

# KSC Whitewater Rafting Trip

## July 17, 2021

Hello fellow outdoor enthusiasts! Once again, the KSC is going rafting on the Upper New River. Put the date on your calendar and plan to join in the fun. We will be rafting a relatively easy section of the New River from McCreery to Stonecliff (Class II/II+). Tom and Bridget (and friends) will provide the raft(s) and gear (helmets, paddles, PFDs). All you have to bring is a bag lunch/snack for the river and your love of adventure. Some details:

1. The activity is FREE (other than gas to get to/from the event + cost of bag lunch + dinner out if you so choose).
2. The trip will be on the upper New River (not the New River Gorge) from McCreery to Stonecliff. It is a "mild" whitewater section consisting of about 20 Class II - II+ rapids over about 11 river miles. The trip is pretty much appropriate for all skill levels as long as you can physically get to and into the raft and hold yourself upright and in the boat.
3. The trip will take about 4-5 hours on the river (includes a lunch stop) plus another hour before and an hour after to set up and "shuttle" cars and drivers around. Plus, it will take about 1:15 to get to the river (from Charleston) and the same to get back to Charleston at the end of the day. Plan on a 10-hour day!
4. We will mostly ride in paddle rafts - each person with a paddle. We will also bring a rowed raft for 2-5 folks to simply ride on (while Bridget rows) if we have folks interested in that option. We will also have a "ducky" or two (individual inflatable kayaks) and perhaps a Standup Paddleboard for anyone more adventurous.
5. We will stop for lunch on the river. Bring a bag lunch and a drink or two. We will have a large cooler to carry the lunches in.
6. After the river trip, you (or the group) can stop for dinner on the way home if you like. There are several nice options in the area (Hot Spot, Pies 'n Pints, Ernie's Rib Pit to name a few).
7. What to wear: Swim suit (or anything you are comfortable swimming in), Tennis shoes/sandals/water shoes. We will provide life jackets and helmets.
8. What to bring: bag lunch, drink(s), dry clothes for after the trip, sunscreen.
9. When and Where: We will meet at the "Little General" Exxon station at Glen Jean, WV (on Rt 19, just south of Oak Hill) at 10:30am. We will shuttle cars and people around and will target getting on the water by noon. To get to Glen Jean, take the turnpike (I-77) south from Charleston. Get off at the Mossy exit (Exit 60). At the bottom of the exit, turn left, go about 1/10 mile and turn right at the Stop sign. Go about 5 miles and turn right at the next stop sign at Whipple. In about 2 miles, turn right again at the stop sign. The Exxon is then at the top of the hill on the left.

Please let me know (call or text [3045410622](tel:3045410622), or email [connellytj@msn.com](mailto:connellytj@msn.com) to let us know your desire to join us or for more information.

Note that the trip could be cancelled (or rescheduled?) for bad weather or high river water levels