



SIERRA MAC

RIVER TRIPS



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CHERRY CREEK / UPPER TUOLUMNE RIVER

CHERRY POWERHOUSE TO MERAL'S POOL

MEETING TIME: 6:00 am unless otherwise specified.

MEETING PLACE CHERRY CREEK/UPPER TUOLUMNE TRIPS:

LA CASA LOMA RIVER STORE

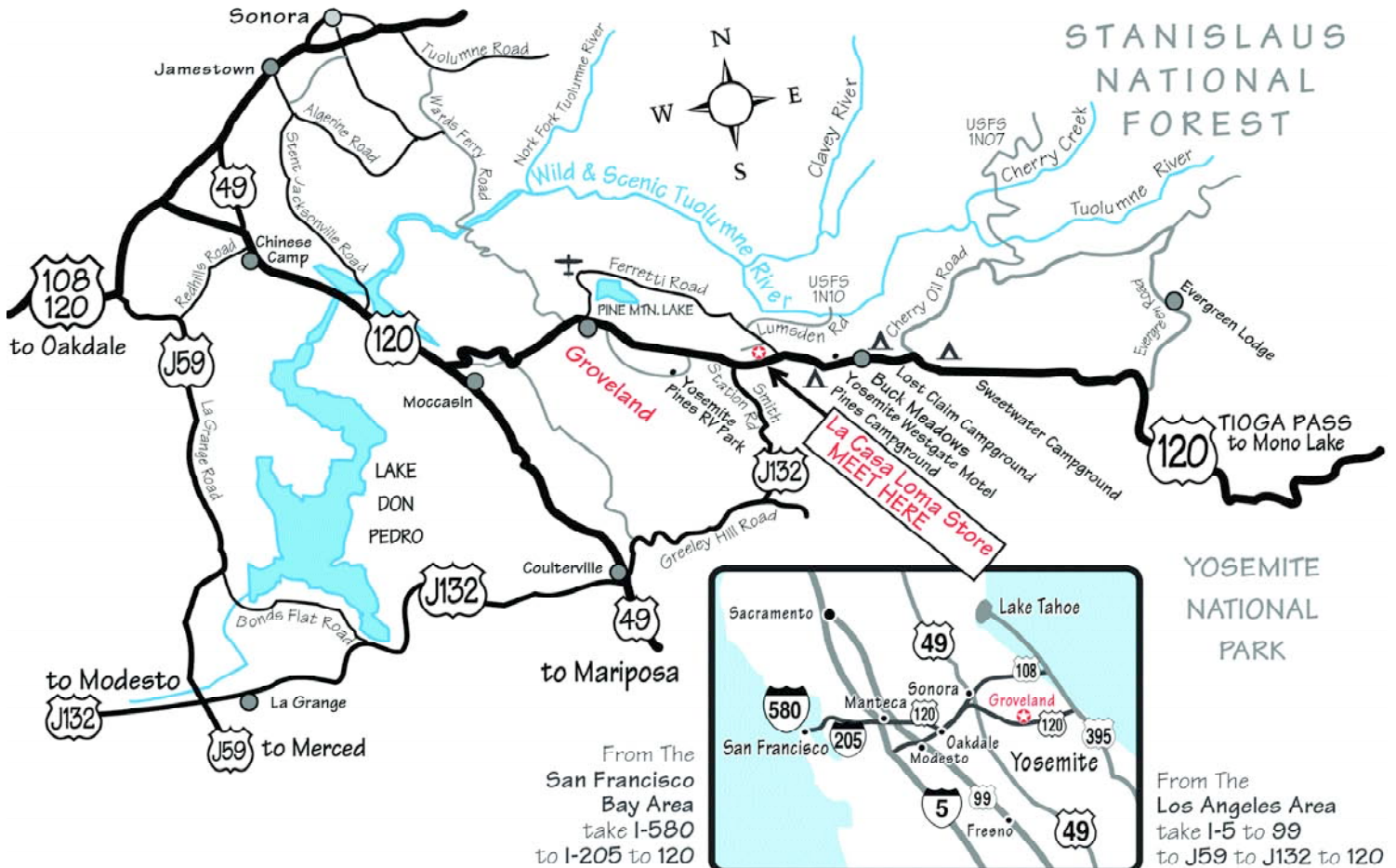
24000 Casa Loma Road, Groveland, CA 95321

If you will not be available by phone before your trip, please phone our office within 48 hours of meeting time to reconfirm logistics. Please be on time!

If you're late, notify us by phoning our local river office at (209) 962-0367.

GETTING THERE: We meet at La Casa Loma River Store, 7 miles east of Groveland on Highway 120. Turn left on Ferretti Road. This is the second Ferretti Road option, 7 miles east of Groveland on Highway 120— NOT the Ferretti Road in the town of Groveland. Drive one block, turn left on Casa Loma Road, and park to the left of the road. The shuttle bus will meet you there, providing transportation to and from the river. Driving time to Groveland from the Bay Area is about 3 1/2 hours; from Manteca, about 1 1/2 hours; from Los Angeles, about 7 hours. We can arrange local airport pickups.

NOTE: MapQuest mistakenly has travelers from the south diverting east from Fresno through Yosemite National Park, although very scenic, it is a much slower route.



From The San Francisco Bay Area take I-580 to I-205 to 120

From The Los Angeles Area take I-5 to 99 to J59 to J132 to 120

Welcome to Class V, the ultimate challenge in white water rafting! Having pioneered commercial Class V river trips on both Cherry Creek/Upper Tuolumne, we at Sierra Mac are excited to share these thrilling adventures with you. It is important to realize that these trips are intense and demanding passenger participation experiences, particularly on the paddle boats, and that a successful Class V run depends on you and your boat team.

GETTING READY

Each trip includes an energy breakfast. Wet suit, helmet and flotation vest fitting is followed by an extensive two-hour white water seminar which includes training in swiftwater swimming, navigation and safety techniques. If, in our opinion, you are not ready for this rigorous experience following the training seminar, you will be asked to return to the shuttle van. (In this case you will receive a 50% refund.)

Sierra Mac provides helmets in addition to white water flotation vests for Class V passengers. Wet suits are provided, or you may provide your own. High energy snacks and drinks are provided during the trip with a delicious meal at trip's end.

LODGING

Berkshire Inn Bed & Breakfast <i>new, deluxe</i>	888-225-2064 www.berkshireinn.com
Century 21 Pleasant View Properties <i>condo and home rentals</i>	866-350-7372 www.c21pleasantview.com
Evergreen Lodge <i>rustic lodge, restaurant, bar</i>	800-935-6343 www.evergreenlodge.com
Groveland Hotel <i>historic inn, restaurant, bar</i>	800-273-3314 www.groveland.com
Hotel Charlotte <i>small historic hotel, restaurant</i>	800-961-7799 www.hotelcharlotte.com
ReMax, Loreen Borup <i>condo and home rentals</i>	877-962-7180 www.yosemitegoldvacations.com
Yosemite Ridge Resort <i>cabins for 4 to 8, restaurant</i>	800-706-3009 www.yosemiteridge.com
Yosemite Rose <i>bed and breakfast</i>	866-962-6548 www.yosemiterose.com
Yosemite Westgate Lodge <i>modern, restaurant</i>	800-253-9673 www.yosemitewestgate.com

CAMPING

Yosemite Pines RV Park <i>RV rental, camping, pool, phone, showers and store</i>	877-962-7690
Pine Mountain Lake Campground <i>RV park and camping, showers</i>	209-962-8615

U.S. FOREST SERVICE CAMPGROUNDS:

East of Groveland, on Highway 120 in the Buck Meadows area near the meeting place, are U.S. Forest Service campgrounds **Pines, Lost Claim and Sweetwater**. They do not take reservations; information is available from the U.S. Forest Service office in Groveland at 209-962-7825.

RESTAURANTS & SERVICES

Buck Meadows General Store & Gas	209-962-7690
Cocina Michoacana, Groveland	209-962-6651
Coffee Express, Groveland	209-962-7393
Groveland Hotel <i>fresh seasonal California cuisine</i>	209-962-4000
Hotel Charlotte, Groveland	209-962-6455
Iron Door Bar & Grill, Groveland	209-962-6244
La Casa Loma River Store	

OTHER NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Columbia State Historic Park
- Railtown State Historic Park, Jamestown
- Sonora Pass on Highway 108
- Tioga Pass on Highway 120
- Yosemite National Park

Yosemite Reservations: 559-252-4848

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau: 209-533-4420

WHAT TO WEAR

Wet suit (*mandatory, supplied by Sierra Mac*)
Shorts and/or swimsuit under wet suit
T-shirt
Tennis shoes (*sandals do not protect your feet*)
Ball cap
Sunglasses (*with tie-on*)

ADDITIONAL COOL WEATHER RIVER ATTIRE

Wool, silk or synthetic layer under wet suit
Rubber splash jacket (*provided by SMRT*)
Wool or neoprene socks
Wool hat or ball cap



For guests on overnight trips who are combining the Cherry Creek/Upper run with a Main Tuolumne trip.

WHAT TO BRING ON OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Pack light and compact. Each person will receive a 3.8 cubic foot dry bag for storing his or her belongings—about the size of a 30-gallon plastic trash bag.

CAMPING GEAR (*rentals available*)

Sleeping bag
Air or foam mattress
Tarp
Tent or tube tent (*optional*)

PERSONAL GEAR

Comfortable clothing
Nylon shell jacket
Underwear
Extra tennis shoes or sandals
Socks
Sweater and/or jacket
Towel
Toiletries, kleenex, etc.
Flashlight (*one for each person*)
Flashlight batteries (*packed separately*)
Extra plastic bags

DAY BAG (*Ziploc plastic*)

Camera & film
Sunblock
Lip ointment
Plastic water bottle or canteen with strap

OPTIONAL

Rain jacket and pants
Fishing license and gear (*hard shell case*)
Snorkel mask
Bike gloves to protect hands while paddling
Sunscreen and lip sun block
Disposable/waterproof camera
small day pack or fanny pack
Reading material
Journal & pen
Cards or games

ALCOHOL

Consumption of alcohol is not permitted until arrival at camp. SMRT provides some beer, wine, soft drinks and juice. (You can bring extra beer, wine, soft drinks or favorite evening libations. No glass except wine; we'll pack it for you on the cargo raft.)

SANITATION/HYGIENE

Primitive rest rooms are available at the meeting place as well as at the embarkation point. At camp, we provide portable toilets and hand washing stations and request that everyone use them. Our guides will describe appropriate hygiene procedures that minimize our impact on the river environment.

CAMPFIRES

You are welcome to sit around and enjoy the fires built in the commissary area. Fires elsewhere are prohibited, and extreme caution with matches is imperative.

WEATHER

During the summer you can expect hot days and warm nights. Spring and fall weather is generally mild. Rain showers can occur at any time: bring suitable rain gear (see gear list). Feel free to phone us for last-minute local weather projection information.

GRATUITIES

We are often asked if tipping is appropriate. Tips are certainly appreciated by our guides. Tips normally range from 5% to 10% of the trip cost. Whether and how much you tip should depend on your satisfaction with the trip, your feelings towards tipping and your financial means. At the end of the trip guests usually give their tip to the lead guide, who will split it equally among the crew.

