



Water Treks

Five Rivers Trek

Camp Daniel Boone is proud to partner with the Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC) to provide our Scouts with multiple rafting opportunities. NOC has been in operation since 1972 and has been called "One of the Greatest Outfitters on Earth" by National Geographic Magazine. Their commitment to professionalism and safety are the cornerstone of their success. The Five Rivers Whitewater Trek offers Scouts and Scouters a great experience of five days of whitewater fun on some of the finest waters in the entire United States. This trek provides a nice, gradual increase in river rafting intensity daily.

The raft week begins with a Fully Guided Raft Trip on the Nantahala River. This river features eight miles of easy Class I and II rapids before splashing through the exciting Class III whitewater of Nantahala Falls at the end. Tuesday finds the Scouts on the French Broad River. This is the world's third oldest river with Class II and III whitewater and flows through the scenic Pisgah National Forest. On

Wednesday, Scouts travel to Hartford, TN to raft the Upper Section of the Pigeon River. This river borders the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and has Class III-IV rapids.

Thursdays, the rafting continues on the Ocoee River in TN. This river hosted the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. The river is filled with big waves and non-stop action.

This incredible trek ends Friday on the Chattooga River. The Chattooga is without a doubt the Southeast's premier whitewater rafting adventure. In fact, *Southern Living* called rafting the Chattooga "The #1 Thing Every Southerner Ought to Do." The Chattooga was federally protected in 1974 by the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act, forever preserving its rugged river gorge from development. Thus, the Chattooga delivers breathtaking scenery and treasured whitewater in an unmatched wilderness setting. Section IV has awe-inspiring views and boasts SevenFoot Falls, Raven's Chute Rapid and the famous Five Falls –where five Class IV-V rapids unfold within a 1/3 of a mile.

Crews will be housed at the Harrison High Adventure Outpost.

Summary:

Monday: Nantahala River

Tuesday: French Broad River

Wednesday: Pigeon River

Thursday: Ocoee River

Friday: Chattooga River

Crew Size Min 8 Max 22

Fee \$525 per person



*Note: It is required that each participant pass the swim test at Lake Allen upon their arrival at camp to participate in the Whitewater Trek

*Note: Scouts can NOT earn the whitewater merit badge using a raft. The whitewater merit badge only discusses canoes and kayaks.

Zip and Splash Canopy Tours

(Scouts must weight over 100 lbs for Zip Lines)

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Scouts will enjoy this high adventure providing a mix of whitewater and aerial fun. This trek begins with whitewater rafting on the Nantahala River. This 8-mile river features easy Class I and II whitewater and finishes with the Class III Nantahala Falls.

On Tuesday, Scouts take to the air at NOC's Zip Line Adventure Park (ZLAP) of zip lining combined with 16 rope challenges that are 20 and 40 feet off the ground. The afternoon continues the aerial adventure getting harnessed up to climb a majestic tree with the help of NOC aerial guides.

Wednesday, the aerial adventure moves to the Mountaintop Zip Line Tour, which features vista views of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and Nantahala Gorge. It has the longest zip line in the region, a dramatic half-mile mega zip.

The trek shifts back to whitewater rafting on Thursday; where scouts travel to Hartford, TN to raft the Upper Section of the Pigeon River which features Class III-IV rapids that border the Great Smoky Mountains.

The week finishes on the world's third oldest river the French Broad. This river has class II and III whitewater and flows through the scenic Pisgah National Forest.

Crews will be housed primarily at the Harrison High Adventure Outpost. Crews will cook their own meals in the evenings at the outpost. Other activities, such as climbing and gagaball will be available. Crew Size Min 6 Max 22

Camp Fee \$525



Personal Equipment for Water Treks

Our water trips are somewhat different than our land treks. We recommend that each participant attempt to pack light. We will have a group shakedown and remove any items deemed unnecessary to ensure there is room for food, extra water, and group gear. We layer our clothing, combining different garments to achieve optimum insulation and protection from wind and rain. We use either synthetic or wool fibers, which insulate when wet. We avoid cotton, which is poor insulation when wet.

It is not necessary to have a change of clothes for each day of the week. If you over pack, we will have you remove excess clothing/gear to ensure there is room for other participants clothing/gear. Ultimately you will be getting wet during these treks. Try to bring one (1) pair of clothes to wear each day while participating in your chosen activity.

Please also plan on having a pair of clean clothes to wear when you return at the end of the week. The Class A uniform is a great choice and it prevents packing extra clothes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the council office.

Upper Layers

- 2 non-cotton shirts (nylon, under armor, polyester etc... these will be worn during our activities. Long sleeves are recommended)
- 1 base layer (Long sleeve shirt to put on in the evenings, similar to long-johns.)
- 1 mid layer (Thicker shirt to wear over base layer) **OR**
- 1 top layer (Fleece jacket or other appropriate top for cold evenings)
- 1 rain jacket with a hood (While ponchos are not preferred they are acceptable forms protection from hazardous weather. Thin "Emergency Ponchos" will not satisfy this requirement.)

Lower Layers

- 2 pair of synthetic shorts (to wear during our activities)
- 1 pair of long pants for nights
- 1 pair of rain pants
- 3 pairs of socks

Equipment

- 1 sleeping bag with stuff sack
- 1 sleeping pad (closed cell foam or inflatable pads such as Therm-a-rest)
- 1 lightweight tent, hammock, or tarp with a ground cloth to sleep under (If you bring a tent or tarp, please consider sharing to minimize our impact and practice the principles of Leave No Trace)
- 1 backpack or duffle bag (**DO NOT BRING TRUNKS**. Bags are easier to load in vans and carry to our campsites)
- 1 bowl or mess kit
- 1 eating utensil (preferably a spork)
- 2 Quart sized water bottles **AT LEAST** (Nalgene, old Gatorade bottles, Camelbacks) 1 pair of sandals with a back strap or water shoes

An extra pair of shoes to wear when not on the water

Miscellaneous Items Needed

- Flash light with extra batteries
- Sun screen
- Pocketknife
- Hats with brims
- Extra tent stakes
- Small cord or twine
- Extra lighter and/or matches
- Towel
- Sunglasses
- Bandana
- Toiletry kit (biodegradable soap, hand sanitizer, toothpaste and toothbrush, toilet paper, etc...please leave deodorants and body sprays at camp because they only attract bears.)

Optional Items

Insect repellent, watch, camera, backpacking stove, water filter, extra snacks, extra money while on the road for meals or souvenirs, notepad with pen or pencil, books, cards, etc...

Group Equipment Provided

- First aid kits
- Stoves (Whisperlites)
- Cook sets, pots, kitchen utensils
- Water purification systems and chemicals
- Trowels and toilet paper
- Large group tarps with line
- Fuel bottles and fuel
- Maps
- Dromedary bags
- Coolers
- Canoes
- PFD's (lifejacket)
- Paddles
- Any other general equipment needed for the trek.

Emergency Rescue Policy

All emergency rescues and recoveries will be executed by local EMS and Search & Rescue officials. All non-emergency extractions will be charged \$100. Since non-emergency extractions tax our resources, this fee is final and non-negotiable. This includes any scout(s) who decide to wander off from their troops or campsites and cause camp to enter Lost Camper mode. Remember, we operate in wilderness areas and travel to very remote locations. So, unless you are having a true emergency, please do not ask us to take you back to camp once your trek has begun. Thank you for understanding and complying with this policy.