

Driving Directions to the American River

All EarthTrek Expeditions trips on the South Fork, Middle Fork and North Fork of the American meet at our camp in Lotus. Below are directions to our camp.

From Southern California (approximately 7 hours driving time); Take I-5 north to Sacramento and follow the directions below from Sacramento.

From the San Francisco Bay Area (2-3 hours driving time): take I-80 east to Sacramento and follow the directions below from Sacramento.

From Redding and the Sacramento Airport: Take I-5 south to hwy 50 east (freeway sign on I-5 directs you to Fresno/Placerville) and follow the directions below from Sacramento.

From Sacramento (1 hour driving time): Take Hwy 50 east towards Placerville / Lake Tahoe and exit at Ponderosa Road (exit 37). At the freeway off ramp stop light, turn LEFT and cross over the freeway to the second stop light. Turn RIGHT on North Shingle Road which turns into Lotus Road at mile 5. Continue another 6.5 miles until the road deadends at Hwy 49. Turn LEFT on Hwy 49 and immediately cross over the South Fork American. Past the bridge take the SECOND LEFT into and through River Park Village to our gravel parking lot (see below).

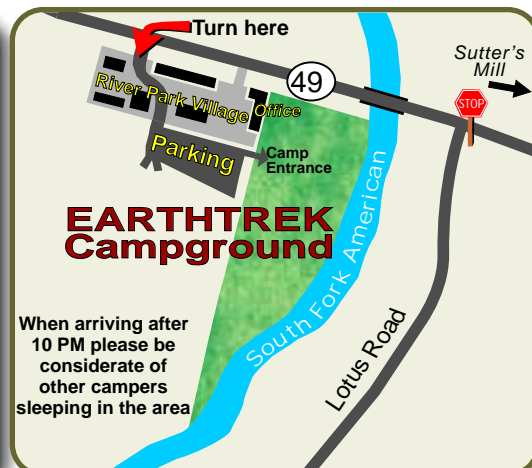
From South Lake Tahoe (1.5 hours driving time): Take Hwy 50 west over Echo Summit to Placerville. In Placerville, turn right (north) on Hwy 49 (Spring St.). Stay on Hwy 49 for about 9 miles through the historic gold discovery community of Coloma and over the South Fork American Bridge. Just past the bridge take the SECOND LEFT into and thru River Park Village to our gravel parking lot (see below).

From Reno or North Lake Tahoe (2 hours driving time): Take I-80 west over Donner Summit to Auburn and take Hwy 49 south towards Placerville. You will cross over the North Fork American River and then climb to the community of Cool. Continue on Hwy 49 about 10 more miles to River Park Village, which will be on your right. Drive through River Park Village to our parking lot (see below).

The EarthTrek parking lot is located directly behind River Park Village. When you pass through the entrance gate to our lot, turn left into our parking lot. The entrance to our camp is located at the far end of the parking lot. There are several other rafting companies that share the general area. Please do not park in their lots.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a camper or motorhome you are welcome to parking our lot and sleep in your vehicle but DO NOT USE YOUR GENERATOR from 10 PM to 7 AM.

If you are delayed or lost, call the EarthTrek Office at (800) 229-8735



If you arrive at our campground after 10 PM, please be considerate of others trying to sleep. Quiet hours are from 10 PM to 7 AM.