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.