

# MAINE

*The Way Life Should Be.*

*Whitewater Rafting*



The Maine Publicity Bureau, Inc.

### **AAA Whitewater Information**

**Address:** P.O. Box 18

The Forks, Maine 04985

US/Canada 1-800-348-8871, 923-3492

**Trips:** Trips run daily on all of Maine's Class IV rivers (Kennebec, Dead, Penobscot). Multiple day & overnight trips. One call toll free reservations (Rafting, lodging, camping). Call TODAY!

**Season:** April-October

### **Access to Adventure**

**Mail Address:** P.O. Box T

Brunswick, Maine 04011

The Forks, on Lake Parlin

725-2255 or 1-800-864-2676

**Trips:** 1, 2, 5 & 6 day trips on the Kennebec, Penobscot, Dead rivers. Lakefront lodge, restaurant/bar, hot tub, sauna and trip packages.

**Season:** May-September

### **Action River Adventures\***

**Mail Address:** Wyman Lake

Caratunk, Maine 04925

672-5506 or 1-800-766-7238

**Trips:** Kennebec, Penobscot, Dead. Campground/Baselodge/Hotel & Cabins/Bed & Breakfast-West Forks

**Season:** April-October

### **Adventure River Expeditions\***

**Address:** P.O. Box 101, Route 201

The Forks, Maine 04985

663-2249, U.S./Canada 1-800-765-7238

**Trips:** Kennebec & Penobscot (Daily), Dead (Selected)

Full service resort with deluxe accommodations or camping. Heated pool, hot tub, sauna, platform tennis court. Whitewater rafting, mountain biking, horseback riding, kayak adventures, conference facilities. Free color brochure.

**Season:** April-October

### **All Outdoors Whitewater**

**Address:** Lake Moxie Camps

The Forks, Maine 04985

663-2231

**Trips:** 1 day Kennebec Gorge, 2 day canoe/raft combo w/ floatplane shuttle, Dead, Penobscot.

**Season:** April-October

### **Crab Apple Whitewater, Inc.**

**Address:** Crab Apple Acres Inn

HC 63, Box 25, Route 201, The Forks, Maine 04985

663-4491 or 1-800-553-7238

**Trips:** Kennebec, Dead rivers. Country Inn & Lodge on the Kennebec River. "MILD or WILD" Over ten years professional rafting experience. Free color catalog.

**Season:** Daily, April-October

**Downeast Whitewater, Inc.\*****Headquarters:** Kelley Brook Resort

Route 201, 2 mi. south of The Forks

**Office:** Saco Bound/Downeast

Box 119, Route 302, Center Conway, NH 03813

(603) 447-3002 or 1-800-677-RAFT

**Trips:** Kennebec (Daily); Penobscot (Daily). Special trips on other rivers. Campground, inn, restaurant, paddling shop, fishing, kayak and canoe trips and overnight trips.**Season:** April-October**Eastern River Expeditions\*****Address:** Box 1173, Moosehead Lake

Greenville, Maine 04441

1-800-634-7238

**Trips:** Kennebec & Penobscot (Daily). Dead, Moose & Gauley (Selected). Special float trips for younger children, inflatable kayak trips, overnight camping trips, Outdoor pool & hot tub, restaurant, campground, motel, fitness center, whirlpool/ sauna.**Season:** April-October**Maine Whitewater, Inc.\*****Address:** Gadabout Gaddis Airport

P.O. Box 633

Bingham, Maine 04920

672-4814, Out of State/1-800-345-MAIN

Restaurant &amp; Airport

**Trips:** Kennebec, Penobscot, Dead**Season:** April-September**Magic Falls Rafting Company**

P.O. Box 9

W. Forks, Maine 04985

663-2220/ Home 873-0938

**Trips:** Striving to individualize your experience by keeping our groups small. We aim first for safety, second for a trip that touches the heart and soul.**Mountain Magic Expeditions**

P.O. Box 12

West Forks, Maine 04985

663-2233/In ME/1-800-464-2238

**Trips:** Kennebec, Dead. We offer one day trips and packages. We treat you like family.**Season:** April-October**New England Whitewater Center\*****Address:** Wyman Lake

Box 21, Caratunk, Maine 04925

672-5506, 1-800-766-7238 US/Canada

**Trips:** Kennebec, Penobscot, Dead. Accommodations and packages for your outdoor adventures. Campground/Baselodge/Hotel /Cabins/Bed & Breakfast. West Forks, Maine.**Season:** April-October

### **North American Whitewater Expeditions\***

**Address:** P.O. Box 64

West Forks, Maine 04985

Toll Free US/Canada 1-800-727-4379

**Trips:** Kennebec, Penobscot, Dead. Daily and overnite trips, B&B arrangements. Guided mountain bike trips, canoe trips, cabins and campground.

**Season:** April-Mid-October

### **North Country Rivers, Inc.**

**Address:** P.O. Box 47

East Vassalboro, Maine 04935

923-3492, Fax 923-3850

Toll Free US/Canada 1-800-348-8871

**Trips:** Discover whitewater rafting on the Penobscot, Kennebec & Dead rivers. Trips run daily. No experience necessary. Call toll free for rafting, camping & lodging packages.

**Season:** April-October

### **Northern Outdoors, Inc.\***

**Address:** P.O. Box 100, Route 201

The Forks, Maine 04985

663-4466, U.S./Canada 1-800-765-RAFT

**Trips:** Kennebec & Penobscot (Daily),  
Dead (Selected)

Full service resort with deluxe accommodations or camping. Heated pool, hot tub, sauna, platform tennis court. Since 1976 we've offered the finest professionally guided whitewater rafting, horseback riding, mountain biking, adventure ropes course, conference/meeting facilities. Free color brochure.

**Season:** April-October

### **Professional River Runners of Maine, Inc.\***

**Address:** P.O. Box 92 - Route 201

West Forks, Maine. 04985

Toll Free: 1-800-325-3911, 663-2229

**Trips:** 1/day and overnight trips on Kennebec, Penobscot & Dead rivers. One phone call reserves a raft trip and overnight accommodations at lakeside cabins, campground, bed & breakfast or hotel. All trips include BBQ lunch or lobster dinner. Campground at headquarters. Veteran guides. FREE brochure.

**Season:** April-October

### **Unicorn Rafting Expeditions\***

**Mail Address:** P.O. Box T

Brunswick, Maine 04011

725-2255/1-800-UNICORN

Actual Location: The Forks 04985

**Trips:** 1, 2, 5 & 6 day trips on the Kennebec, Penobscot and Dead rivers. Lakefront lodges, restaurant/bar, meal packages, state licensed daycare, family vacation packages, hot tub/sauna, mountain biking, ropes course, camping and more.\*

**Season:** May-October

### **Voyagers Whitewater**

**Address:** Route 201, HC 63 Box 10

The Forks, Maine 04985

663-4423, 1-800-289-6307

**Trips:** Smaller, more maneuverable rafts. Small group trips and relaxed style make rafting with Voyagers a wonderful experience. Enjoy freshly made country gourmet meals with trips on the Kennebec, Dead and Penobscot rivers. Bed & breakfast rooms for overnight, too, with a great view of the Kennebec. Free color brochure. Free Consumer's Guide to Whitewater Rafting in Maine, too. Special discounts for group leaders!

### **Viking River Expeditions**

**Mail Address:** Box One, Camden 04843

Maine Sport Outfitters

PO Box 956

Rockport, Maine 04856

U.S. & Canada 1-800-722-0826

Maine 1-800-244-8799 or 236-8797/7120

**Trips:** Personalized adventures on the Kennebec, Dead and Penobscot Rivers. 1 day and overnight trips. Instruction & Sales

### **Wilderness Expeditions, Inc.\***

**Address:** P.O. Box 41-MP

Rockwood, Maine 04478

534-2242/7305, 1-800-825-WILD (9453)

**Trips:** Kennebec, Penobscot, Dead, Allagash, St. John. Log cabins on Moosehead Lake.

**Season:** April-October

\*Raft Maine central reservations

Monday - Friday, 9 - 5; Saturday 9 - Noon, 800-359-2106.

Area code in Maine is (207)

## **Where else but in Maine can you find such an experience.**

Whitewater rafting in Maine affords participants the opportunity to experience the beauty and spirit of a part of the state nearly inaccessible otherwise. Maine, according to whitewater experts, enjoys the three most spectacular whitewater rivers — the Kennebec, Dead, and the West Branch of the Penobscot which flows from Chesuncook Lake.

The small town of The Forks has in recent years gained notoriety as one of the premier areas for whitewater rafting in the East. So named as the confluence point of the Dead River from the west and the Kennebec from the east, The Forks is home for more than a dozen commercial rafting companies. The Greater Moosehead area is also a busy whitewater center, with outfitters working from or having base camps here to accommodate their Penobscot-bound paddlers.

The whitewater season begins with spring run-off trips on both rivers and continues to October on the dam controlled Kennebec with a twelve-mile run through the magnificent Kennebec Gorge, an inaccessible wilderness renowned for its BIG water.

The West Branch of the Penobscot, which skirts the southern perimeter of Baxter State Park in the Katahdin/Moosehead Region, is one of the most spectacular rivers in the East and equal to any river in the country. Beginning at Ripogenus Dam, the Penobscot drops over 70 feet per mile through a vertical walled granite canyon in a seething, boiling torrent. Following Ripogenus Gorge the river travels 12 miles in a series of steep drops and calmer sections that make the West Branch a memorable experience.

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