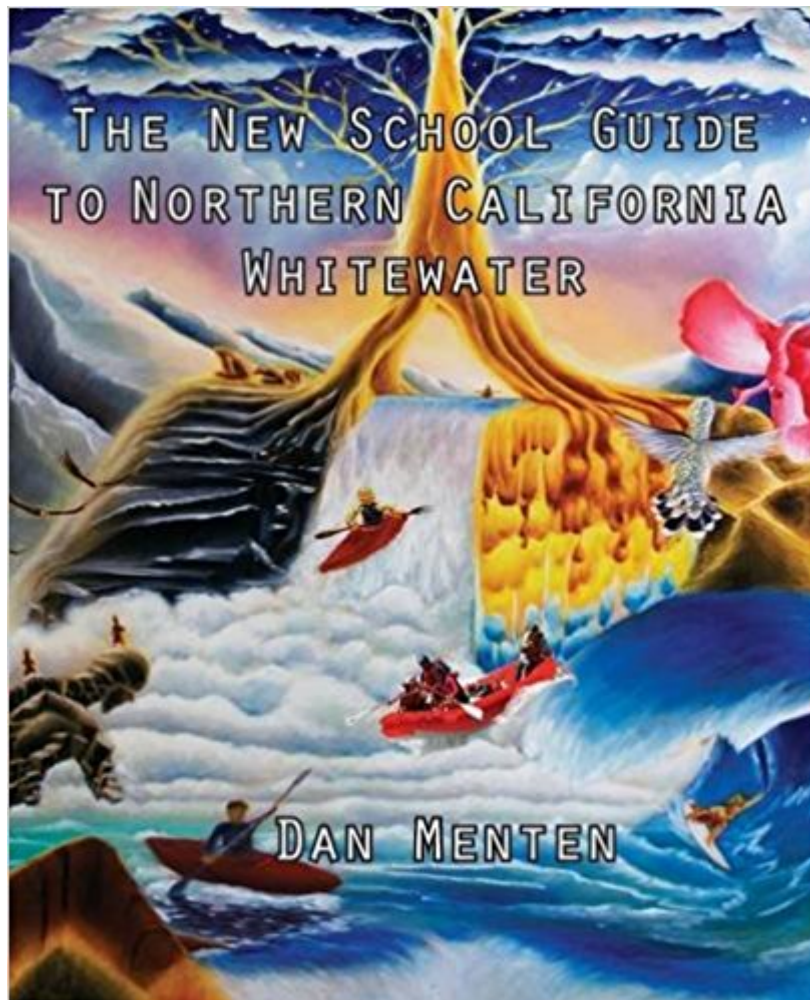




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# The New School Guide To Northern California Whitewater



## Synopsis

The New School Guidebook is a whitewater guidebook to the Six Rivers Region of Northern California. From majestic Redwood floats to tumultuous whitewater streams the New School Guide is designed to help people of all skill levels enjoy the fantastic streams of this beautiful area. This book covers the entire Klamath Mountains Geologic sub-province and includes 135 river descriptions for all skill levels of paddlers. Including runs on the Smith, Trinity, Klamath, Eel, Mad and Van Duzen rivers as well as numerous tributary streams that feed them. Featuring advertising from relevant local businesses, useful weather and river forecasting knowledge, history and whacky stories, this book will enrich any visitor's experience to the area. Dan Menten has drawn upon his vast knowledge to compile a rare and valuable resource to safely guide river lovers down the pristine waters of Northern California.

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"There is no one past or present more qualified to write a whitewater guide to the Klamath Mountain Range than Dan Menten. This book will be a great resource whether you are an international paddler or a North Coast local looking for a new run to explore. In 2012, when Dan Menten and I were planning the Explore Six Rivers expedition his understanding of river flows was paramount. As a result we were able to paddle the Smith, Klamath, Trinity, Mad, Van Duzen, and Eel from source to sea in a single year. It would have been far more challenging for Wes Schrecongost, Will Parham, and myself to have made this expedition a success without Dan's expertise. Ultimately, these run descriptions will save you a ton of time, energy, and money. Get ready to check off

personal first descents on some of the most amazing rivers in the world!" Paul Gamache Explore Six Rivers Co-Expedition Leader "A cause for celebration. Mr. Menten has assembled the the most comprehensive, well researched guide to Nor Cal rivers imaginable." Chris Hatton, Owner, Salmon River Outpost "Whitewater paddling combines adventure, adrenaline, and technical skills to reach locations and environments that few have experienced. The sport attracts risk taking personalities that seek out remote gorges and plunge over horizon lines chasing no more than the experience. Within the paddling community, there exists a subset of individuals that desire to push the limits of their peers, running rapids or rivers that others will not. Scientists have suggested this personality type as having a genetic basis, termed the "adventurer gene." This is exemplified in Dan Menten's mission to leave no section un-paddled in the most remote areas of Northern California. In this book Dan shares his research and experience which has, and will continue to, move the regional paddling community forward. This book encompasses the full range of river difficulty, from class I scenic floats to class V+ missions, designed to enhance the accessibility of the Six Rivers region. Whitewater paddling connects river enthusiasts to these resources, we follow the long standing migratory routes used by native anadromous fish in-route to adult feeding grounds in the Pacific Ocean, inherently linking our experiences with the ecology of the rivers. In addition, we often explore river sections during peak flow events, immersing ourselves in the fluvial processes and sediment transport events that shape the river channels. During our time working together we took full advantage of daylight hours. After long days studying the Trinity River, Dan and I would go paddling. Dan convincingly roped me in to numerous dusky missions, paddling our kayaks until dark. He proceeded to rattle off a list of potential runs to consider; his mind is well known in the paddling community as an encyclopedia of river beta. This book includes 138 river sections, like the Swift Creek Gorge, not published in previous guides to provide a more complete and contemporary understanding of the vast network of Northern California's whitewater. The sport of whitewater kayaking has evolved drastically over the past two decades, which is represented by this book not only in additional river sections, but also revised descriptions that align with contemporary paddling techniques and equipment. You will find descriptions of numerous un-documented sections descended for the first or second time as part of the research for this book, explanations of how to interpret the complex hydrology for the perfect flow levels, directions to river access points and other tools to help in planning your next river trip. Whether you are after a scenic float down the Trinity, multi-day trips on Redwood Creek or the Eel River, or participating in the Salmon River Nordheimer Race, the New School Guidebook will be an invaluable tool for years to come. Enjoy the Ride"

Damon H. Goodman

Years of researching went into this comprehensive description of whitewater in NorCal.

This is a great guide for whitewater enthusiasts. It is thorough, very comprehensive. There are maps, photos, and some stories that go along with some of the rivers. There is practical information about each river that will help you plan appropriately when you are looking to boat a certain location. The author has floated almost all of the rivers in the book. The book is well-laid out, easy to follow. Each river, in addition to photos and maps, has the difficulty level (Class), flows, where the author suggests to put in, and take out, "Character" such as "roadside intermediate run", how many miles, gradient, if there are portages or not, hiking involved or not, season, shuttle length, etc. If you are a serious boater, this book will not just be an attractive coffee-table book, but will get much use as you take it along with you on your boating adventures.

It's very nice to have a new and thorough update of river runs in northern California. The book is well laid out and I enjoyed it. My only complaint is the youthful "entitlement" that Dan demonstrates in order to describe every possible run, and assumes that because he wants to boat it, he has some absolute "right" to do so. If you drive through the "No Trespassing" sign on the gate at the Yager Creek lumber yard, with a "friendly wave" as Dan suggests, you will very likely be arrested and your car towed. If you try to find the Corbett Ranch road access on the Van Duzen, note that it is private property and your "first contact" with a local when you hop the fence and leave your rig parked there might not go very well. There are others in the book. And in these cases, Dan seems to lack the maturity and responsibility to positively "represent" our sport. As ambassadors of river boating, we need to approach landowners with respect if we don't want to blow it for those that come after us. Dan seems to adhere to the motto that it's "easier to ask for forgiveness than it is for permission", and while that may be true sometimes, it is just not professional to recommend that advice to others.

This is probably the best regional guidebook ever written. Lots of great color photos and stories. Very well written and worth every penny!

Excellent guide book. All the info is super useful! This thing is solid gold!!

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