



# Nantahala River

## Guided Rafting Trips

Thanks for choosing Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC). Since our start in 1972, we've introduced many to the beauty and exhilaration of outdoor adventure. We are committed to providing you with the highest quality, most enjoyable experience possible. This information sheet will help prepare for your upcoming trip. Please share this information with everyone in your party and get ready for fun!

### What to bring...

#### NOC provides the following:

- Paddle
- Personal Flotation Device
- Paddling jacket and pants
- Wetsuits are free on Guided Duck trips. On all other trips, wetsuits and booties are available for an additional charge.

#### You need to wear:

- Shorts/swimwear
- Water shoes or old sneakers. Sandals must have an ankle strap (*no flip-flops*).
- T-shirt
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Eyeglass strap

#### During cooler weather:

- Synthetic or wool clothing
- Wool socks

#### You need to bring:

- Towel and a change of clothes and shoes

#### Give every driver in your group:

- Directions
- Check-in time (1/2 hour before your trip)
- Reservation name and number
- NOC's phone number

#### Leave behind:

- Jewelry and watches
- Electronics
- Heavy cotton clothing like jeans & sweatshirts (they absorb water and won't keep you warm)
- Pets
- Anything else you don't want to risk losing or getting wet

### Forget something?

From hats to t-shirts to ice cream, our main campus at the Nantahala River has several shopping opportunities to provide you with everything you need for your trip.

### Photos

An NOC photographer will capture your rafting memories for you to view and purchase after your trip.

### Cancellation and refund policy

Our trips go RAIN OR SHINE. On the rare occasion WE cancel a trip due to weather, you may reschedule or receive a full refund. Otherwise, if YOU cancel or decrease your numbers:

Notice	Refund/Credit
14 or more days before trip	100% Refund
13-4 days before trip	50% Refund or 100% NOC Reservation Credit
Less than 4 days before trip	No Refund
<b>We cannot allow anyone impaired by drugs or alcohol to go on any of our trips. No refund will be made.</b>	

Dam-released river flow is beyond NOC's control. Very rarely, trips may be canceled without notice due to power company generating schedule changes. In this event, we will refund your money or, if you prefer, reschedule your trip.

### About your responsibilities

We make every effort to run a quality trip, including instruction before and during each trip. It is your responsibility to follow these instructions. You will help paddle on any trip you choose, but some rivers require more strenuous participation. It is your responsibility to evaluate your level of fitness and to select a trip which is appropriate. Seek medical advice if you are pregnant, significantly overweight or in poor physical condition.

Water trips include elements of risk. NOC does not assume liability for personal injuries or deaths. Each person must sign an Assumption of Risk and Waiver Agreement prior to the trip. A responsible adult must cosign for anyone under the age of 18.

### Gratuities

In any service industry, a tip is a token of appreciation. If you feel your guide provided exemplary service, then a tip is appropriate and appreciated, but never expected.

## Directions

*Be aware! Driving on winding mountain roads can take up to twice as long as normal travel time and mileages can be deceptive. The meeting place for this trip is Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC) at Wesser, North Carolina. NOC is located 13 miles southwest of Bryson City and 20 miles northeast of Andrews on US 74. Make sure all members of your group have these directions and follow them closely.*



### NOC's Nantahala Outpost GPS

**Coordinates:**  
N35° 19.8613'  
W083° 35.5006'

### Physical Address:

13077 Hwy 19 W  
Bryson City, NC 28713

*NOC does not recommend the use of GPS devices or online mapping sites, as the directions they give can sometimes be confusing or suggest alternate routes to what we recommend. These routes can often double your travel time. We advise using the directions below.*

### From Asheville, NC (approximately 80 miles)

Take I-40W toward Knoxville, TN. Take Exit 27 onto US 74W (Great Smoky Mountains Expressway) toward Waynesville/Clyde. After 48 miles (you will pass Bryson City), the highway narrows to two lanes. Continue straight on US 74 for 4.3 more miles until you see the river and a bridge on your right. The check-in desk and parking are across the bridge and to the left.

### From West Atlanta, GA (approximately 150 miles)

Take I-75N to I-575N which becomes State Hwy 5 which in turn becomes Hwy 76. Stay with this road until just past Blue Ridge, GA, and then turn left onto Hwy 60 to Mineral Bluff, GA. In Mineral Bluff, turn right onto Hwy 60 Spur and follow it into North Carolina to US 74E, turning right toward Murphy and Andrews. NOC is located 20 miles east of Andrews, NC. You will follow the river for the last 8 miles. You will pass NOC's Outfitter's Store and see a bridge crossing the river on your left. The check-in desk and parking are across the bridge and to the left.

### From East Atlanta, GA (approximately 175 miles)

Take I-85N to I-985N. At Gainesville, GA take 365N to 441N. In Franklin, you will need to make a turn to stay on 441 N. Watch for signs. Near Dillsboro, NC Hwy 441 will funnel into US 74. Take 74W toward Bryson City. After 22 miles on US 74 (you will pass Bryson City), the highway narrows to two lanes. Continue straight on US 74 for 4.3 more miles until you see the river and a bridge on your right. The check-in desk and parking are across the bridge and to the left.

### From Chattanooga, TN (approximately 130 miles)

Take I-75N toward Cleveland, TN. Take the first Cleveland exit (#20) onto US 64 Bypass East. Go 6 miles; take Ocoee Exit US 64E towards Ocoee/Murphy, NC. At Murphy the road number changes to US 74. Stay on US 74E. NOC is 20 miles east of Andrews, NC. You will follow the river for the last 8 miles. You will pass NOC's Outfitter's Store and see a bridge crossing the river on your left. The check-in desk and parking are across the bridge and to the left.

**Arriving late will most likely mean missing your trip. Please call if you are running late.**

