

# The Fountain of Ute River Run

by Doug Linn

[inc. 'Xavier's Cabin' by Brad Allen]

Welcome to the Fountain of Ute river run. The waterway is wide enough for the first half of the voyage for you to start your cruise in a large boat [as seen in the screenshots] and later, when the Tezwa narrows, you will be able to 'rent' a smaller boat at the Tezwa River Float Rentals cabin.

Enter N53° 28.65 W128° 21.79 with a heading 15° in the "Map" dialog box in your sim and you will be at your mooring at the Brad's Bait & BBQ located at Cornwall Point on the peninsula in the Europa Reach - *almost* ready to depart. Before pulling out, fuel up, grab several [or more] ice cold beverages and some mouthwatering smelling BBQ to go ...*now* you are ready for a beautiful trip.

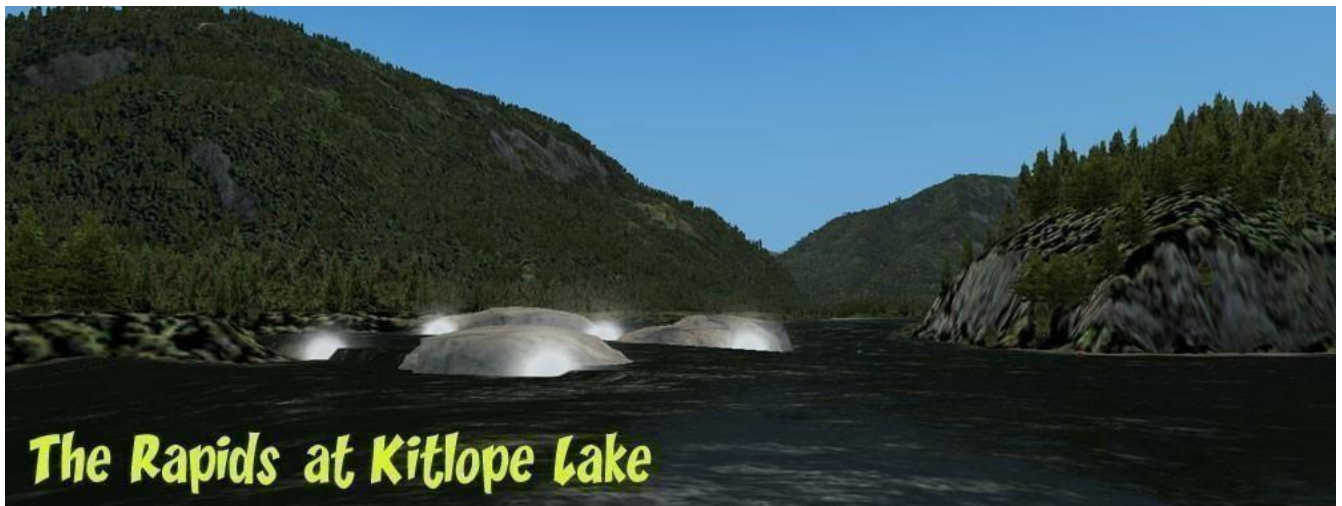


#1. As you leave the dock, set a heading of about 77° which will have you running along the starboard shore for about 8mi/13km. As you bear to this heading, you will see a narrow gap between the mountains far ahead, steer for that gap. You are sailing through the Gardner Canal and Icy Point will pass to port after 4mi/7km.



#2. As you pass Icy Point to port, steer to a heading of about 80° to set up your turn into the Whidbey Reach to starboard. You will see a point coming up to starboard, go to starboard around that point and stay to the starboard shore to turn into Whidbey Reach.

#3. As you continue down Whidbey Reach and approach Courageux Point, the reach will split. To starboard you will see Chief Mathews Bay. Keep to port and continue down the Whidbey Reach. Your heading should be about 103°. The river route is a few miles longer than the RTMM flightplan and it is round about this point as you pass the Bay that the river route and the flightplan align. If you see any aircraft coming from the Bay, they've probably taken off from Kowesas River Lodge.



#4. Follow the curves of Whidbey Reach and make a sharp turn to starboard at Queens Point. Continue to follow the Reach for about 5mi/8km. You will find a rapids to the port side of the Reach before you enter Kitlope Lake. Stay to the starboard side of the rocks and enter the river between the red and green marker buoys placed there.





#5. Continue to follow the red and green buoys ... keeping "red to right" if you are going upstream. Eventually you will come to a small waterfall. Steer for the center of these little falls staying between the marker buoys. Hold on tight, it is a good splash!

#6. You then follow the channel to starboard and enter beautiful Kitlope Lake. Steer to the port shore of the lake because the channel you will use to leave the lake is to port. Enter and follow that channel.



#7. Continue to follow the buoys ... eventually you will come to the Tezwa River Float Rental Cabin. You can gas up here now if you like or leave it 'til later. It would be a sound notion to park your large boat here and 'rent' a smaller one because the river narrows from this point forward. Mike at the Cabin will take good care of your boat while you are away. He might even gas it up for you.

OPTION: fly your chopper to the floating heli-pad here for the remainder of the float trip, if you wish.

**Mooring Point:** N52° 57.83 W127° 48.02 **Heading** 151° **Heli Pad:** N52° 57.81 W127° 48.07



#8. Continue to follow the river. Soon you will come upon a dangerous rapids [aren't you glad you left your big boat back at the rental place?]. Look for the markers, they will guide you through; it is narrow and there is a waterfall in the middle. Pull the straps on your life vest a little tighter and hold on! This is a dangerous gorge area and there are several rapids in this area.



#9. From the gorge upstream, the water becomes quieter with only some small boulders to steer around. Enjoy the tranquility of the final leg of your voyage....et, voila! You arrive at Xavier's cabin where he is sitting on his porch enjoying the view of the "Fountain of Ute, seemingly looking younger every day! So maybe this is the REAL "Fountain of Youth?" To find out, you'll need to go see it for 'yoot'self.!!

We hope you enjoyed the trip.

Doug Linn  
Return to Misty Moorings.

NOTE: For those puzzled by the use of the word "Ute", an explanation follows. This is US humor, we are having some fun with our friends from the north east United States (near NYC). There is a dialect there that pronounces the word "youth" as "yoot". It's just a local colloquialism ... we are having some well-intentioned fun with them.

'DISCLAIMER': As excellent as this scenery is, RTMM makes no guarantee or inference that by using it you will in fact become younger or start to look less old! If only we could, mes amis, if only we could.....