

Discover Family Whitewater Rafting... One Hour West of Toronto

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Southern Ontario visitors can experience spring whitewater rafting for a day on the Nith River. This wilderness river offers a fun flume ride that families can be enjoy without the fear of tipping.

Many people are not aware of the whitewater rafting on the Nith River in Southern Ontario. This small river offers some of the best beginner whitewater rafting around. There is no need to drive 5 hours to the Ottawa... when one can do a nearby day trip and be in their own bed at night.

These guided rafting trips on the Nith River start out in a wilderness setting banked by high bluffs treed with the Carolinian Forest. The narrowness of the river brings the shoreline close... creating excellent wildlife viewing. It is not uncommon to see deer, fox, beaver and wild turkey. Further downstream are cascading drinkable springs and rare limestone rockery. From this point the Nith River gathers speed creating a fun thrill of standing waves and waterslides that the rafts easily bounce through and families totally enjoy

This 4 to 5 hour trip culminates with a three kilometer splash into the Grand River at Paris. The guided eight person rafts offer a trip of stability and safety. Size, age, agility and skill do not matter... the self-bailing guided whitewater rafts are very safe and easy to manage. This spring adventure offers a safe but fun taste of whitewater rafting to families, schools and corporate groups.

The cost for the 4 hour whitewater rafting trip with lunch included is around \$65 per person. Children are welcome and the trip is user friendly for the beginners. The Nith River is easily accessible by major highways and is about a one hour drive west of Toronto. The area is also accessible by train, bus and airport limousine. For more information on family spring rafting visit <http://www.grandriverrafting.ca/whitewater.php>.

For those traveling from afar accommodations can be arranged at the elegant 19th century Arlington Hotel in the riverside town of Paris. Or for those wishing a more intimate experience with local hospitality there is the beautiful countryside River Ridge Bed & Breakfast outside of Paris. This place can accommodate up to 12 people, has excellent gourmet breakfast and a year round outdoor hot tub overlooking the Grand River valley.

If looking for a whitewater rafting experience in Southern Ontario... where river time exceeds traveling time... a spring rafting trip on the Nith River is worth the visit.

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