



## 2009 Rogue River Day Trip Rafting Itinerary

The following are important details for your trip on the Rogue River. The information will help to make your trip a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable one. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call us at (800)336-1647 or e-mail us at [webmaster@wildrogue.com](mailto:webmaster@wildrogue.com)

**Meeting Place:** Rogue Wilderness office (325 Galice Rd. Merlin OR)

**Meeting Time:**

AM Trip- 8:30 am

Full Day- 8:30 am

PM Trip- 11:00 am

**Return Time:**

AM Trip- 12:00 pm

Full Day- 4:00 pm

PM Trip- 4:00 pm

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## Checklist

- Complete your registration form and sign the Liability Release. Please return by mail, email or fax at least 30 days before trip departure.  
Mail: Rogue Wilderness Adventures  
PO Box 1110 Merlin, OR 97532  
Fax (541)476-8051  
Email [webmaster@wildrogue.com](mailto:webmaster@wildrogue.com)
- Plan for the unexpected with Travel Insurance at [www.travelinsure.com](http://www.travelinsure.com) or [www.travelex.com](http://www.travelex.com)
- Final payment due 30 days before your trip
- Cancellation Policy- Refunds will only be granted if cancelled within 24 hours from Launch.

## RWA provides the following

- »Transportation from RWA office to river starting point
- »Transportation from river back to RWA office
- »Half or full day on the beautiful Rogue River
- »Lunch (Full day and PM trips only)
- »Waterproof bags for your personal gear

## You are responsible for

- » Meals and lodging before and after your trip
- »Personal clothing and other miscellaneous items
- »Guide gratuities (see page 2)

## Where to Stay Before and After

Make reservations well in advance. Rogue Wilderness does not make reservations for or cover the cost of your room. If you are flying to Medford, we recommend that you stay in Grants Pass to simplify your shuttle arrangements. If you drive, we

recommend staying in Grants Pass. Wherever you choose to stay, please mention that you are on an RWA trip. Ask about AAA & Senior or youth rates.

## In Grants Pass

»**The Lodge at Riverside** (541)955-0600 (about \$175)

[www.thelodgeatriverside.com](http://www.thelodgeatriverside.com)

»**Riverside Inn** (541)476-6873 (about \$125)

[www.riverside-inn.com](http://www.riverside-inn.com)

»**Holiday Inn Express** (541)471-6144 (about \$105)

[www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com)

»**Redwood Motel** (888)535-8824 (about \$100)

[www.redwoodmotel.com](http://www.redwoodmotel.com)

»**Shilo Inn** (541) 479-8391 (about \$90)

[www.shiloinns.com](http://www.shiloinns.com)

»**La Quinta** (541) 472-1808 (about \$75)

[www.LQ.com](http://www.LQ.com)

All of these properties are within 10 minutes of the RWA office.

## Campgrounds

Indian Mary, Griffin Park, and Almeda Park all take reservations. For reservations call 1-800-452-5687 or visit [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com).

## Bed & Breakfasts/Lodges

»**Rogue Forest B&B** (541)472-1052 (about \$245 )

[www.rogueforestbnb.com](http://www.rogueforestbnb.com)

»**Weasku Inn** (541)471-8000 (about \$195)

[www.weasku.com](http://www.weasku.com)

## Good Eats

Our favorite restaurant is **Backroad Grill** (541) 476-4019  
[www.backroadgrill.com](http://www.backroadgrill.com) Closed Mondays & Tuesdays

## The Trip Outline

**The Morning of your Trip:** At 8:30AM you will meet at the Rogue Wilderness office to meet your guide, fit for life vests and do any last minute paper work. Come to the office dressed in your rafting clothes. A shuttle van will take you on a 10-15 minute ride to the boat landing. Final preparations (loading your dry bag onto boats and a safety talk) will take about 10 minutes. Be sure to eat a hearty breakfast before your trip.

If you are doing a half day PM trip please be at the office at 11am for final instructions and life jacket fitting.

Your car will be parked in our lot and a key bucket is available to leave your keys.

## Guides and Rafts

We use rafts that carry you and your gear. Your guides will always be on the water rowing a boat.

**Paddle Boat:** Paddle boats are fourteen to fifteen foot boats that are powered by the paddle strokes of the crew. The guide typically sits in the back and gives paddle commands to four to seven paddlers. Helmets and wetsuits are rarely required in paddle boats.

**Oar boats:** Oar boats are sixteen to eighteen foot boats that carry gear and supplies as well as one to four passengers. Two or three passengers on an oar boat is typical. A ride on an oar boat is an opportunity to relax, enjoy the scenery, or chat with friends and family. The oar boat is the least active option and typically provides the lowest probability of a "swim".

**Inflatable Kayak (IK):** IK's will be available for everyone on the Full day and Half day trips. If you end up not enjoying this experience switching back into the big rafts is always an option. Trying the Iks is an opportunity to run the rapids of the Rogue River under your own power and direction. The guides will give instruction for the Iks before the trip and direction for the rapids while on the water. We bring only single kayaks on guided trips.

**Guides:** Our guides have a deep appreciation for the river and its surroundings. RWA guides are accomplished in outdoor skills and extensively trained in first aid and CPR. They will be more than happy to help you if you have any questions about the river. In addition, the guides are mature, interesting people we think you'll enjoy. Guides will be rowing their boats on the trip.

**Gratuities:** We are often asked if tipping is appropriate. Tips are certainly appreciated by our guides. Tips normally range from 5% to 10% of the trip cost. Whether and how much you tip should depend on your satisfaction with the trip, your feelings about tipping, and your financial means.

**Equipment:** RWA provides waterproof bags on each boat, for cameras and binoculars. We recommend you bring a ziplock plastic bag as a liner for your camera or better yet, a disposable waterproof camera which are available at the RWA store.

**Meals:** RWA provides lunch for the full day and PM trips. We specialize in creative and delicious meals. Guides will prepare your meals using a variety of fresh foods.

Vegetarian and medically restricted diets will gladly be accommodated with **advance notice**. Fruit juice and water are available with every meal.

**Cancellations and Travel Insurance:** We strictly adhere to our cancellation policies as explained on your (or your group organizer's) reservation form.

**Registration Form & Health Information:** If there are any medical considerations (such as allergies, heart conditions, etc.) or dietary restrictions we should know about, please put them on the registration form or call us. We ask that you return the form to our office well in advance (**at least 30 days**) of your trip either by mail, fax, or e-mail.

**Questions?** Please contact our office if you have any other questions about your trip. Once you are on the river, our guides will be happy to answer questions or assist you. We welcome any suggestions you have and want you to enjoy your rafting trip.

**Communications:** There are **no phones and cell phones**. They do not work on the river. Phones work in the RWA parking lot, after that leave them in your car.

## Clothing and Comfort

**Appropriate Clothing** consists of shorts and a t-shirt with a bathing suit under. A light jacket is also a good idea. There will be a dry bag on each boat for you to put any layers in.

**Cotton** should **NOT** be worn during cool or wet weather since wet cotton lowers body temperature. Cotton is recommended for hot weather only!

**Footwear** should consist of a water shoe or a sandal that is strapped on your foot and will not fall off. Tennis shoes can also be worn if you don't mind them getting wet.