

Potential danger for start of rafting season

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“Stay out and stay alive.”

That’s the message a state ranger has for anyone planning a little fun in the sun at Northern California rivers this weekend.

Warming temperatures in the 70s together with a late-season snow can make for a deadly mix in the upper reaches of the American River – a popular destination for white water rafters – as swift rapids, unseen undertows and frigid temperatures in the 50s can overwhelm even the most experienced swimmers.

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