

Whitewater vs. Sex:

An examination of the pros and cons of two of life's more rigorous activities.

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(who has photos of these people with the visual aids they used for this presentation?!)

Criteria	Whitewater	Sex
Enjoyable?	Yes, in excess	Yes, in excess
Timing?	Daylight recommended	24x7
Indoor?	No	Yes
Outdoor?	Yes	Yes
Availability?	Nationwide except for places that are too flat	Nationwide except for places that are too conservative
Equipment?	Recommended	Optional
Safety Devices?	Darn good idea	Darn good idea
Hazardous?	Depends on choice of rivers	Depends on choice of partners
Solo?	Available and fun	Available but not much fun
Tandem?	Requires teamwork; stray elbows can hurt.	Requires teamwork; stray elbows (and knees) can hurt.
Group?	Need large rubber raft	Also need large quantities of rubber
Repairs?	Duct tape	Plastic surgery
Helmet?	Yes	Only for bunk beds
Rope?	Yes	Depends on choice of partners (grab the rope, not the bag, please)
Paddle?	Yes	See "rope"
Rolling?	Required but not fun	Fun but not required
Higgins?	Could be fun	One of the four signs of the Apocalypse
Treece?	Will probably fall out	Will probably fall down
GSPs in general?	Intense and Excellent	Excellent in tents

The Rating System

Whitewater	For Men	For Women
Class I- beginner; small riffles	Sally Field in a dress	Two wild and crazy guys (SNL)
Class II - novice; small waves, some rocks	Erika Eleniak in a bikini	Kanuboy (Just after a refreshing swim)
Class III - intermediate; big waves, some hydraulics	Pamela Anderson (with tattoos) in camouflage lingerie	Helpless MRT guide saran-wrapped to a picnic table
Class IV - advanced; precise maneuvering in tight passages	Precise maneuvering in tight passages	Harrison Ford (as Han Solo, w/o shirt)
Class V - expert; BFW, BFH, BFR	Sigourney Weaver in that scene from "Ghostbusters"	Mel Gibson (with or without shirt)
Class VI - crazed expert; don't go there	Strang, Gelblat, and Smith sisters in lime jello	Lance in oleomargine (with parsley sprig)