



**Dear Trip Leader,**  
**Thank you for choosing the Paddle Inn Rafting Company for your White Water Rafting Adventure on the Nantahala River! We are confident that your outing will be a great success, and you, and your group will have a fantastic time!**

The management and staff at Paddle Inn Rafting are committed to giving you a safe, informative and positive whitewater rafting experience. With the best rates on the river, we have and continue to build a business with satisfied and returning customers. We offer discounted rates for groups that vary with group size. Give us a call with the approximate size of your group, and the dates you will be planning on attending and we will work out the best rates for your group.

It is part of our goal to make your job as "group leader" as efficient and easy as possible. This information packet is designed to help you organize and inform your group. Included in this packet is a leader's check list, a group sign up sheet, directions, and a liability waiver form (All participants must sign a waiver. Any participants under the age of 18, must have a form filled out with the Parental/Guardian signature of approval. The Nantahala is a dam controlled river and its water temperatures average 48\*-55\* year round. It is world renowned for its class I, II and III rapids. Olympic contestants from around the World come here to train and fine-tune their skills. Our Trips run Rain or Shine. You are going to get wet either way! We have a full line of cold weather and splash gear for your early or late season trips. In the summer months, T-shirts and shorts with water safe shoes work great. Remember, the water is cold and you are going to get splashed. Changing rooms and warm showers are provided for you when you return to the Outpost.

We believe that your drive to us will be the most dangerous part of your trip, so be safe on the road, and follow our directions once you get close enough to use them. When you arrive, you will be provided with a comprehensive safety briefing and general river instruction along with tips and suggestions designed to make your trip here a pleasure. You will be provided with all of the equipment you will need for your trip on the river, along with a shuttle to and from the River.

We are permitted by the USDA Forest Service, which has rules and regulations that must be followed for everyone's Safety. The minimum requirement on the Nantahala River is 60 lbs, or at least 7 years of age. Alcohol and/or Drugs are Absolutely Prohibited, and if you are suspected as being under the influence, your trip will be canceled without a refund. We are serious about your Safety. We suggest that you not take food on the river. Your actual river trip will be two hours, and you'll be having too much fun to think about being hungry. Also, food items generally have wrappers that get dropped in obvious places. Please help us keep our river clean. If you bring water bottles, please bring a string along which can be tied to the raft in an area that will not interfere with your safety. Across from our Outpost, there is a picnic area available near the river for you to enjoy a snack, either before or after your trip. There are several good facilities in the area to board your pet. Pets are not allowed in the rafts!

If you would like a picnic or box lunch provided with your trip, we can accommodate you. Reservations for catered lunches must be made in advance. Pizza and BarBQ are very close. Group reservations require a 50% deposit to reserve your slot, and full payment is due 14 days prior to your event. Our cancellation policy is:

*Cancellations up to 14 days prior to trip date – 100% Refund*

*Cancellations 7-13 days prior to trip date – 50% Refund*

*Cancellations less than 7 days prior to trip date – No Refund*

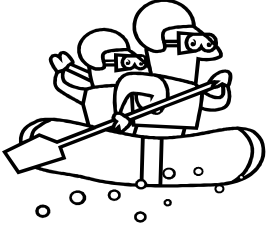
If you have additional participants, let us know as soon as possible. We usually can accommodate additional rafters. Guided trips usually require additional notice.

Have more questions, don't hesitate to call and ask us.

Good, reliable customer service is our goal. We are here to serve you.

Thank you again for your interest and we look forward to seeing you on the river

God Bless You All,  
Paddle Inn Rafting Company  
14611 Highway 19 West  
Bryson City, N.C. 28713  
1-800-711-RAFT or 828-488-9651



## GROUP LEADERS CHECK LIST

Call Paddle Inn Rafting and reserve a date, time, and approximate number of rafters in your group. Credit card commitment of 50% is due to hold the reservation. Payment in full should be received 14 days or more prior to event. \*

Post a trip sign-up sheet with a deadline for sign-ups and payment collection.

Collect full amount of money from everyone who signed up. This makes them Accountable for their own spot on the trip. This will also alleviate problems associated with the logistics of someone canceling at the last minute.

Collect signed Waiver/Liability forms for each person. Remind the parents of minors To sign as legal guardians for minor participants.

Call Paddle Inn with any adjustments to the group size, and ask any questions \*

Before 14 days prior to trip, double check with everyone who signed up, and call Paddle Inn Rafting with any cancellations for a 100% refund

More than 7 to 13 days prior to trip, check with everyone again, and call Paddle Inn with any cancellations for a 50% refund.

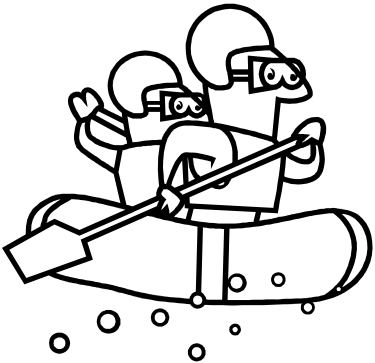
At anytime prior to trip date, call Paddle Inn with additional reservations. Guided trips may require additional resources, so contact us as soon as possible with additions.

Present all liability waivers and consent forms to Paddle Inn the day of trip. Please be organized. When you present your group, it uses less of our resources, and you'll be on the river much faster than if we have to gather them ourselves. This is how we can afford to give you such great group rates.

**\* You are responsible for your reservation commitments, as we are responsible to you for your reservations. Be prepared to pay for your commitments. If you choose not to collect the funds (up front) for your trip as we suggest, and you show up with less than you committed to, you will still incur the committed rates per person for the number of reservations you made. Often a reservation for others is denied or delayed to handle your group properly.**

### TIPS:

- If possible, plan your trip on a day other than Saturday, this allows lower rates and saves your group money. The river tends to be less crowded Sunday-Friday. Pre-Season and Post-Season trips are great, and very reasonable.
- Do not make a reservation for anyone who doesn't give you his or her money. This relieves you from their financial commitment.
- Have everyone pay you in full when they sign up. For GROUP DISCOUNTS to apply, you will need to make one final payment in full to Paddle Inn at least 14 days prior to your trip.
- We have picnic facilities right on the river for your groups convenience.
- Ask us for camping and cabin facilities nearby, or see the links page



# Whitewater Rafting on the Nantahala River Sign up Now!!!!

TRIP DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

COST PER PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ PAYMENT DUE BY: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>PAID</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
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# Directions to the Paddle Inn Rafting Co. Outpost

**ENTERING FROM THE EAST:** From Asheville, travel West on I-40 to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park exit #27 which is Hwy 74 West. After taking this exit, choose Hwy 23/74 toward Waynesville and Sylva. DO NOT take Hwy 19 as it would add a lot of slow mountain driving. Drive past Sylva, Cherokee and Bryson City remaining on Hwy 74 (Great Smoky Mt. Expressway). Continue West on (Highway 74), pass Bryson City about 10 miles. Prepare to bear left as the highway splits and narrows to a two lane road. Continue West on the two lane road. You will come to a Convenience Store on the left and the road makes a sharp right curve. Continue traveling west about 2 miles and you will see on the left a Peanut-Apple Cider stand. Slow down.... look for the 4 x 8' Paddle Inn sign on your right (which will be the campground) and across the street on the left will be the Rafting and Campground check in..

**ENTERING FROM THE WEST:** Coming from the Southwest stay in the center or left lane through Chattanooga. Leaving Chattanooga, travel North on I-75 toward Knoxville. Take the first Cleveland Exit #20 to Cherokee Natl. Forest. A sign says (64 Bypass East-Cleveland). Go toward Ducktown & Murphy. Stay on the (East 64/74) Bypass until you see OCOEE East 64 Exit. Continue East on (Hwy 19) through Murphy, and Andrews, NC. After the Highway narrows to two lanes, you go thorough Tipton. You will pass a Park Forest sign indicating rafting "Put In" park on your right. (We are 6.2 miles Past the "Put In") . Continue past the "Put In" about 3 miles and there will be another park on the left which is Fereby Park. (We are 3.4 miles past the park). The river will now be on your left. When you see the Slow to 35 miles per hour sign slow down we are just around the bend. There is a Pizza By the River on the left, shortly past that you will see the Paddle Inn Sign on your right which is the Rafting and Campground check in and on the left is a 4x8 Paddle Inn sign which is the Campground.

**Entering from the South:** From Atlanta via Georgia Route 5/515 Take I-75 North to I-575 North, which becomes Route 5/515 in 3 miles. Go North on 5 / 515 past Blue Ridge about 4-5 miles and you will see a yellow blinking light on the right side of the road 100 foot before a traffic light. Then you will see a small sign on the right side of the road saying Hwy 60. (The sign is only a few feet from the intersection). Turn left (west) on route 60 toward Mineral Bluff or Murphy. Go 1.5 miles to Mineral Bluff, then turn right at red brick church in Mineral Bluff onto "60 spur". Go approximately 12 miles to a stop sign, junction with 19/74. Turn right (east) toward Murphy, NC. Continue 30-40 minutes on 19/74 and you will enter western Swain County through the Nantahala Gorge. You will pass a Park Forest sign indicating rafting "Put In" park on your right. (We are 6.2 miles Past the "Put In") . Continue past the "Put In" about 3 miles and there will be another park on the left which is Fereby Park. (We are 3.4 miles past the park). The river will now be on your left. When you see the Slow to 35 miles per hour sign slow down we are just around the bend. There is a Pizza By the River on the left, shortly past that you will see the Paddle Inn Sign on your right which is the Rafting and Campground check in and on the left is a 4x8 Paddle Inn sign which is the Campground.

**Entering from the North:** From Knoxville via I-40 Take I-40 East and, after crossing the TN/NC border, take exit 27 which is Hwy 74 West. After taking this exit, choose Hwy 23/74 toward Waynesville and Sylva. DO NOT take Hwy 19 as it would add a lot of slow mountain driving. Drive past Sylva, Cherokee and Bryson City remaining on Hwy 74 (Great Smoky Mt. Expressway). Continue West on (Hwy 74), pass Bryson City about 10 miles. Prepare to bear left as the highway splits and narrows to a two lane road. Continue West on the two lane road. You will come to a Convenience Store on the left and the road makes a sharp right curve. Continue traveling west about 2 miles and you will see on the left a Peanut-Apple Cider stand. Slow down.... look for the 4 x 8' Paddle Inn sign on your right (which will be the campground) and across the street on the left will be the Rafting and Campground check in..

If you want to use a mapping program to print your directions, use the address:  
14611 Highway 19 West, Bryson City, NC. Zip 28713.

*If you happen to notice, Yes, it should be listed as Hwy 19 South.*

Make sure you use the above routes when you get close. Cutting 15 miles off of your trip could cost you an hour driving time. If your brand new GPS tells you to take Highway 28, make sure you don't have anyone in the vehicle who is affected by motion sickness.

A graphical map of the area is located at [http://www.PaddleInnRafting.com/area\\_map.htm](http://www.PaddleInnRafting.com/area_map.htm)



# PADDLE INN RAFTING COMPANY

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

**Assumption of Risk:** In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way with the Paddle Inn Rafting Company program and its related activities, I understand, accept and agree that the risks of activities involved in this program are significant. These risks may include personal injury, risk of death and the loss of or damage to personal property. I understand that particular skills and personal discipline may reduce this risk, but the risks of serious injury still does exist. I also understand I should be in good physical health to participate in a whitewater trip. I choose to participate in this trip in spite of knowing the inherent risks involved, and I personally hereby assume all inherent risks to my person or property.

**Waiver and Release:** In consideration of Paddle Inn Rafting Company furnishing services to enable me to make this trip, I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, voluntarily agree to HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, and FOREVER DISCHARGE the United States Government, the United States Forestry Service, the PADDLE INN RAFTING COMPANY, it's employees, officers, officials, agents and/or employees, contractors, other participants, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of equipment or property used in the activity ("Releases"), from any and all claims, WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, loss of Service, or loss or damage to person or property, OR OTHERWISE, associated with my presence or participation, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law. Any litigation arising from these activities will be heard in Swain County, NC.

- \* I understand I must be at least 60 pounds, or 7 years of age to ride the Nantahala River.
- \* I understand **that if I have any questions or concerns** before the trip, I can ask a Paddle Inn Staff member for help, and express any concerns or personal needs prior to my trip, ie.. medications, etc.
- \* I understand that a properly sized, adjusted and fully buckled personal flotation device is critical to my safety, and I will keep my Life Jacket fully secured at all times during my trip.
- \* **I will listen carefully to the safety presentation**, ask any questions, and follow safety rules explicitly for my safety and the safety of others involved in the activity.
- \* **If I observe any unusual significant hazard** during my presence or participation in the activity, I will remove myself from participation and bring it to the attention of the nearest official immediately.
- \* I hereby grant Paddle Inn Rafting Company the right and permission to use any photograph taken of me on the river for use in any advertising and promotion, and the photographs will remain the property of the Paddle Inn.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT. I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT. I THEREFORE SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR PREJUDICE.**

\* \_\_\_\_\_ \* \_\_\_\_\_ \* \_\_\_\_\_  
**Participant Or Guardian(PRINT) (SIGN) Participant/Guardian Date**  
**(NOTE: If Guardian will not be Present: Circle Guardian, Print/Sign Above, List Child/Children Below)**

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 Street Address City State Zipcode

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 @ \_\_\_\_\_ \*(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address Telephone Number

<b>MINOR PARTICIPANTS (UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE) ARE LISTED HERE</b>	
(In listing a minor participants, you are swearing that you are the legal guardian for any minors you list below)	
Minor Participant Name: _____	Age _____*
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