

The following was provided by the Illinois River Association on April 19, 1993, as to their recommended guidelines to canoeing and rafting on the Illinois River. These guidelines are for those with average or less experience and skills.

**River Level:**

**Lower River: Tahlequah**

Six Foot (6’):

Recommend that children 10 and under not go in canoes and switch to rafts.

Six Foot, Six Inches (6’6”):

Recommended that all switch to rafts.

Seven Foot, Six Inches (7’6”):

Recommended that children 10 and under not go in rafts.

Nine Foot, Six Inches (9’6”):

Recommended that all floating cease.

\*Cut off between upper and lower river is Diamondhead Resort

**Upper River: Chewey**

Five Foot, Six Inches (5’6”):

Recommended that children 10 and under not go in canoes and switch to rafts.

Six Foot (6’):

Recommended that all switch to rafts.

Seven Foot (7’):

Recommended that children 10 and under not go in rafts.

Nine Foot, Six Inches (9’6”):

Recommended that all floating cease.

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At all levels we recommend the use of floatation devices. Above the five foot, six inch (5’6”) mark, we strongly urge that all floaters wear the floatation devices that are provided by the operators.

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These recommendations are meant to provide a general guide for the floating public. There are many factors involved and it is best to discuss your floating plans with the livery operator of your choice.