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Enjoy A Wild and Scenic Experience of a Lifetime!

Kayak, Raft, Motor, or Float one of America's Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers



Rogue Wild and Scenic River (John Dale/Share the Experience)

One of the compelling attractions of America's Great Outdoors is its more than **12,000 miles and 203 nationally-designated Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers** across 39 states. In a world where waterways are increasingly dammed and confined, access to these free-flowing waters is an important part of America's natural heritage. Whether you have the skill to tackle one of these rivers on your own or you prefer to take advantage of the companies permitted to offer trips on these rivers, whether you are seeking an

adrenaline rush or looking for a family-friendly paddle, whether you want to swim in its waters or hike along its shores, don't miss an opportunity to get your feet wet and experience a Wild and Scenic River adventure as part of your travels.

Explore

If your travels take you to the Pacific Northwest plan to raft the [Skagit Wild and Scenic River](#) in Washington State or experience the high desert landscapes of Central Oregon on the [Deschutes Wild and Scenic River](#).

Several years back, the Meryl Streep and Kevin Bacon movie "The River Wild" featured the amazing whitewater and narrow canyon of Oregon's [Rogue Wild and Scenic River](#). In contrast to the boiling whitewater of the upper Wild section, the lower section of the river, which is designated as Scenic and Recreational, features exciting jet boat

excursions offered by several permitted commercial boat companies.

Experience

Not too far from Atlanta, the [Chattooga Wild and Scenic River](#) offers a great opportunity for a day-long trip. If you are close to New York, visit the [Allegheny Wild and Scenic River](#) as it flows through the northeast forests.

For more information on the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers in America's Great Outdoors, visit [Recreation.gov](#).