How to Float the Provo River

Recommended materials:

- 2+ vehicles
- Life jackets and river tubes/kayaks/rafts
- An electric air pump and car charging adapter
- A waterproof bag (or another mechanism to keep your keys and other belongings dry)
- Sunscreen, hats, and other sun protection
- Water bottles and snacks in an attachable container.
- Swimsuits are recommend, as there is a likelihood that you will get wet.
- Shoes. There are rocks at the end of the float.

Considerations:

- There is some risk in this activity. Individuals and children that cannot swim should not participate, and all individuals that cannot adequately pilot their tube by themselves should consider either securely attaching their tube to another individual's tube or riding tandem in another individual's tube. Children under 8 are recommended to float with an adult.
- You should not float under overhead railroad trestle midway through the float. Make sure to get out and walk around. People and things can very easily get sucked under the water and stuck, and accidents have happened before. If you aren't sure, there are often river guides helping their tour groups out of the water there, and there is also a sign.
- The water moves fast, so keep a hold of your tube as you get in and load up!
- The float itself is about 4.5 miles long and takes around 1- 2 hours.
- Don't throw any garbage into the river! Please pack out anything you pack in.

Recommended Launch location: Lower Provo River Park near Deer Creek Reservoir. To get here: turn right off of the US-189 in Provo Canyon. Then, follow the road down into a decent sized parking area with pit toilets and a bridge. Here, next to the bridge is where you will enter with your tube, kayak or raft.

Recommended End Location: Vivian Park. You will see several signs saying "Public River Exit".

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Instructions:

1. Rent life jackets and river tubes. Pack them and your other materials into your vehicle.
2. Drive to the launch site with all of your materials and drop off all passengers except vehicle drivers.
    a. While drivers are placing cars, other passengers can begin inflating tubes.
3. Drive to where you intend to disembark your float journey and leave at least one vehicle.
4. Drive all of the drivers back up to the launch site and be sure to bring all car keys on the float. Put them in a waterproof bag and attach them securely to your person.
5. All passengers will be sure to apply sun protection and attach their water bottles and/or snacks securely to their person or their tube
6. Make sure to launch someone familiar with the route first. Launch additional passengers in their tubes next.
7. Float the river! Be sure to get out and walk around the overhead railroad trestle for safety.
8. Start approaching the right bank of the river when you start to get close to the end of the float. The exit is at Vivian Park. You will see several signs saying "Public River Exit", be sure to stop and get out here along the rocks! You will likely need to get into the water somewhat to disembark.
9. Have the drivers whose vehicles are still at the launch site to pick up their vehicles while all other passengers deflate their tubes.
10. Pack up and go home!

Where to find rentals:

- **Outdoors Unlimited https://outdoors.byu.edu/rafting/river-float-tube**
- **https://provorivertuberentals.com/rent**
- **https://www.uvu.edu/oac/equipment/water.html**

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