 2007, Adventures on the Gorge is one of the world's first adventure resorts. Located on more than 250 acres adjacent to the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, the resort offers more than two dozen outdoor adventures including whitewater rafting on the New and Gauley Rivers, aerial adventures, rock climbing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, fishing, mountain biking and hiking. The resort features an array of lodging choices including deluxe multi-bedroom <u>rental homes</u> and <u>cabins, hotel-style</u> cabins, <u>bunkhouse</u> cabins, <u>rustic</u> cabins, <u>glamping</u> tents, <u>RV sites</u> and <u>campgrounds</u>. In addition, the resort offers <u>restaurants</u>, <u>shops</u>, a <u>conference center</u> and a variety of <u>vacation</u> <u>packages</u>.

For more information, visit the <u>website</u> or connect with the resort on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>TripAdvisor</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, <u>TikTok</u> and <u>Vimeo</u> and by signing up for AOTG <u>e-newsletter</u>.

Reservations can be made <u>online</u> or by calling 1-855-379-8738. <u>Video and Photos</u> Hashtags: #AdventuresOnTheGorge @OnTheGorge #AlmostHeaven #VisitWV #newrivergorgenationalpark #NewRiverNPS

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