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Winter Rafting 101



No winter trip to Gaylord is complete without experiencing one of northern Michigan's hidden gems - rafting the scenic and serene Sturgeon River. With outfitters in Wolverine and Indian River, a quick jaunt north guarantees hours of entertainment. Check out Big Bear Adventures at www.bigbearadventures.com or Sturgeon River Paddlesports at www.sturgeonriverpaddle.com.



Here's a quick lesson in winter rafting 101:

1. Most importantly, and not for the last time – we're going to keep pushing this one, you will not get wet. While there may be an occasional little splash from your paddle, this is not a wet and wild ride where you emerge looking like an icicle.
2. [Winter rafting](#) is a safe activity for the whole family. While the [Sturgeon River](#) boasts the fastest current in the Lower Peninsula, you will be in good hands with an experienced guide.
3. Newbies are welcome! Don't let this adventure pass you by because you think you only have land legs. Your guide will teach you everything you need to know, including when it's time to paddle and when it's time to just sit back and watch the world go by.
4. Dress for [winter](#) fun, which means snow pants, a warm jacket, hats, gloves, etc. As we stated above, you will not get wet, so leave the raingear at home. Bring a thermos of something to keep you extra toasty and you'll be good to go.
5. Most importantly, bring your friends, your family, the co-workers you never have time to get out with and your camera, because you will want to remember and share this truly unique outdoor experience for years to come.