For Families / Beginners / Less Experienced:

**RAFTS**
For the ultimate in stability and family/group adventure, try our 5-person and 7-person rafts. Made of extremely durable Hypalon, these are the same rafts used on major whitewater rivers (but of course, there is NO whitewater). The river does most of the work as far as taking you downstream, but it’s up to you and your crew to work together and steer/navigate your Raft down the narrow passages & around obstacles. Rafts are spacious, relaxing, comfortable, and promote TEAMWORK. They also decrease your chance of accidentally getting wet - a real relief for those with young ones! Trips end in beautiful Burt Lake State Park — swim, picnic, play!

**TUBES**
What’s the best way to spend a hot, sunny afternoon in beautiful Northern Michigan? Floating on a tube down a crystal-clear, refreshing river! River Tubing (aka: “Rump-Quitting”) is a wet and extremely fun (often times hilarious) group adventure! Recommended for: all ages and skill levels as long as they are comfortable and confident in, on, and around water. Tubing is best on a sunny day that’s at least 70 degrees. We recommend the short trip for young children!! Please Note: Tubes go slower than everything else, so a 2 hr. Raft trip will take 2.5 hours by Tube. Tube Rates: are per person (based on 1 person per tube, although a very small child can sit on a lap for free).

**CATS**
Combine the thrill of kayaking, the camaraderie of canoeing, and the stability of a raft, and you end up with a Cat. Short for “Camataram”, our Cats are an inflatable tandem kayak with less chance of tipping over than canoes/kayaks. The sleek, yet “wide-track” design is fun and easy to paddle. Also comes with comfortable, inflatable backrests. Please Note: Cats are best on warm days as there may be a little bit of water where you’re sitting.

**For More Experienced / More Adventurous:**

**CANOES / TANDEM KAYAKS**
We feature 16’9” Old Town “Discovery” Canoes, made of tough, high-density polyethylene with contoured seats. Stable, maneuverable, and well suited to the technical demands of the Sturgeon River. Our 14’ Old-Town Tandem Kayaks offer a larger cockpit for easier entry and exit. Recommended for: Paddlers with experience and an adventurous attitude! (Not young children—especially on longer trips).

**KAYAKS / SOLO CANOES**
Comfortable, lightweight, easy to paddle, and fun to use, we offer 9’6” Old Town “Otter” Kayaks. With its short length, it is highly maneuverable and features a large, open cockpit for easy entry and exit. For paddlers between 225-275 lbs, we offer a 11’1” Loon Kayak, and for those between 275-380 lbs, we offer a 13’8” Loon Kayak, both for extra stability. We also offer an 11’9” Solo Canoe w/ a center seat. Recommended for: confident thrill-seekers with basic paddling experience (not young children), or groups with odd numbers.

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**STURGEON RIVER TRIP INFORMATION**

With an average descent of 14 feet per mile, the Sturgeon River is the fastest river in Michigan’s Lower Peninsula! Not whitewater, but exciting and challenging with its quick and often tricky current, along w/ leaning trees, stumps, and logs (especially when navigating through numerous narrow passages and sharp turns!) The current does most of the work, but it’s up to you and/or your partner(s) to maneuver your watercraft down the crystal-clear, spring-fed stream, as it winds its way mostly through beautiful state forest. The average depth is 3-4 feet, however, there are deeper pools that can reach 5-8 feet, usually around the outside of bends. Plan on getting wet as many of our guests take an unplanned “refreshing” dunk! (approx. 80% tip-over rate for canoes/kayaks on longer trips, 0% for Rafts) Various types of paddlers can enjoy this exhilarating adventure as long as close attention is paid to the type of equipment used as well as the section and/or length of the river trip.

**PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE IMPORTANT TRIP INFO, DEPARTURES & FLOAT TIMES!**

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**ALL RIVER TRIP RATES INCLUDE:**
- U.S. Coast Guard approved and safety-inspected quality equipment
- Paddles and PFD’s (comfortable Type III Lifevest)
- Shuttle service to the put-in point (most trips end at Burt Lake State Park, which has a great swimming beach!) See “Ending Point/Parking”

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**CANOE / KAYAK / TANDEM KAYAK RATES:**
- **Price Per Person**
- **Departures**
- **Approx. Float time**
- **Cooler Tubes are available for same price per person!**

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**KAYAK / SOLO CANOE RATES:**
- **Price Per Person**
- **Departures**
- **Approx. Float time**

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**Departures & Float Times:**
- **Shuttle service to the put in point **
- **Ending Point/Parking**
- **Please Note:**
- **Approx. Float time**

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**River Hours & Reservations:**
- 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
- (231) 238-8181
- www.bigbearadventures.com
All River Trips end inside Burt Lake State Park! The designated ending point is located on the Sturgeon River at peak times more congested w/ rafts and tubes). This trip ends at N. White Rd.

TRIP DEPARTURE TIMES
In order to maintain prompt departure times for our guests, it is required that everyone in your group arrive 30 minutes prior to your desired departure time. Please arrive with all equipment loaded in your vehicle, to be used on the river, and you time to change into proper attire and park your vehicle. Be sure to remove any valuable or all valuable jewelry and property. You can spend as much time on the river as you like. However, all equipment must be returned by 7:00 pm or late trip charges will be assessed. Please allow yourself ample time. Please note the latest departure time available for each trip.

GROUP RATES
We love groups! Special discounted rates are available for youth groups (church, schools, and scouts) and adult groups (church, corporate, reunions). We offer packages that can include: Raft, Tube, Canoe, Kayak, and/or Car trips, packed "SUBWAY" lunches, 18-hole Adventure Golf, Resident and Junior, and Bumper Bats! In order to receive discounted rates, reservations are required in advance. Lodging is available at motels, cabins, and campgrounds near by. Please ask for Group Rates and info or check out our website (www.bigbearadventures.com)

HAUL-IT-YOURSELF RENTALS
We offer a wide variety of rental equipment for a self-guided trip. A security deposit will be charged to your credit card at time of reservation, and any other equipment issued by Big Bear Adventures will be charged to the guest at time of return. (all equipment is insured). If possible, please call or make sure to try to get an exact list of equipment that you will need. Also, please call the week before your trip to get an exact list of needed equipment.

SPOTTING/SHELTER SERVICE
We provide transportation for guests and their privately-owned equipment to various locations on the river. Please ask for specifics on “Spotting/Shelter Services”.

OUTFITTER SHOP/GENERAL STORE
We offer a complete line of paddling-related accessories, gear, and clothing. From head to toe, we can outfit the river enthusiast with hats, t-shirts, shorts, sunglasses, kayaking shirts, as well as sunscreen, bug repellent, and more. We also have a full service bar with hot dogs, sandwiches, fresh salads, wraps, and snacks. Please ask for specifics on the “Outfitter Shop/General Store”.

PHOTOGRAPHY
Call us for specifics on “Photography”.

WINTER ACTIVITIES
Experience the breathtaking beauty and solitude of Winter on our Guided Winter Raft trips!
Our knowledgeable staff will guide you on a fun and narrative 1 ½ hour trip, offering you an excellent opportunity to see wildlife in their natural habitat.
Visit our website for more detailed information!