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## ***WHITEWATER FUN ON THE CLARK FORK RIVER THROUGH THE ALBERTON GORGE***

**Whitewater:** If you're looking for a day of fun, excitement and relaxation, join us for whitewater thrills on the Clark Fork River. This is a big volume, big ride river with lots of roller coaster waves and fun class II-III (intermediate) rapids with names such as Boateater, Fang, Cliffside and Tumbleweed. Between the rapids are calm stretches where you may jump in for a swim, or sit back and relax to enjoy the spectacular scenery. Bring the whole family for a day of fun you'll never forget!

We use 13' paddle rafts so everyone is a participant. Each raft has a professional guide who teaches everyone how to paddle and as a team, you navigate the rapids. By request we can also bring an oar-powered raft along with room for 3-4 people who would rather let us do the rowing. For thrill-seekers, we have a limited number of "Daring Duckies" or inflatable kayaks available at an extra charge. These are one- or two-person craft that add plenty of excitement as you follow our paddle rafts down the river.

**When to Go:** Our season begins around the second week of July and goes until early September. Rafters as young as 5 are welcome (check with us about early July water levels as it might be best to wait till mid-July to take kids younger than 9.) First-time rafters are welcome and all participants should be in good health and comfortable in water.

The Alberton Gorge is well isolated from any roads with magnificent rock formations and dramatic rose-colored cliffs rising vertically on both sides of the river. You'll see dozens of birds, including osprey, mergansers and if lucky, some Harlequin Ducks. We may also see deer, elk and beaver. Along the way our guides will spin a few yarns about this magnificent river named after William Clark of Lewis & Clark. Its headwaters are in the Beaverhead and Rocky Mountains near Butte, Montana, where the Indians called it the 'Arrowhead' River due to a semi-transparent stone found near the river that was used to make arrowheads. When the Clark Fork leaves Montana, on its way to Lake Pend Oreille and the Columbia River, it carries more water than any river in Montana.

**Where to Meet:** We meet at **9:00am Pacific Time** the morning of the trip near Superior, Montana. (Montana is on Mountain Time, so **don't panic** when you arrive and the clocks are an hour later.) When you arrive, you'll exit the freeway at Superior (Exit #47). Turn south at the bottom of the off ramp (that's "right" if coming from Spokane, "left" if from Missoula). You'll come to a frontage road called "Diamond Road." Turn left (east) on Diamond and you'll pass a "Town Pump" gas station on your left. Proceed one (1) mile to Cedar Creek road. You'll see five or so large white propane tanks at this intersection. If you go over a bridge over Cedar Creek you went too far.

Turn **RIGHT** on Cedar Creek road and proceed 1.5 miles south.

Look for a drive way on the left by a blue house with white trim and a ROW sign. You will be greeted by our staff and will park your cars here for the day. We'll welcome you and have a brief orientation meeting. (Superior is due east of Spokane and Coeur d'Alene on I-90. It's 105 miles from Coeur d'Alene and takes a little under 2 hours. Allow 2 ½ hours from Spokane with no stops. Allow longer if you want to stop for breakfast and/or gas.

**Please be prompt, as we can't wait for latecomers.**

From Superior we drive in our bus about 35 minutes to the put-in place, at Cyr, Montana. After a thorough safety talk, we'll board the rafts and be on our way. Along the way we will stop to enjoy a riverside lunch provided by ROW. Altogether we float between 12-16 miles, depending on the water level. We'll get you back to your car sometime around 5:00-5:30pm Pacific Time.

