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.

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.