

Cache Creek Wilderness Run - Description of Rapids

Note: There are many rapids on the Wilderness Run which are not marked on the map or described here.

Patwin Drop River turns right into a drop with a tree hanging out on the right side at the bottom. Stay center to avoid the tree.

Left Ledge Rapid curves to the right with a large rock ledge protruding from the left shore near the bottom. Enter center and stay center or right.

Blind Turn River splits around an island. The left chute is fast, narrow and brushy and curves right around a blind corner with no view through to the bottom. This presents the danger of suddenly encountering a new strainer in the blind turn. Right channel is straight and safer.

The Strainer River turns right into a drop which directs the main flow through a large dangerous strainer extending from the right bank. Enter left of center and paddle energetically to the left side to avoid the strainer. Paddlers unsure of boating skills should consider portage at higher flows.

Twist and Shout Thread through a boulder field then go on the left side of a large boulder. Curl to the right around the boulder in big standing waves.

Rocky Surprise Rocky drop with large waves. Enter right then work to left to avoid large hidden boulder on right side near bottom.

Campsite River turns left into large wavetrain. Follow the left bank to avoid large waves and rocks in center and right. Good campsites above and below the drop.

The Comb A gravel bar extends across the river from the left bank diagonally upriver to the right bank. Several rocky channels cut through the bar. Avoid the first and main channel which is brushy and may contain hidden strainers. A good channel is a right turn just past a pair of boulders on the right shore.

Davis Ledge A low ledge extends across the river just before Davis Creek. Boats have been cracked dropping over this ledge. At higher water, use an open channel on the left side.

The Clam Sharp right turn into a large wave train.

Curl Cliff Left turn into a swift drop which curls to the right along a cliff.

Waterfall River drops over a 2-3 ft ledge into a turbulent outflow. Enter on right.

Wavetrain River curves right into a large wavetrain. Navigate around several boulders at the top and run down the center.

Island River splits around an island. The right branch is wide with a shallow rocky bottom. The deeper narrower channel departs sharply to the left and then curves right into waves interspersed with large boulders.

Precursor Large wave train with several angled standing waves.

Mini Mike Medium wave train just above Mad Mike. Paddlers capsizing here will probably swim Mad Mike.

Mad Mike Class III. Smooth center tongue between large hole on left and smaller hole on right. Scout on right bank. Rocks at top. Enter just right of center, avoiding rocks on right, and work right to avoid pillowed rock and big hole on left side. Short drop with good recovery pool.