



2009 Multi Day Fishing Itinerary

The following are important details for your trip on the Rogue River. The information will help 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

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

Meeting Time: 7:00 AM on your trip start date (Don't be late, others will be waiting for you)

After the Trip: Arrival back to Rogue Wilderness Office around 5:00pm (unless car shuttle has been requested or other arrangements have been made)

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
- Plan for the unexpected with Travel Insurance at www.travelinsure.com or www.travelex.com
- Final payment due 30 days before your trip
- Cancellation policy: within 45 days of the trip date will receive no refunds.

RWA provides the following

- »Transportation from RWA office to river launch point
- »Transportation from river back to RWA office
- »All on river meals
- »Waterproof bags for your personal gear
- »Complimentary RWA water bottles
- »Complimentary RWA Personal Day Bag

You are responsible for

- » Meals and lodging before and after your trip
- »Personal clothing and other miscellaneous items
- »Alcohol and soda
- »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. Where ever 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
- »**Riverside Inn** (541)476-6873 (about \$125)
www.riverside-inn.com
- »**Holiday Inn Express** (541)471-6144 (about \$105)
www.hiexpress.com
- »**Redwood Motel** (888)535-8824 (about \$100)
www.redwoodmotel.com
- »**Shilo Inn** (541) 479-8391 (about \$90)
www.shiloinns.com
- »**La Quinta** (541) 472-1808 (about \$75)
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.

Bed & Breakfasts/Lodges

- »**Rogue Forest B&B** (541)472-1052 (about \$245)
www.rogueforestbnb.com
- »**Weasku Inn** (541)471-8000 (about \$195)
www.weasku.com

Good Eats

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

How to Get There

If You Fly, the closest commercial airport is Medford, Oregon. It is serviced by United Airlines, American West, Delta and Horizon Air. Flights inbound to Medford start from San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Salt Lake City, Las Vegas and Phoenix. Please plan your flight to arrive the day before your river trip.

We recommend you plan to stay in the Grants Pass area to simplify the shuttle logistics before and after your trip. Rogue Wilderness Adventures offers airport pickup and drop off for \$75 each way. Please call in advance to request airport shuttle services. (800)336-1647

If You Drive: From I-5 North: Get off at exit 61. Follow the off ramp until you get to the stoplight. Turn left and follow the road (Merlin-Galice Rd) out for about 3 ½ miles. You will come to a little town called Merlin. You will follow the road through the town until you get almost to the end of it. We are on the left hand side (325 Merlin-Galice Rd.). Rogue Wilderness is a two story, green building, and we are directly across the street from the Backroad Grill.

From I-5 South: Get off at exit 61. At the end of the off ramp go left and follow the road (Merlin-Galice Rd) out for about 3½ miles. You will come to a little town called Merlin. You will follow the road through the town until you get almost to the end of it. We are on the left hand side (325 Merlin-Galice Rd.). Rogue Wilderness is a two story, green building, and we are directly across the street from the Backroad Grill.

The Trip Outline

The Morning of your Trip: At 7:00am you will meet at the Rogue Wilderness office (325 Galice Road in Merlin, Oregon) to meet your guides, get your gear (we provide a dry bag for your personal items), and do any last-minute paperwork. Please pack light; your bag should not weigh more than 25 pounds per person (beverages do not count). Come to the office dressed to fish. A shuttle van will take you on a 20 minute ride to Alameda Park to launch. Final preparations (loading your dry bag onto boats and a safety talk) will take about an hour. Be sure to eat a hearty breakfast before your trip.

On the River: Breakfast is served around 6:30am at the lodges and you are back on the water by about 8:30am. There will be a stop midday for lunch where a buffet-style lunch is served. Lunches consist of fresh-caught fish, deli style buffet and hearty soups. Before dinner there will be plenty of time for relaxing in the beautiful scenery of the wild rogue with friends and family.

After the Trip: The trip ends near the town of Agness, Oregon in the early afternoon. At this time you will board a van which will return you and your gear to the RWA office, unless you have arranged a car shuttle. Car shuttles are available from RWA offices to Foster Bar for an additional \$110 per car. The

van trip takes between two & three hours, arriving back in Merlin around 4 or 5pm. It's a beautiful but winding drive: those prone to carsickness may want to be prepared with Dramamine.

Fishing Equipment: Each guide is responsible for his/her boat and equipment. Your boat will be outfitted with 2- 7# fly rods, 2- spinning rods, 2- plug rods, bait, flies, spinners and plugs. If you have a favorite rod you may bring it.

Guides: Our guides have a deep appreciation for the river we run and want you to enjoy your trip with them. 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 or are an inexperienced camper. In addition, the guides are mature, interesting people we think you'll enjoy.

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, or how much you tip should depend on your satisfaction with the trip, your feelings about tipping, and your financial means.

Equipment: RWA provides boats, life jackets, waterproof bags, for cameras and binoculars. We recommend you bring a ziplock plastic bag as a liner for your camera and purchase camera insurance, or better yet, a disposable waterproof camera. RWA also provides cups, plates, eating utensils, and camp chairs.

Meals and Alcohol: RWA provides all meals from lunch on the first day to lunch on the last day. 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. Coffee, tea, and cocoa are available at breakfast and dinner. Wine, Beer, or any other alcoholic beverages are not provided by RWA, but are welcome on the trip. There will be ice chests available for you at check in for you to bring extra beverages.

Environmental Concerns: Depending on where the group stops, we will be using port-a-potties or outhouses. While not like the comfort of a home, when setting up toilet facilities we are conscious of privacy needs as well as environmental impact. To protect the river, we carry out all trash and use no soap in the river. The guides will instruct you in simple procedures that minimize the impact of our group on the canyon, and we ask for your cooperation.

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

Trip capacity is strictly regulated by law and your reservation may mean we cannot sell space to others. Because of this, travel insurance is strongly recommended. It will reimburse you if you make a late cancellation because of illness or an illness in the family. Otherwise you are welcome to find a friend to replace you. To find information on buying travelers insurance please visit, www.travelinsure.com or www.travelex.com

Registration Form & Health Information: Fishing trips can be a little strenuous with hikes around rapids and climbing to the lodges each evening. You should be in good health, and be able to walk 18 holes of golf as a comparison. 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 30 days in advance of your trip either by mail, fax, or e-mail.

Area Attractions: Oregon is a very beautiful state with many things to do and see. Crater Lake National Park is very beautiful and also very popular, as well as the Oregon Caves National Monument. The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is nearby in Ashland. Performances often sell out; call (541) 482-4331 or <http://www.osfashland.org> for more information. Also popular is the Britt Festival featuring music and dance (541) 779-0847 or www.brittfest.org. You can contact the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce at (541)476-7717 <http://www.visitgrantspass.org> for specific Oregon area brochures.

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 river trip.

Communications: There are **no phones and cell phones** do not work in the canyon. You are on vacation and the world will go on without you. Phones work in the RWA parking lot, after that leave them in your car.

Clothing and Comfort

Dressing safely and comfortably for fishing trips can be challenging. It is very important and should not be taken lightly. For much of the season, you will need two sets of warm clothing: one for the days on the river and one for the evenings at the lodges.

Use the layering system: Bring clothes that can be worn under or on top of others. Layering allows you to adjust quickly to changing weather by adding or subtracting layers. Loose, fast drying, durable clothing is best for fishing. We recommend the following materials because they are compact and are made to keep you warm and comfortable through a range of temperatures and humidity's.

Polypropylene (Polypro) or Capilene are synthetic materials that wick moisture away from the skin. Long underwear (shirt and pants) are essential as the first layer in cool or wet weather.

Fleece is a synthetic material that is heavier than polypro. It makes an excellent middle layer in cool or wet weather. Wool is also a good insulator. Bring a jacket or sweater as well as pants of these fabrics.

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

Rainwear Rain jacket and pants are to protect you from the storms as well as mist from rapids. Coated nylon or breathable fabrics such as Gore-Tex are best. Ponchos are bulky and dangerous so they are not recommended.

Footwear You will find guides and fellow guests in rain boots or a sturdy hiking shoe/boot. Closed shoes do offer the most foot protection if worn with wool or neoprene wetsuit socks, they can help insulate your feet when the weather is cold. NO WADERS or HIP BOOTS.

Packing

Your Dry Bag or Waterproof Bag: The bag, when fully packed measures about 15 inches in diameter by 36 inches in height and is almost the size of a large garbage bag. These bags are designed for 2 people per bag.

Day Bags: Since your waterproof bag will not be accessible during the day, day bags will be available during your trip for sunscreen, clothing, hats, and cameras.

Rogue Weather

	Aug	Sept	Octob	Nov
Avg. Temp Day	90	84	70	54
Avg. Temp Night	52	46	40	36
Rainfall	0.5"	0.8"	2.3"	4.5"

Elevation in Merlin, Oregon: 915 ft.

The fall weather in southwest Oregon is usually very pleasant with occasional rain. But you need to be prepared for wet, cool weather as well as hot and dry. This can be easy if you pay attention to the information provided and to your own tolerance to the sun and to the cold.

Late August trips have warm days (days 75°-95°nights 65°)

September trips generally have mild days (60°-80°) and cool nights (50°-60°). Storms are always possible.

October & November Plan on some rain with day temps in the 50s to 70s, and nights in the high 30s to 40s

Your Personal Responsibility

We handle trip logistics, provide the food, guides, tackle equipment, and make sure that you have knowledgeable and well-trained guides.

We see to it that you are comfortable, safe, and that you see the Rogue's special places. We expect that you will bring adequate clothing based on the information we have provided. We ask that you approach your trip with an open mind for adventure and discovery.

What to Bring

Your comfort and safety depend on you being well equipped for the wilderness. If the weather is perfect you will not need the cold weather clothing or rain gear, but should plan for sun protection. Please call if you don't understand or cannot find an item on the list.

Pack clothing you won't mind getting wet or dirty. Cut down on bulk by not bringing too many changes of clothing for the same temperature conditions. You do not need a complete change of clothing for every day.

Clothing List RECOMMENDED for ALL trips:

- Swimsuit: (In September you may want a swim in the river. Please no Speedo-type suits, those are reserved only for guides).
- Shorts: quick drying shorts can double as a swimsuit for men
- Tennis shoes, hiking boots, water sport sandals (i.e. Chaco)*
- Socks: polypropylene or wool*
- Shoes for lodge
- Pants for lodge
- Shirts: long sleeved is best for sun protection*
- Long underwear: polypropylene, wool, or capilene
- Sweater or jacket: fleece or wool
- Pants: fleece or wool
- Hat and gloves: fleece or wool
- Rain jacket and pants
- Baseball cap or visor (with strap) for sun protection*

Gear List:

- Fishing license
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Sunglasses with strap*
- Bandanas
- Sunscreen* & lip balm*
- Moisturizer/skin lotion*
- Wet wipes
- Small towels and toiletries
- Medications
- Large zip lock bags for wet gear

Optional

- Small zip lock bags for organizing gear
- Fishing equipment
- Disposable/waterproof camera*
- Book/Journal/Notebook
- Small day pack or fanny pack
- Dramamine (if prone to car sickness)

Lodge Trips: All lodges will provide bedding and towels for your stay. It doesn't hurt to bring a small shampoo and soap.