RAFTING THE SALT RIVER

Posted by: Anne McAuley  January 14, 2015  In The Visitors View  Leave a comment

Are you craving adventure? Is your new year's resolution to get out and see nature? A white water rafting trip down the Salt River might be just what you need. Last year the season was cancelled and rafting enthusiasts are looking forward to this season which already looks promising.

Rafting the Salt River is a rush! Photo courtesy of Mild to Wild rafting.
"Why go rafting on the Salt River? Get out and live! Enjoy the adventure and the world around you," says Alex Mickel, who along with his wife, are the owner/operators of Mild to Wild Rafting and Jeep Tours (http://mild2wildrafting.com/) serving Arizona, Colorado, and Utah.

Recent rainfall and snow at Sunrise translates to water on the Salt River in the springtime. Consistent snow – which is the forecast for this winter – means a longer high water season. If you’re a thrill seeker, check out the Salt River mid-March to early April during high water season, when water is the highest and rapids are Class II, III, and IV.

For those less adventurous, Mickel recommends waiting until later in April. The water is lower and warmer with Class II and III rapids; it’s a perfect time for families with children to experience a white water rafting adventure.

What makes Salt River rafting unique is the geography, geology, and wildlife. It’s one of the few places on the planet where you can ride the white water, a traditionally cooler weather activity, next to the landscape of saguaro cactus and desert flowers and wildlife that includes bears, javelina, gila monsters, and wild horses.

The best part, says Mickel, is that each trip is different.

“You can raft the Salt River 100 times and have a different experience each time.”

He recommends the 4-day trip where visitors have the chance to experience the transition of the landscape from the upper to lower Sonoran desert including the beauty of the white granite walls smoothed by the river.

"On a longer trip you have time to reflect, rejuvenate, and connect to the river in way you can’t on a shorter trip. My wife and I have a passion for the river because it’s about more than just the white water. It’s about connecting with people whether it’s our coworkers or visitors on a tour. Remembering what it’s like to experience the river for the first time makes 100th trip as cool as the first because we get a chance to see it through other people’s eyes."

If you’re ready to make your first trip down the Salt River, Mickel recommends contacting the tour company. Ask what they provide in terms of clothing, meals and equipment. Some will provide food, camping gear, and wetsuits while others provide some or all of what you will need depending on the length of your trip.

### REVIEW OVERVIEW

User Rating: Be the first one!

0 Comments

Sort by **Top**

Add a comment...

Facebook Comments Plugin

SHARE 1

Like 66

More 0

Tagged with: **MILD TO WILD** **SALT RIVER RAFTING**

### ABOUT ANNE MCAULEY

Anne McAuley is a Mesa based freelance writer and owner of McAuley Freelance Writing where she is

http://www.globemiamitimes.com/rafting-salt-river/
a copywriter and blogger for businesses. She believes that words matter. What you say and how you say it is the difference between landing a deal and losing a customer. When she's not crafting content for her clients, Anne is spending time with friends and family. She can be reached at anne@mcauleyfreelancwriting.com or via her website www.annemcauley.com.

RELATED POSTS

Palmer Report October 7th – 13th
October 8, 2015

Palmer Report September 30th – October 6th
September 30, 2015

Palmer Report September 23rd – 29th
September 23, 2015

LEAVE A REPLY

Your email address will not be published.

Name

Email

Website

Post Comment

http://www.globemiamitimes.com/rafting-salt-river/
Diana Lawrence: hi, Kip! I am among those that deeply appreciate all that yo...