

Malcolm's Summary

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Subject: Raft Trip '91

Oh, what a trip! Canoeing the Upper New. Guiding a raft through a monsoon and the Middle Keeney's (can you say flying blind?) The smoothest ride I've ever had through Greyhound and Double Z (can you say water ambulance?) And lots of the nicest people I've ever met. Once again I didn't get a chance to spend as much time as I wanted talking to everybody and I still haven't caught up with my sleep.

Thanks Eileen!

Malcolm

[Note added in editing... this was the year that Kris Meade broke her ankle while rafting the New. It got caught between the inner tubes and a rock while going through Miller's Folly.]

Jeff Schwab's Summary

From: jrs@ecn.purdue.edu
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Subject: raft trip '91 report from Jrs

Meadow River Hiking Society

I think the sidetrip that made the most notable impression on me is the pair of Meadow River hikes. The first hike down to the swimming "falls" area early in the week, during the hot/dry spell was a refreshing visit to a nice natural equivalent to a water park. The return visit after the rain came through showed just how much the water volume can change in a short period of time. Although still a relaxing dip, the force of the water and the current flow was much increased. A special mention to Deb Smith for best special effect, hydrodynamics department.

[Ah, I remember. "Twin Fountains of Delight", I think we called it. ---Rsk]

The most impressive part of the second hike, however, was the low-water visit to "Coming Home Sweet Jesus". A truly impressive death trap and #1 reason why yours truly will never-ever paddle the Meadow at high water. For those who didn't see it, this rock formation creates a large enclosed "room" large enough to stand up in. The open face is on the up-stream side of the formation. At high water, the "room" is totally submerged and the only outlet is through a massive strainer at the far end that will certainly not pass anything the size of a human body. A most humbling piece of work.

Jeff