



RAFTING 101

- PUT-IN** The place where we start a river trip. Where we “put the rafts in” the river.
- TAKE-OUT** The place where we end the rafting and take the rafts out of the river.
- SHUTTLE** This is the land transportation of people to the “Put-In” and from the “take-out” via a bus or van.
- SAFETY-TALK** Usually 15 minutes to 30 minutes in length; the Safety Talk is an orientation delivered by the trip leader or guide to the guests prior to a rafting trip. The safety talk or “briefing” usually takes approximately 15 minutes to 30 minutes and covers the specific itinerary of the day, communication, general safety, hazards, and orientation of equipment and guides.
- RAPID** A section of whitewater on a river, often with fast moving water and large waves.
- CLASS IV** A classification within the international river chart of whitewater. Class I through VI, (or class 1 through 6). It is specifically a rating system for river runners/kayakers/boaters, to identify the level of whitewater, navigability, hazard to a swimmer and difficulty of a section of river or rapid. Class 1 is typically flowing water, with minor waves and riffles and easily avoided obstructions and obstacles with little to no risk. Class 6 is often completely un-navigable, consisting of waterfalls and thickly strewn large boulders and holes and it not rafted commercially.
- TRIP LEADER** A level of experience and license in British Columbia Commercial rafting, most experienced guide, or the lead guide of a rafting trip.