



RIVER TRAVEL  
MAGAZINE



## **2021 BEST OF THE RIVER | NATIONAL SURVEY**

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### **1) Best River to Tube**

- 1) [Apple River \(Somerset, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Portneuf River \(Lava Hot Springs, ID\)](#)
- 3) [San Marcos River \(San Marcos, TX\)](#) & [Current River \(Van Buren, MO\)](#)

### **2) Best River To Visit**

- 1) [Buffalo National River \(Buffalo City, AR\)](#)
- 2) [Tallulah River \(Tallulah Falls, GA\)](#) & [Columbia River \(Cascade Locks, OR\)](#)
- 3) [St. Louis River \(Carlton, MN\)](#)

### **3) Best River To Paddle**

- 1) [Root River \(Lanesboro, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Buffalo River \(Ponca, AR\)](#) & [Willamette River \(Portland, OR\)](#)
- 3) [Colorado River \(Grand Junction, CO\)](#) & [Congaree River \(Columbia, SC\)](#)

### **4) Best River Trip (Overall)**

- 1) [Mississippi River \(New Orleans, LA\)](#)
- 2) [Colorado River \(Grand Lake, CO\)](#)
- 3) [Missouri River \(Greenwood, SD\)](#)

### **5) Best River to Boat**

- 1) [Wisconsin River \(Wisconsin Dells, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Columbia River \(Burbank, WA\)](#)
- 3) [Ouachita River \(Arkadelphia, AR\)](#)

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### 6) Best River to Camp

- 1) [Wisconsin River \(Prairie Du Sac, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Salmon River \(Ketchum, ID\)](#)
- 3) [Arkansas River \(Buena Vista, CO\)](#) & [Skillings River \(Bar Harbor, ME\)](#)

### 7) Best River for Kayaking

- 1) [Colorado River \(Grand Canyon, AZ\)](#) & [Upper Iowa River \(Decorah, IA\)](#)
- 2) [Snake River \(Ontario, OR\)](#) & [Flambeau River \(Park Falls, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Wailua River \(Kauai, HI\)](#)

### 8) Best River for Canoeing

- 1) [Bois Brule River \(Brule, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Fox River \(Elgin, IL\)](#)
- 3) [Flathead River \(Polson, MT\)](#)

### 9) Best River to SUP Boarding

- 1) [Snake River \(Twin Falls, ID\)](#)
- 2) [St. Croix River \(Dresser, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Hudson River \(Manhattan, NY\)](#)

### 10) Best River for Trout Fishing

- 1) [White River \(Lakeview, AR\)](#)
- 2) [Kinnickinnic River \(River Falls, WI\)](#) & [Missouri River \(Three Forks, MT\)](#)
- 3) [Turkey River \(Elkader, IA\)](#)

### 11) Best River for Bass Fishing

- 1) [Flambeau River \(Ladysmith, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Columbia River \(Vancouver, WA\)](#) & [Winooski River \(Montpelier, VT\)](#)
- 3) [Bouie River \(Hattiesburg, MS\)](#)



### 12) Best River for Salmon Fishing

- 1) [Menomonee River \(Milwaukee, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Salmon River \(Pineville, NY\)](#) & [Manistee River \(Manistee, MI\)](#)
- 3) [Skagit River \(Mount Vernon, WA\)](#), [Columbia River \(Longview, OR\)](#) & [Ship Creek \(Anchorage, AK\)](#)

### 13) Best River Excursion

- 1) [Salmon River \(Salmon, ID\)](#)
- 2) [Flathead River \(Columbia Falls, MT\)](#)
- 3) [Wolf River \(White Lake, WI\)](#)

### 14) Best Riverfront Festival

- 1) [Savannah Music Festival \(Savannah, GA\)](#)
- 2) [Summerfest \(Milwaukee, WI\)](#), [River Arts Fest \(Memphis, TN\)](#) & [Boats & Bluegrass \(Winona, MN\)](#)
- 3) [America's River Festival \(Dubuque, IA\)](#) & [Paradiso \(George, WA\)](#)

### 15) Best Riverfront Dining

- 1) [Black River \(La Crosse, WI\)](#)
- 2) [San Antonio River \(San Antonio, TX\)](#)
- 3) [Chicago River \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

### 16) Best Riverfront Entertainment

- 1) [James River \(Richmond, VA\)](#)
- 2) [Red River \(Shreveport, LA\)](#), [Potomac River \(National Harbor, MD\)](#) & [Truckee River \(Reno, NV\)](#)
- 3) [Charles River \(Boston, MA\)](#) & [French Broad River \(Asheville, NC\)](#)

### 17) Best Cruise Overnight

- 1) [Mississippi River \(New Orleans, LA\)](#)
- 2) [Cumberland River \(Nashville, TN\)](#)
- 3) [Columbia River \(Clarkston, WA\)](#)



### 18) Best Cruise Day Trip

- 1) [Wisconsin River \(Wisconsin Dells, WI\)](#)
- 2) [Columbia River \(Cascade Locks, OR\)](#)
- 3) [Cumberland River \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

### 19) Best Riverfront Community

- 1) [Clark Fork River \(Missoula, MT\)](#)
- 2) [Wisconsin River \(Merrill, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Root River \(Lanesboro, MN\)](#)

### 20) Best River Walk/Hike

- 1) [James River \(Richmond, VA\)](#)
- 2) [Eau Claire River \(Eau Claire, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Truckee River \(Tahoe City, CA\)](#), [Chicago River \(Chicago, IL\)](#) & [San Antonio River \(San Antonio, TX\)](#)

### 21) Best River Rapids

- 1) [Salmon River \(Salmon, ID\)](#)
- 2) [Peshtigo River \(Athelstane, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Nenana River \(Denali Park, AK\)](#) & [Kettle River \(Sandstone, MN\)](#)

### 22) Best River Overlook

- 1) [Tennessee River \(Chattanooga, TN\)](#), [Colorado River \(Grand Canyon, AZ\)](#) & [Columbia River \(Hood River, OR\)](#)
- 2) [St. Louis River \(Carlton, MN\)](#) & [Buffalo River \(Boxley, AR\)](#)
- 3) [Snake River \(Moose, WY\)](#)

### 23) Best Waterfall

- 1) [Brule River \(Grand Marais, MN\)](#)
- 2) [Black River \(Superior, WI\)](#)
- 3) [Columbia River \(Portland, OR\)](#)