



Verde River @ Clarkdale Kayak Trip

Trip Information Sheet

Thank you for joining the Verde River Institute on a Verde River Familiarization Trip. Our goal for this trip is simple ... we want to provide you with a safe, enjoyable, firsthand experience of what the Verde River offers here in Clarkdale and the Verde Valley. Simply put, we believe that providing this experience with the river helps people better understand the unique treasure that we have, and the importance of protecting it for future generations.

Trip Details:

Please plan to meet your guide(s) at the commercial put-in near the north parking lot of the Lower Tapco River Access Point (TapcoRAP) at 9:00 a.m. Lower Tapco RAP is located 2.3 miles north of Tuzigoot Road on Sycamore Canyon Road. Sycamore Canyon Road intersects with Tuzigoot Road immediately east of Tuzigoot Bridge in Clarkdale. After a quick safety briefing and a short talk about the goals of the trip, we'll launch and float down to the Tuzigoot River Access Point (TuziRAP). This stretch is perfectly suited for everyone from beginners to experienced kayakers. We should be off the river between 1:30pm or so.

Please check the current weather forecast and be prepared to get wet! As long as there is no major storm activity, we will plan to proceed as scheduled with the trip. Sun protection will be a must!

To see a detailed description of the trip, take a look at our [story map](#).

We Will Provide:

Kayaks/Paddles

Personal Flotation Devices (if you have your own that you prefer, please feel free to bring it)

Gear/Dry Bags/Cell Phone bags

First Aid Kits

What to Bring:

Water (1 or 2 bottles)

Any snacks or additional drinks that you would like

At least one small set of extra clothes (if you go in the water, you'll have the option for dry clothes)

1 beach towel (to leave in your vehicle for after the trip)

Closed-toe water shoes (your feet will definitely get wet, and closed toes protect against rocks)

Pants (that roll up easily) or shorts to your comfort (you should plan to get wet up to your knees when we launch and land, at a minimum)

Hats and other clothing/accessories (**including sunscreen**) that provide appropriate sun protection (some people prefer long sleeved shirts for this purpose).

Sunglasses (please note, if you wear prescription or expensive glasses, it is not uncommon for them to fall off in the river ... you should consider bringing Croakies to secure them, or a cheap pair!)

PARKING

There is a recommended \$5 per vehicle fee to park at the launch site at Lower TAPCO.

You can make the \$5 parking donation (or donations in any other amount) at the Pay Station at Lower TAPCO.



Map to Lower Tapco River Access Point

