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Rafting enthusiasts enjoy one of the first Adventures on the Gorge whitewater trips of 2018 on April 1.



Various stretches of the rivers are appropriate for multiple ages.

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Adventures on the Gorge Opens Rafting Season

FAYETTEVILLE, W. Va., April 3, 2018 - Whitewater rafters are back in action as West Virginia's rafting season kicked off Easter weekend.

[Adventures on the Gorge](#) (AOTG) took its first rafters of the year on the Lower Gauley River. The outfitter also offers rafting trips on the New River.

"Our whitewater rafting industry was built on the predictable and awesome water the New and Gauley Rivers feature every year," said Dave Arnold, AOTG co-founder and vice president of strategic partnerships. "People get their first taste of rafting, and many return year after year



The Upper New River is gentle and offers opportunities to jump in and swim.



Timber Trek is one of the resort's popular aerial activities.

along with their friends, kids, parents, grandchildren and colleagues. It never gets old.”

The resort's [aerial adventures](#) - TimberTrek Adventure Park, TreeTops Canopy Tour and Bridgewalk - are already open, and high-speed zipline Gravity will open for the season April 21.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and situated on the rim of the New River Gorge National River, Adventures on the Gorge offers a variety of half- and full-day New and Gauley River rafting adventures for adrenaline-seeking early-season rafters as well as calmer waters for paddlers of all ages.

Rafting the New River

The intensity of the whitewater depends on the time of the year, and those early-season rafters are attracted by the big waves, big holes and fast-running waters that mark spring on the New River.

The New River includes [Lower](#) and [Upper](#) sections. On the Lower New River, there is typically big whitewater in the spring and summer with intermittent long, calm pools for swimming and floating. The Upper New River is much more calm throughout the season, making this section a good choice for families with children as young as six.

Pricing is seasonal, with early- and late-season pricing discounted. Full day trips for adults 12 and older are \$99 through May 4; and \$109 or \$119 (depending on the day of the week) May 5 through June 14 and Aug. 13 through Sept. 7. High season is June 16 through Aug. 12, when rates range from \$119 to \$149. On both Memorial Day and Labor Day rafting is specially priced at \$74.50.

Free rafting for six-year-olds on the Upper New begins in May through the resort's "[Almost Seven](#)" program.

Rafting the Gauley River

The frequency of [Gauley River](#) releases depends largely on rainfall as well as the amount of water that accumulates in wetlands - or glades - 3,000 to 4,000 feet above the rivers. During a particularly wet year like this one, paddlers can count on intense, technically challenging whitewater during the spring. As summer approaches, there are typical trends in the amount of flow resulting in tighter channels of water, steeper drops and the use of a variety of boats includes duckies and smaller rafts.

During the fall, the river is transformed into the "Beast of the East" during "Gauley Season" when the Summersville Dam schedules weekends-only releases of water into the river to create some of the biggest whitewater found anywhere in the world. The resort offers a variety of special "Gauley Season" trips too, including a two-day Upper and Lower Gauley rafting experience with overnight camping at Canyon Doors, a permanent campground featuring wood-fired hot tubs, hot showers and gourmet meals prepared by an expedition-trained chef.

The Gauley is characterized by multiple heavy rapids requiring tight, technical maneuvering. The river is often split into Upper, Middle and Lower sections totaling 25 miles long.

Seasonal pricing for adults ranges from \$129 to \$159 for full-day trips from May through August. Because of the length and variety of trips, fall season rates range from \$99 to \$389.

Aerial and other Adventures

TimberTrek Aerial features a series of obstacles, bridges and zip lines comprising five courses ranging from easiest to most difficult and color-coded like downhill ski slopes. AOTG's two zip line courses are distinctive

adventures with TreeTops Canopy Tour featuring 10 zip lines and five sky bridges winding through an old-growth forest and Gravity Zip Lines offering 1½ miles of lines including the 3,100-foot Adrena-Line with speeds approaching 60 miles per hour.

To book adventures, accommodations or packages, call 1-855-379-8738. Travelers can find out more about Adventures on the Gorge and learn about specials and other offers by connecting on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), signing up for AOTG [e-newsletter](#) or following the AOTG [blog](#).

More about Adventures on the Gorge

Named one of the top six adventure resorts in the country by [U.S. News & World Report](#) and celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2018, Adventures on the Gorge features an array of outdoor adventures including whitewater rafting, aerial adventures, rock climbing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, fishing, mountain biking and hiking. The resort also offers an array of accommodations, restaurants, bars, shops and a conference center.

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