

artichoke hearts and garlic bread. However much is consumed; everyone still finds room for our Dutch-oven baked desserts served with whipped cream or a delectable cheese cake.

After dinner, the stars come out over the East Fork Carson River in a way city-dwellers rarely see. Now is the perfect time to go down to the hot springs and relax in the warmth while watching the moon rise. You may also just enjoy the peace and quiet of the wilderness while sipping a glass of wine or a steaming mug of hot chocolate around the camp fire. We promise that you will sleep well that night!

Next morning, you will wake to the aroma of coffee brewing and while the guides prepare breakfast, personal camping gear can be packed. Early risers can visit the hot springs again before breakfast, take a walk or fish. Breakfast will normally be served around 8:30 am and consists of either pancakes or eggs and hash browns with sausage or bacon, fresh fruit, pastries, orange juice, milk, tea and coffee. We will usually depart from camp around 10:30 am and we maneuver the most difficult rapid on the river, a Class 2+ rapid called 'Sidewinder'. The main hot springs is located just below this on the left bank.

Lunch can be taken at the hot springs or we can just take a soak. Our lunches usually consist of a deli-style spread with a selection of breads, meats and cheeses or pita bread with tuna or chicken salad. Tomatoes, avocados, lettuce, sprouts, chips and salsa, fresh fruit, cookies, vegetables and dip are included. We are glad to accommodate any special dietary needs, just let us know. There are other convenient sites for lunch further downstream, one particular spot affords a hike up fairly steep terrain to a cave.

The take-out, near Gardnerville in Nevada, is usually around 4:30 pm. You will be served cold drinks while the guides load equipment on to waiting shuttle vehicles, and then you will be transported back to your vehicles in Markleeville. This trip back takes approx. ¾ hour.

Accommodations & camping are available in the picturesque old town of Markleeville, where we meet for all of our trips. The Grover Hot Springs State Historic Park is located just out of town. Think about enjoying the local area for a few nights before or after your trip. Alpine County is the least populated county in California, or visit South Lake Tahoe only 34 miles to the north for more recreation and sight-seeing.

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