

Directions

Our Meeting Spot is located just off of Highway 49, in Lotus, California. Starting from Placerville, CA, on US 50, turn onto California Highway 49 heading north. Travel north on Highway 49 for approximately 10 miles. You will pass through Historic, Gold Discovery State Park. After Crossing the South Fork of the American River, turn left into the River Park shopping center. Continue through the shopping center past Sierra Rising bakery. You will enter a gravel parking lot turn left into the first gravel parking lot and look for Earthtrek Expeditions Camp and Pirate Rafting Company's meeting spot.

From Sacramento, CA take Highway 50 eastbound and travel 32.2 miles until you reach the Ponderosa rd. exit, and then turn left at Ponderosa Rd/S Shingle Rd. Go over the highway, there will be 2 stop lights across the highway, at the second light turn right. This will be lotus road; there is a park and ride at the corner. This road will also parallel the highway for a little less than a mile. Stay on lotus road until it ends at highway 49 in Lotus. From Highway 50 it is about 12 miles into Highway 49. Once you reach Highway 49 turn left on to Highway 49 and go less than 1 mile, you will cross the American River at Lotus Bridge. After crossing the South Fork of the American River, turn left into the River Park shopping center. Continue through the shopping center past Sierra Rising bakery. You will enter a gravel parking lot turn left into the first gravel parking lot and look for Earthtrek Expeditions Camp; this is Pirate Rafting Company's meeting spot and your camping area.

Meeting time

River Section	With Breakfast	Without Breakfast
Chili Bar	7:45 A.M.	9 A.M.
The Gorge	9 A.M.	10:30 A.M.

Camp Address

7308 Highway 49
Lotus, CA 95651

Check list of what to bring the day of the trip

- Sunscreen
- A hat
- Sunglasses
- Swim wear (no jeans or slacks)
- Shoes that will stay on your feet, please no flip flops on the river
- Gratuity (if you feel your guide has done a good job, please let them know)
- Something to eat on the river (Like a Granola Bar, make sure it is sealed and can get wet this will keep your energy level up all day)
- Lunch (if you have not set it this up with us)

Camping and Overnight Stays

What to bring

In addition to what you should bring for your rafting trip, you should bring the following.

1. Sleeping bag and pillow
2. A change of clothes
3. Flashlight
4. A light jacket (especially in the early or late season as it generally gets cool at night, summer months tend to have warmer nights)
5. Any other overnight products that require (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)

When to arrive

If you are camping with us we recommend that you arrive the evening before your trip. Check in time is after 6 pm the night before your trip.

Where to go when you get here

When you arrive you will see an arch at the far end of the parking lot towards the river that says Earthtrek Expeditions. Walk under the arch and you will see a set of stairs leading down. At the bottom of the stairs turn right and you will see a small building with a white board and a map of the camp. Your camping area will be noted on the board.

If you have requested a stay in a cabin tent

We will likely assign a cabin tent to before you arrive. All of the cabin tents are numbered and you will find that number on the map, simply head to your assigned tent.

If we have not given you a cabin tent number in advance your party name will be listed on the white board with your cabin tent number.

If you are tent camping (with your own tent)

The grassy lawn near the river is where you will be staying. Please check the white board for your assigned camping area. If you do not see your name or we have not assigned an area for you, you are welcome to stay where ever you like, simply pitch your tent and we will see you in the morning.

If you are tent camping (and have requested a tent be set up for you)

The grassy lawn near the river is where you will be staying. Your tent(s) will be set up in a specific area; please check the white board for your assigned camping area and which tent(s) you will be staying in.