



Quest Expeditions, Inc.

281 U.S. Highway 64

Ocoee, TN 37361

Telephone: (423) 338-2979

Toll Free: (800) 277-4537

Fax: (423) 338-0283

Email: trips@questexpeditions.com

www.questexpeditions.com

Dear Group Leader,

We are excited about your whitewater-rafting trip this season with Quest Expeditions. Enclosed you will find information about planning your group outing. Please read all the information to familiarize yourself with our rafting trips.

When planning your trip, keep in mind, dates fill fast especially on weekends. As participants sign up for the trip, **collect full payment from each person**. **Be sure everyone is aware of the refund and cancellation policy as this policy applies to every circumstance**. We do offer affordable trip cancellation insurance or a trip cancellation waiver to cover unforeseen cancellations. Please feel free to call with any questions. It is also very important that everyone arrives 30 minutes before the scheduled trip time. Remember we are on Eastern Time. Our trip times are highly regulated by the State of Tennessee and all trips must depart on time. All rafters must be at least 12 years old; those under 18 must bring a signed youth waiver from their parents or legal guardians. Participants 18 and older must sign waivers on arrival at Quest Expeditions. Please make sure all participants are in good health and have a chest size no larger than 56 inches. We do not allow alcohol to be consumed before or during your trip.

Quest Expeditions, Inc. is dedicated to providing you the very best whitewater adventure. You'll find our staff to be friendly, knowledgeable, well trained professionals that truly enjoy what they do. Our facilities include large changing rooms, warm showers, souvenir and retail shop, digital photos, picnic pavilion, conference facility, deli, sand volleyball court, state of the art equipment, catered meals, cabin rentals, group lodging and campgrounds. Please feel free to call with any questions, we'll be happy to assist with any plans.

Happy Rafting,

The Quest Staff

ACCOMMODATIONS & LODGING

Quest Cabin Rentals

Three secluded cabins surrounded by acres of hardwood trees and privacy. Fully furnished with all the modern conveniences, all with central heat and air. Cabins are only nine miles from Quest headquarters on Highway 64. Conveniently located, bordering the Cherokee National Forest, near hiking trails, waterfalls, mountain bike trails, a designated US scenic drive, lakes, restaurants and just minutes to the nearby store. One-bedroom cabin rate begins at \$125.00, Two-bedroom \$150.00 and Three-bedroom \$190.00 plus tax. All three cabins accommodate up to 17 guests. Call Quest at 1-800-277-4537.

Quest Group Lodging

Group lodging is located on our main property. Each bunk house sleeps up to 30 guests, has central heat/air, refrigerator, microwave and bathrooms. You must bring your own pillow, sleeping bag and bath towel. Rate is \$250.00/night for up to 20 guests, \$12.50/person for each additional guest plus tax. Call 1-800-277-4537.

Nearby Hotels in Cleveland, TN- 15 to 20 minutes from Quest

Hampton Inn	Jameson Inn	Wingate Inn	Fairfield Inn	Best Western	Comfort Inn
I-75 at exit 27	I-75 at exit 27	I-75 at exit 25	I-75 at exit 25	I-75 at exit 27	I-75 at exit 27
423-559-1001	423-614-5583	423-478-1212	423-664-2501	423-472-5566	423-472-5566

Other Accommodations

- Whitewater Inn- hotel less than a half mile from Quest, call 888-716-2633, www.ocoewhitewaterinn.com.
- Black Bear Cove- 10 room luxury lodge, upscale restaurant, campground w/ full hookup, coin laundry, pool. Call 423-338-4399, www.blackbearcoveresort.com
- Stone Creek Cabins- 5 cabins that will accommodate up to 34 guests. Call 800-780-3459, www.sccabins.com
- Mountain Stream Cabins- Reliance, TN. 7 cabins accommodating 8 each. Call 888-338-1070, www.mountainstreamlodging.com
- Ocoee Riverside Lodging- Lodging for 12-102 guests. Call 423-338-2221, www.ocoeriversidelodging.com
- Quest Campgrounds- wilderness camping bordering the Cherokee National Forest or camping at the main property. Call 800-277-4537.
- Camping in the Cherokee National Forest- Chilhowee Recreation Area & Campground (lake, beach, 60 ft. waterfall) or Parksville Lake Campground. Call the Ocoee Ranger Station at 423-338-5201 for information.
- Gee Creek Campground- Located in the Hiwassee State Park. Call 423-263-0050 for information
- KOA Campground- Cleveland, TN call 423-472-8928.

THINGS TO DO IN THE OCOEE AREA

The Ocoee Scenic Byway

Highway 64 and Forest Service Road 77 in the Cherokee National Forest in Polk County has been designated the nation's first scenic byway. The drive offers great scenery with mountain peaks, rock bluffs, Lake Ocoee and the Ocoee River. The drive includes access to swimming, waterfalls, boating and historical sites related to the Civil War and the Cherokee Indian Culture. The designated section of Highway 64 winds by Lake Ocoee and passes through the Ocoee River Gorge. Forest Service Road 77 provides access to great vistas, waterfalls, hiking and mountain bike trails.

Hiking Trails

A number of trails exist in the Cherokee National Forest near the Ocoee River. Trails range from easy to difficult; some are heavily traveled while others offer solitude. Some of the trails have remained unchanged for nearly 100 years and average from 1 mile to over 15 miles in length. The most popular trails are the Benton Falls Trail in the Chilhowee Recreation Area and the Tanasi Trail System at the Ocoee Whitewater Center.

Swimming

Day us swimming areas are available along Lake Ocoee. Chilhowee Recreation Area offers a swimming area with a bathhouse on top of Chilhowee Mountain at Lake McKamy.

For information on the above activities, call the Ocoee Ranger Station at 423-338-5201.

Float the Hiwassee River

A state scenic river in Polk County. Contact Webb Brothers at 877-932-7238 or visit www.webbbros.com

Chatata Valley Golf Course

18 holes, driving range, pro shop in Cleveland, TN. Call 423-339-9784 or visit www.chatatavalleygolf.com

Horseback Riding

Blanche Manor Stables in Copperhill, TN. Call 423-496-1060

Downtown Chattanooga

Tennessee Aquarium and Imax 3D Theatre- 800-262-0295. Southern Belle Riverboat, Discovery Museum, Duck Rides, Restaurants and more; call the Chattanooga Visitors Bureau at 423-756-8687

Ruby Falls

Cavern in Lookout Mountain, TN. Call 423-821-2544 or visit www.rubyfalls.com

Raccoon Mountain

Cave tours. Minutes from Downtown Chattanooga. Call 423-821-9403

Lost Sea

America's largest underground lake in Sweetwater, TN. Call 423-337-6616

Hiwassee River Rail Adv.- Open rail car ride along the Hiwassee River. Call 423-894-8028, www.tvrail.com

Chilhowee Glider Port- Call 423-338-2000 or visit www.chilhowee.com

Frequently Asked Questions

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Just about everyone can go whitewater rafting. No experience is necessary! It does require some paddling and you will get wet. Participants must be in good health and have a chest size no larger than 56 inches.

IS THERE A MINIMUM AGE?

Yes. The state law requires that you must be 12 years of age to go rafting on the Ocoee River.

HOW LONG ARE THE TRIPS?

The Middle Ocoee River trip is five miles long. It will take about two hours to run the river. You will receive instructions and safety information and have some time to practice with your guide before you begin your river trip. There is also a short drive to and from the river. Plan to spend a total of four hours with us for this trip. The Full River trip is ten miles and plan about 7 hours with us for this trip.

HOW MUCH OF THE TRIP IS WHITEWATER?

The Middle Ocoee is almost continuous whitewater, 90% of the river is whitewater with over 17 major rapids. The Upper Ocoee provides an additional 13 rapids, is 70% whitewater and runs through the Olympic section.

WHAT IF IT RAINS?

Trips go rain or shine; rafting is the perfect rainy day activity as you are going to get wet anyway. On cool days we provide splash jackets and pants.

DO YOU HAVE SELF-BAILING RAFTS? WHAT SIZE ARE THE RAFTS?

Yes we use self-bailing rafts that are 13 to 14 feet in length and specifically designed for whitewater use. The rafts are designed for 7 to 8 rafters; we generally have up to six participants in a raft plus the guide.

ARE GROUP DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE?

Yes, we offer group rates every day. Please see rate schedule or contact our office.

HOW ARE THE RAPIDS RATED?

Rapids are rated on a difficulty scale between I and VI. Class I rapids are the easiest and a class VI rapid are the most difficult. The rating of 1 to 6 is a scale of difficulty and danger. The scale is not to be used in considering the fun factor of a river run. The Ocoee River is rated as a class III & IV whitewater river. It is one of the most exciting and fun river trips available.

DOES EACH RAFT HAVE A GUIDE? HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN A RAFT?

Every raft has a guide on the Ocoee River and generally up to six people joins the guide in the raft.

HOW COLD IS THE RIVER WATER?

The Ocoee River feeds from a lake upstream. Flowing into the riverbed is warm lake water all season except for early spring.

HOW SHOULD I DRESS?

In warm weather wear shorts, bathing suit and a t-shirt. In cool weather bring a wool, fleece or polyester top and pants, NO Cotton as it has no insulating value. We provide splash jackets and pants to go over your clothes on cool days. You must wear some type of shoes with backs on the river, NO FLIP FLOPS or shoes without backs.

PLEASE CALL THE QUEST OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. 1-800-277-4537.

DIRECTIONS

ARRIVE 30 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR TRIP TIME. WE ARE ON EASTERN TIME!

FROM ATLANTA - Take I-75 north to exit #293 (the exit for White). At exit #293 take Hwy 411 north for 65 miles to the junction for Hwy 64. Take Hwy 64 east, a left turn onto the entrance ramp for Hwy 64 east. At the end of the ramp turn right onto Hwy 64 and travel east for 300 yards. Quest Expeditions is on the left. Drive time is 2 hours from the north side of Atlanta and 2.5 from the airport area.

FROM NASHVILLE - Take I-24 east to Chattanooga. At the junction for I-75 in Chattanooga take I-75 north. Follow directions below **FROM CHATTANOOGA** on I-75. Drive time is 3 hours.

FROM BIRMINGHAM - Take I-59 north toward Chattanooga at junction for I-24 take I-24 east to Chattanooga. At the junction for I-75 in Chattanooga take I-75 north. Follow directions below **FROM CHATTANOOGA** on I-75 north. Drive time is 3 hours.

FROM CHATTANOOGA - Take I-75 north to exit #20, turn right and merge onto the 64 bypass, travel 6.2 miles on the 64 bypass to the exit for "Hwy 64 east and Ocoee". Take the exit for "Hwy 64 east and Ocoee", merge onto Hwy 64 east and travel 7.4 miles. **Quest Expeditions is on the left.** Drive time is 45 minutes from the I-75 area and 1 hour from downtown.

FROM HUNTSVILLE - Travel east on Hwy72 to I-24. Take I-24 east to Chattanooga and to junction for I-75. Follow directions below **from Chattanooga** on I-75 north. Drive time is 3 hours.

FROM KNOXVILLE - Take I-75 south to exit #25, turn right at end of ramp onto Hwy 60 south and travel 4.2 miles to the exit for "Hwy 64 east and Ocoee". Take the exit for "Hwy 64 east and Ocoee", merge onto U.S. Hwy 64 and travel 7.6 miles. **Quest Expeditions is on the left.** Drive time is 2 hours.

FROM THE KNOXVILLE AIRPORT AREA - Take Hwy 129 to Maryville. In Maryville take Hwy 411 south to the junction for Hwy 64 (62 miles). Take Hwy 64 east, a right turn onto the entrance ramp. At the end of the ramp turn right onto Hwy 64 and travel east for 300 yards. **Quest Expeditions is on the left.** Drive time is 1 hour 45 min.

FROM GATLINBURG, PIGEON FORGE, TOWNSEND AREA - In Pigeon Forge, take Hwy 321 south to Townsend. In Townsend continue on Hwy 321 to Maryville. In Maryville take Hwy 411 south to the junction for Hwy 64. Take Hwy 64 east, a right turn onto the entrance ramp. At end of ramp turn right onto Hwy 64 and travel east for 300 yards. **Quest Expeditions is on the left.** Drive time is 2.5 hours.

FROM ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA - Take I-40 west to exit #27. Take exit #27 and follow Hwy 74 west to Murphy, NC (88 miles). In Murphy pickup Hwy 64-74 west and travel straight ahead for 50.8 miles. **Quest Expeditions is on the right.** Drive time is 3.5 hours.

FROM FALL CREEK FALLS - Take Hwy 30 east to Dayton, TN. In Dayton take Hwy 60 south (a left turn) to Cleveland, TN. In Cleveland you will pass under I-75, from that point continue on Hwy 60 south (also 25th Street) for 4.2 miles to the exit for "Hwy 64 east and Ocoee". Take the exit for "Hwy 64 east and Ocoee", merge onto Hwy 64 east and travel 7.6 miles. **Quest Expeditions is on the left.** Drive time is 2.5 hours.

FROM DALTON, GA - Take Hwy 411 north into Tennessee. Once in Tennessee continue on Hwy. 411 north approx. 10 min. to the junction for Hwy. 64. Take Hwy. 64 east for 300 yards. **Quest Expeditions is on the left.** Drive time is 1 hour.

FROM BLUE RIDGE, GA - Take GA 5 north into TN. GA 5 will turn into TN 68, continue on TN 68 N to Hwy 64. Take Hwy 64 west for 25.8 miles and **Quest Expeditions is on the right.** Drive time is 1 hour and 15 min. Do not listen to anyone that tells you it is a shorter drive.

Travel Time

Your driving times may vary due to road, traffic and weather conditions, holiday travel, and other conditions beyond our control. Plan your travel time to arrive 30 min. prior to your scheduled trip time. Please arrive on time as trips must depart when scheduled. We are located in the Eastern Time Zone, plan your drive time accordingly.

GROUP SIGN UP SHEET

Quest Expeditions • Ocoee River

TRIP DATE	TRIP TIME	PRICE PER PERSON	DUE DATE
1	Paid	31	Paid
2	Paid	32	Paid
3	Paid	33	Paid
4	Paid	34	Paid
5	Paid	35	Paid
6	Paid	36	Paid
7	Paid	37	Paid
8	Paid	38	Paid
9	Paid	39	Paid
10	Paid	40	Paid
11	Paid	41	Paid
12	Paid	42	Paid
13	Paid	43	Paid
14	Paid	44	Paid
15	Paid	45	Paid
16	Paid	46	Paid
17	Paid	47	Paid
18	Paid	48	Paid
19	Paid	49	Paid
20	Paid	50	Paid
21	Paid	51	Paid
22	Paid	52	Paid
23	Paid	53	Paid
24	Paid	54	Paid
25	Paid	55	Paid
26	Paid	56	Paid
27	Paid	57	Paid
28	Paid	58	Paid
29	Paid	59	Paid
30	Paid	60	Paid

QUEST EXPEDITIONS, INC.

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

This form to be used for minors (17 years old and under) only.

I hereby grant permission for my child _____ to participate in whitewater rafting, biking, kayaking, camping, canoeing, bus transportation, van transportation or other conveyance at and off the premises of Quest Expeditions, Inc. on (date) _____, and I hereby agree as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that: (a) risks and dangers exist in my child's use of rafting, biking, kayaking, camping or canoeing equipment and my child's participation in rafting, biking, kayaking, camping or canoeing activities and in loading and unloading onto and being transported to recreational sites by bus or van; (b) my child's participation in such activities and/or use of such equipment may result in injury or illness or death or damage to personal property; (c) these risks and dangers may be caused by other participants, or by accidents, or by the forces of nature or other causes. Risks and dangers may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable causes including, but not limited to, selection of trail or river route, water level, weather conditions, risks of falling out of a raft, kayak, or canoe, and such other risks, hazards and dangers that are integral to recreational activities that take place in a wilderness, outdoor or recreational environment and in transportation to and from recreational activity sites; and (d) I hereby accept and assume these risks and dangers.

I have been advised that my child must wear an approved personal flotation device at all times while on the water. I affirm that my child will not be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, and will not carry, use, or consume these substances before or during his/her scheduled activities.

My child is in good health and is at or above the minimum age stated in Quest Expeditions, Inc. advertising for each activity in which he/she will participate. I understand that strenuous physical exertion may be required and my child has no known physical disabilities or health problems, which will present any risk to his/her participation in the activities. I, on behalf of my child, myself, my personal representatives and my heirs hereby voluntarily agree to release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, defend and indemnify Quest Expeditions, Inc., the U.S. Forest Service, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the United States Government, the State of Tennessee, the Southeast Local Development Corporation and their owners, agents, officers, guides and employees from any and all claims, actions or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise which may arise out of or in any way connected from my child's use of whitewater rafting equipment, and/or my child's use of the whitewater recreation area of the Ocoee River or participation in whitewater rafting activities incidental thereto and bus or van transportation to and from sites for participation in these recreational activities. I specifically understand that I am releasing, discharging and waiving any claims or actions that I or my child may have presently or in the future for the negligent acts or other conduct by the owners, agents, officers, or employees of Quest Expeditions, Inc., the U.S. Forest Service, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the United States Government, the State of Tennessee and the Local Southeast Development Corporation.

I permit the use of any photos, slides, films or sketches of him/her taken during the day's activities for publicity, advertising, promotion or other commercial purpose. The above agreement shall be binding on my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators and executors.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND BY SIGNING IT AGREE. IT IS MY INTENTION TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN QUEST EXPEDITIONS, INC. RAFTING, BIKING, KAYAKING, CAMPING, OR CANOEING ACTIVITIES AND TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM PLACES FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES, AND TO ASSUME AND ACCEPT ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH.

Group Name (if applicable): _____

Mother's Name (print): _____ Signature _____

Father's Name (print): _____ Signature _____

Street and Apt. Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Trip Date: _____

Child's Signature: _____

Does your child have any medical conditions we should be aware of? Yes ___ No ___ If so explain: _____

DO NOT LOSE - PLEASE GIVE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR GROUP LEADER

Trip Cancellation Waiver
Quest Expeditions, Inc.

Trip Cancellation Waiver reimburses prepaid nonrefundable trip price paid to Quest Expeditions, Inc. if you must cancel your trip for any reason 24 hours before your scheduled arrival time. Arrival time is 30 minutes prior to your trip.

A full reimbursement of your trip price will be made if you cancel your reservation for any reason 24 hours prior to your scheduled arrival time. Cancellations made less than 24 hours up to your scheduled arrival time will receive a trip voucher valid for 1 year. Vouchers cannot be used on regulated days, holiday weekends or Saturdays in July or August and have no cash value. No payment or vouchers will be provided for no-shows or cancellations made after your scheduled arrival time and date. Reimbursement covers only the amount paid to Quest Expeditions for an Ocoee Whitewater Rafting Trip.

Waiver must be purchased for the full number the party has reservations for. Waiver must be purchased before the last day you can cancel your trip and receive a full refund from Quest Expeditions.

Coverage cost is \$4.00 per person on all 5 mile Ocoee Trips and \$8.00 per person on all 10 mile Ocoee Trips.

If you would like to purchase the Trip Cancellation Waiver please call our office or remit payment at the time your trip deposit is due.

Please call our office at 1-800-277-4537 with any questions you may have.

Go Rafting With Quest!



1-800-277-4537
www.questexpeditions.com