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The screenshot shows the Washington Kayak Club website. At the top, there is a banner with a kayak and the text "WASHINGTON KAYAK CLUB". Below the banner, the main navigation menu includes "Home", "Events", "Club Activities", "Club Info", "News", "Photo Albums", "Trip Reports", "Forums", and "Kayaking Resources". A red circle highlights the "Events" button. The page title is "Event Calendar". On the left, there is a sidebar with links for "Home", "Event Calendar", "Waiver", and "Trip Responsibilities". The main content area displays a calendar for April 2019. The days of the week are labeled at the top of each column. Specific events are listed in the calendar cells, such as "SF Snoqualmie After Work II+", "Sno-Drainage MM/SF Riverplay! II+III", "After Work Practice Paddles with Bram and Jen (II+)", "Big Eddy II/I+", "Green River, Headworks II+", "Whale Investigation, Tulalip To Langley for Lunch and Back", "Whitewater Trip Leader Training Clinic", "Intro To Greenland Paddling Clinic", and "Dash Point Fishing Pier To 11am-12:30pm". To the right of the calendar, there is a sidebar titled "WKC Calendar" with a section for "UPCOMING EVENTS" listing events for February 10, 2019, such as "Tacoma Pool Play - CANCELLED Due To WEATHER TACOMA POOL" and "Tukwila Kayak Polo - CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER CANCELED". A vertical toolbar on the right side of the page contains icons for help, print, search, and other functions.

April 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 BC Weekend III (IV)	1	2 SF Snoqualmie After Work II+	3 Sno-Drainage MM/SF Riverplay! II+III	4 After Work Practice Paddles with Bram and Jen (II+)	5	6 Big Eddy II/I+
Tukwila Pool Play						Green River, Headworks II+
						Whale Investigation, Tulalip To Langley for Lunch and Back
						Whitewater Trip Leader Training Clinic
						Intro To Greenland Paddling Clinic
7 Rollin' With Ross II+	8	9 SF Snoqualmie After Work	10 Post WKC Class Skills	11 After Work Practice Paddles	12	13 Dash Point Fishing Pier To 11am-12:30pm

WKC Calendar

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FEB 10 Tukwila Kayak Polo - CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER CANCELED

FEB 10 Shoreline Pool Play. TIME: 11am - 12:30 -- CANCELLED due to bad weather 11am-12:30pm

Club Calendar

Check out April 8th
 "Post WKC class skills refresher"

April 2020						
Mar						May
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 BC Weekend III (IV)	30	31 SF Snoqualmie After Work II+	1 SF Snoqualmie - Follow the Leader (2+)	2	3	4 7RC - Nisqually Cleanup II-III
Tukwila Kayak Polo and Open Pool Play						Whitewater Trip Leader Training Clinic
5 Class 2/2+ (TBD)	6 Rolling with Taylor (2+)	7 SF Snoqualmie After Work II+	8 Post WKC class skills refresher (class II) - registration opens 3/26 Shoreline Pool Play	9 ASSOVER (1ST DAY) Class 2/2+	10 GOOD FRIDAY Powerhouse Rolling After Work (2)	11 Cispus Class II+III Deception Pass Play Day Headworks, Green River II+
Tacoma Pool Play						Whitewater Intermediate Clinic - Class III
Shoreline Pool Play						
Tukwila Kayak Polo and Open Pool Play						
12 EASTER SUNDAY	13 Rolling with Taylor (2+)	14 SF Snoqualmie After Work II+	15 Fuck your Taxes Powerhouse Paddle (2)	16	17	18 Northwest Creeking Competition (iv)
Class 2/2+ (TBD)						Swiftwater Safety and Rescue
Tukwila Pool Play						
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Swiftwater Safety and Rescue						Local Basic Sea Kayak Outing
Class 2/2+ (TBD)						Cedar Slalom 2+ (LEVEL DEPENDENT)
Shoreline Pool Play						
Tukwila Kayak Polo and Open Pool Play						

**To get more information
click on the trip from the calendar**

Post WKC class skills refresher (class II) - registration opens 3/26

Let's practice! While anyone is welcome to join in the fun, the goal of this trip is to practice some of the class II skills recently taught in the WKC beginning whitewater class.

When: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 5:00 PM until 5:00 PM

Where: TBD

Category: WW Trip

Registration is closed

Everyone

No Fee

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Let's Go Through Them..

#1 – American Whitewater Website

Is Non-profit organization that preserves our rivers,
protects our access, works on dam removals and so much
more!

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<https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/state-summary/?state=WA>



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Washington, US River List

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Snoqualmie, N. Fork [WA] 2. Spur 10 Bridge to 428th St. Bridge (Ernie's Gorge)			V+	172 cfs 0 cfs/hr	00h52m
Snoqualmie, S. Fork [WA] 1. I-90 Exit 52 to Denny Creek Campground (Fall in the Wall)			IV-V	n/a	
Snoqualmie, S. Fork [WA] 2. Twin Falls State Park to 436th St. Bridge			II+	n/a	
Snoqualmie [WA] Snoqualmie Falls to Plum's Landing (Powerhouse)			II+	1230 cfs 0 cfs/hr	00h14m

Click on the river section you're interested in..

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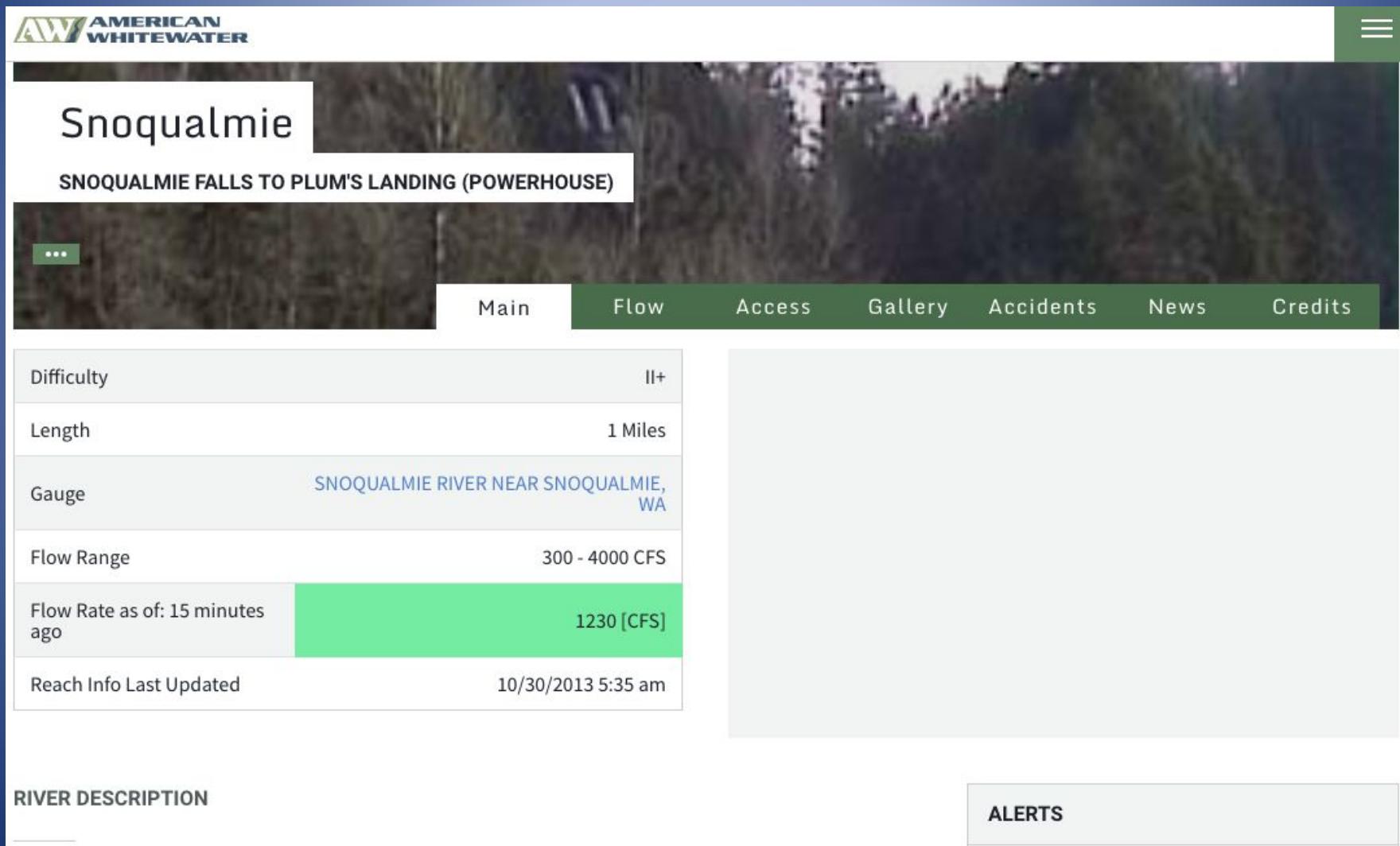
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Details on that river section include such things as: difficulty, length, gauge it's using to capture the flow, and the river description, which you'll see on the next page..



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RIVER DESCRIPTION

ALERTS

You can read all about it.. And find things such as the directions to the put-in, take-out and a description of the run too!

DESCRIPTION:

The Snoqualmie River takes a spectacular plunge at Snoqualmie Falls where over 1 million tourists come each year to check out the view; paddlers come to enjoy a short class II+ section of whitewater that is dependable throughout most of the year. This is a popular training ground for beginning paddlers learning the sport and a convenient spot for a quick boat demo.

The best rapid is on the river is on the upstream side of the powerhouse. A generous eddy here is well suited to group instruction, and otherwise known as the Training Pool ([a class getting ready](#)). Once paddlers have had a few sessions on flatwater, this is a great place to begin learning in moving current. Paddlers start out on the eddy on river right and can then start practicing peel outs and ferry moves in one of a couple good jets ([photo](#)). Over towards river left there is also a fun surfing wave, the best on the river, that provides quick- learners with a fun challenge. The nice thing about this section is that as long as the river is at medium flows or below it's fairly easy to collect up swimmers who miss their roll.

Continuing on downstream past the powerhouse the run enters a short section of more consistent gradient and sustained current. Pass by the powerhouse on the far side of the river on river left. When flows are low in the bypass reach upstream of the powerhouse many folks put in on the downstream side of the powerhouse which is the official public access.

Between the powerhouse and the gaging station (the tower on river left), there are several good eddies that are particularly well suited to small group or individual instruction. Some of the best features here are over on river left. Continuing on downstream past the gaging station you can ferry over to river right and another big eddy with good beach access. Although this section doesn't have the power of the stronger jets upstream its still a good place to practice.

At the biggest drop on the run the river plunges over a sloping ledge that's fairly straightforward. There is a good eddy on river left where the group can gather. Next the river passes through a section of swift current before making a hard bend to the left at the confluence of Tokul Creek which enters from the right. Bedrock features at this corner create a couple of fun whirlpools and strong eddy lines.

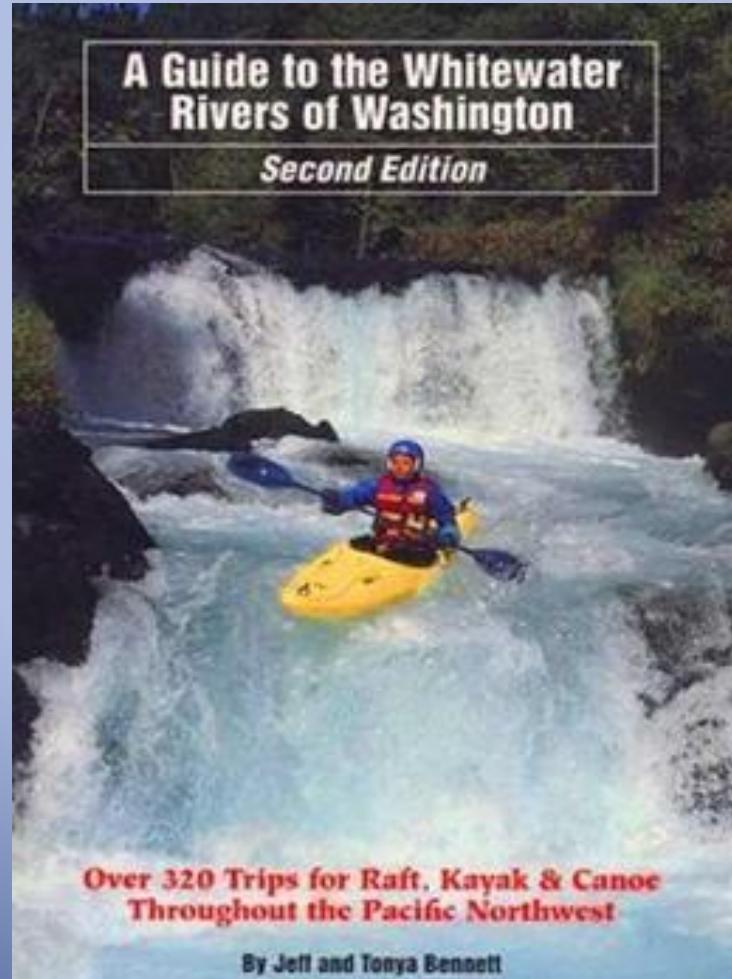
From this point on the whitewater is pretty much over and you can take out at the Fish and Wildlife boat ramp at Plum's Landing (access permit required). If you don't have a permit, you can continue down to one of the informal pullouts along the road.

Downstream the river continues as a popular tubing and canoe run particularly in the summer. The typical take-out for this extended Powerhouse Run is Fall City and there are a couple of II- rapids. You can continue on down to the Snohomish River confluence (40 miles from the Powerhouse) with several fishing access boat ramps along the way that provide public access (check the map for the run to see the locations).

#2

“A Guide to the Whitewater Rivers of Washington”

by: Jeff and Tonya Bennett



Description from the guidebook

“Powerhouse” Description

96. SNOQUALMIE RIVER

USGS Snoqualmie near Carnation

Powerhouse to Plum's Landing

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LEVELS</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>ELEVATIONS</u>	<u>GRADIENT</u>	<u>PRTGS</u>	<u>TIME</u>
II+	1,000-4,000	1	110 - 95	15	0	1 Hr

CHARACTER: Small rapids in broad, winding river.

HAZARDS: See description.

SEASON: All year possible.

GAUGE: Snoqualmie below the Falls (A.K.A., Snoqualmie at Carnation) NOAA, USGS; or King County Public Works (206/296-8100).

RAFTS: OK.

MAPS: Snoqualmie / DeLorme 80

COMMENTS: Great training stretch for novices.

Just 30 minutes east of Seattle, the Snoqualmie River takes a spectacular plunge over Snoqualmie Falls. While tourists flock to this scenic attraction, beginner to intermediate paddlers flock to a short section of river downstream. The one mile stretch of river below the Powerhouse contains Class II-II+ boulder gardens, small ledges, and fast chutes that are perfect for tuning the whitewater skills. All of the rapids can be viewed from Fish Hatchery Road during the shuttle with minimal effort.

LOGISTICS: Nearest Towns: Fall City, Snoqualmie. Take Hwy 202 east out of Fall City, go 1 mile, and turn right on Fish Hatchery Road. In 1.4 miles you will reach the boat ramp at Plum's Landing—the take-out. The put-in is another 0.8 miles up Fish Hatchery Road at the Powerhouse. Leave your cars outside the gate and hike 200 yards to the river. Fish Hatchery Road is also accessible by turning left onto 372nd Ave SE 1.4 miles from Snoqualmie Falls and following it to the river.

#3 ... Keep a River Journal

Record the water levels you've boated that section... What was hard? What was fun? What did you learn? Who were you with? What do you want to try next time? Was there a fun surf wave?

Shanna's Kayaking River Log

Showing posts with label **powerhouse**. [Show all posts](#)

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Snoqualmie River - Powerhouse II+

8/13/17, 530 cfs

Surf wave was great at this level, there was also a wave behind the main one, longer boats did well on it.

8/9/15, 287 cfs

Woot Woot - Park and play day only, met Jeff J there. Surfers right was pretty friendly for me at this level. I also worked in my ZG about staying more forward (aggressive posture). Clay was trying to coach me on how to spin my paddle. At this level you can still go from one side to the other but it was getting harder as the hump in the middle changed.

7/5/15, 400 cfs

Anne's Sunday trip - lots of boaters and tubers. Hiked up and practiced with my new Nomad. Did a lot of rolling and not much else. Wave was in - yeah!

Rivers

beckler Big Laurel NC cedar chilliwack Chiwawa cispus Cle Elum club stretch cooper deschutes dungeness elwa FITW French Broad grand canyon **green** Green River Narrows NC Headworks Hoh hood river klickitat Lil Wenatchee Lower Big Creek NC Lower Green Mashel matheeny Methow mm snoqualmie nisqually nookack north fork teanaway OP Misc peshastin creek Pigeon powerhouse raging rattlesnake rogue salmon sammamish slough satsop sauk selway **skykomish** snake **snoqualmie** soleduck south fork skykomish stilliguamish sultan teanaway thompson tieton tilton toutle Tumwater Twisp Upper Green Upper Green NC wenatchee westport **white salmon** Wilson Creek NC WW CLASS wynoochee Yakima yo-yo

Contributors

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Blog Archive

#4

**And don't forget about a really important resource
Call Us!**

“Hey I’m thinking about running the Snoqualmie Powerhouse run, do you think this is a good fit for my experience? The level is 1000 CFS & I would be going with....”



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- Special skills – nurse, banjo picker, etc.

Sample email to send the trip leader

(e.g. in your handbook)

Sample Email to WKC Trip Leader

Hi,

My name is Shred Betty and I am a current member of the WKC and would like to sign up for your "name of river" trip on the XX date. I took the WKC intro to kayaking class in the Spring of 2014 and have since been on # of rivers including the _____ section of the _____ river. I have been working on my roll in the pool and I get back up about 50% of the time. I love wave trains but still have trouble reading water and would be interested in following a more experience boater down the river who could look out for me, if possible. I paddle a Wavesport Diesel.

I have an awesome roof rack that can hold 4 boats including my own and don't mind running shuttle. (Or—I don't have a car that is really good for a shuttle vehicle/ I am planning on carpooling with Commando Kayaker)

A couple of questions for you:

- Would this be a good run for someone with my skill level?
- Can I walk any of the hard rapids if needed?
- Is it possible to follow down the river since I have never run it before?
- Please let me know if there is still space and the details of where and when you are planning on meeting?

Thanks and happy boating!

Shred Betty

(206) 555-5555 (cell)[.email](#): iheartkayaking@fake_email.com

**Feel free to ask the trip leader any
questions you may have..**

- Details on the 4 W's (when, where, what , who?)
- How long have they been paddling?
- Have they done this section before?
- Possible thoughts on proposed water levels?
- Etc...

Arrange Yourself:

- Be prepared.. Have all your required gear use your “**Gear Matrix**”
- Carpool
- Any passes you may need

Day of the Trip:

- BE ON TIME!
- Bring your best and most positive attitude!
- Support decisions made by the trip leader
- BE FLEXIBLE!

Final Notes:

- The leader may cancel the trip at ANY time due to weather and/or safety considerations.
- If you decide to cancel after signing up you **MUST** call/email to let the trip leader know!
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