

The Mighty Yuba River

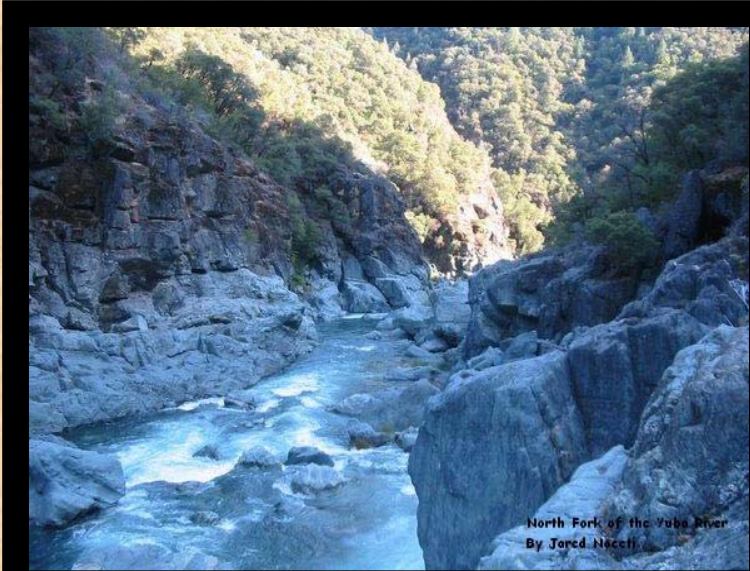


The sounds of the Yuba River as it slowly winds its way down stream, are both peaceful and relaxing. But, upstream, the river sings quite a different song.

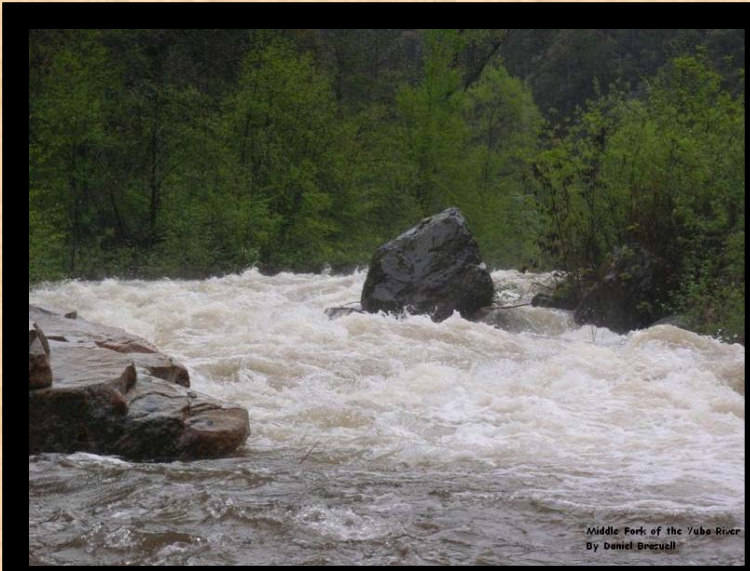
The river begins as three separate forks, the north, south, and middle, high in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The forks flow wildly through canyons and channels, over boulders and rock bars, and will occasionally rest in pools of clear green water.

There are two stories as to how the river was named. One story, tells of a scouting expedition finding wild grapes growing on the river's banks. They called the river, Rio de las Uvas (the grapes). "Uvas" was later changed to Yuba. A second story, tells of an ancestral village named Yuba, belonging to the Maidu tribe, that was located where the Feather River joins the Yuba River.

The river has changed a great deal over the years. It was mined extensively during the Gold Rush and once ran abundant with Chinook salmon and steelhead trout. Mining on the Yuba River is more recreational today and the Chinook salmon and steelhead still have a strong presence in the river. The Yuba River is also part of the Yuba Watershed. It's truly an amazing river that has many more stories to tell.



North Fork of the Yuba River



Middle Fork of the Yuba River



South Fork of the Yuba River