



## **NOAH'S ROGUE RIVER WILDERNESS TRIPS -**

### **SOME OF THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ARE:**

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#### **1. How do I get to the area of the river trip?**

The beginning points of the federally protected "National Wild & Scenic" section of Rogue River is in Southwest Oregon, approximately 20 miles northwest of the city of Grants Pass. Grants Pass is 61 miles north of the Oregon/California border on the I-5 freeway.

Approx. driving Distance to Grants Pass:

- Seattle - 421 miles (7.5 hrs.)
- Portland - 244 miles (4.0 hrs.)
- Medford - 28 miles (35 min.)
- Redding - 183 miles (3.5 hrs.)
- Sacramento - 350 miles (6.5 hrs.)
- San Francisco - 395 miles (7.0 hrs)
- Los Angeles - 743 miles (12.5 hr.)
- Reno - 335 miles (7 hr.)
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**If you are arriving by air:**

The nearest commercial airport is Medford, Oregon, which is 28 miles south of Grants Pass. **United, Horizon and Alaska Air** service this airport which is most connected from Portland and San Francisco. Shuttle service can be arranged from the airport to your accommodation in Medford, Grants Pass or Morrison's Lodge. For assistance with the shuttle service, please contact us.

**If you are arriving by car:**

When traveling on the I-5 freeway, north or south, use Exit 61. Travel west on the Merlin-Galice Road. Merlin is 3 miles west of I-5, and Morrison's Rogue River Lodge (our rendezvous point) is another 9-10 miles. Galice is also a common rendezvous for our fishermen. Galice is 3 miles past Morrison's lodge.

**2. What lodging in the area do you recommend?**

Whether driving or flying, we encourage you to arrive in the area the night before your trip. Morrison's Rogue River Lodge is an excellent option for the night prior to your trip.

The closer you are to the Galice/Merlin area, the more convenient it is for you on the morning of your trip's departure.

**Merlin:**

Morrison Lodge (800) 826-1963 (8500 Galice Rd. Merlin, OR 97532)  
(Morrison's Lodge is our rendezvous site – 8:00 a.m. for hiking and fishing.  
8:30 a.m. for all rafting trips)

**Grants Pass:**

Motel 6 (800) 466-8356  
Shilo Inn (800) 222-2244  
Super 8 (800) 800-8000  
Grants Pass Inn (800) 553-7666  
Holiday Express (800) 838-7666  
Riverside Inn (800) 525-9055

**Medford:**

Motel 6 - South (800) 466-8356  
Motel 6 - North (800) 466-8356  
Rogue Regency (800) 535-5805(mention Noah's for discount)  
Comfort Inn (800) 228-5150  
Pony Soldier Inn (800) 634-7669X32  
Shilo Inn (800) 222-2244

### **Campgrounds:**

KOA - Gold Hill, I-5 @ Exit 40 (800) 562-7608

Valley of the Rogue, I-5 @ Exit 45B (800) 452-5687

Indian Mary Campground, 10 miles west on the Merlin/Galice Road from the I-5 freeway @ exit 61 (541) 474-5285

Almeda Campground, 14 miles west on the Merlin/Galice Rd. from the I-5 freeway @ exit 61 (541) 474-5285

Reservations are needed during the summertime.

### **3. When and where do we meet for the trip?**

We will meet Rafters at 8:30, Hikers and Fishermen at 8:00 a.m. at Morrison's Rogue River Lodge located at 8500 Galice Rd. Merlin, OR 97532. At this point your host (The owner Hugh Hague) will assist you with packing your personal belongings into dry bags provided by Noah's. After parking and securing your vehicle for the duration of the trip, we will transport you and your dry bags a short distance (6-8 miles) down river to the beginning point of your trip.

### **4. What should I pack for my trip?**

Specific personal pack lists are e-mailed to you upon reservation. If you do not have the pack list, please contact Hugh at 5412612677 or [hugh@noahsrafting.com](mailto:hugh@noahsrafting.com) and he will make sure you have one.

All your clothing and personal items should fit into a travel bag about the size of a backpack, no more than 25 pounds. A good rule of thumb is to use a bag the size of what you would carry onto an airplane. When you meet us on the morning of your trip, we will provide you with two dry bags. One that you can put your travel bag into or transfer your clothing and personal gear into. First, larger bags are generally only available when at the lodge or camp. The second dry bag, a smaller day bag is always readily available with your personal items (sunglasses, camera, sunscreen, medication, long sleeve shirt, windbreaker, etc.). For our fishermen, please don't forget the fishing licenses.

**If you are on one of our camp trips (Rafting only),** Please feel free to bring your favorite sleeping bag. If you do not have your own bag, please indicate on your questionnaire that you would like Noah's to provide a bag for you. Please, no pillows - instead bring just a pillowcase, which you can fill with some clothing to create a pillow. We supply everything else including cots, sleeping pads/air mattresses, tents, tables and chairs, camp tarp if needed, camp lanterns and complete kitchen and tableware.

If you are on our lodge trip, all cabins and rooms have beds with fresh linens, bathroom with shower and sink, hot and cold running water, bath and hand towel and wash cloths. Some lodging accommodations have a shared bath to two bedrooms.

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When they get wet, they may take a long time to dry. Synthetic materials such as nylon dry quickly and are also cool on hot days. For early season raft/hike/kayak trips and fishing trips, modern day fabrics such as capilene, fleece, polortec, microfiber materials etc. are recommended for added comfort and warmth.

**If you are sensitive to the sun,** for added protection, be sure to bring long sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks that you don't mind getting wet plus a broad brim hat with retainer or chin strap. Sunburn on the river happens fast and can be severe.

## **5. What kind of weather can I expect?**

Weather in any river canyon can vary widely day to day. However, the Rogue canyon's typical daytime summer temperatures can climb into the 80's and 90's. The water temperature is generally in the 60–70-degree range. Early season raft and hiking trips and fall fishing trips have temperatures ranging from the 50's to the 80's during the day while early morning/late evening temperatures may dip into the 40's. While blue skies, scattered clouds and sunshine are predominant, rain can happen any time, so specifically, you fisherman, don't forget your rain gear!

## **6. Tell me about your meals.**

You won't have to worry about going hungry on our trips. We feed you from lunch the first day through lunch the last day. The food is fantastic (even if we do say so ourselves), and there is plenty of it. Some of our guests refer to our adventures as a 5-pound trip! Our lunches are prepared riverside by your guides in a deli-style, build-your-own, all-you-can-eat format including choices of breads, meats, cheeses, condiments along with chips, crackers and dips, salads, fruits, and desserts. Breakfasts and dinners are full course, all-you-can-eat meals and are commonly served family style.

Throughout the trip Noah's provides sodas, iced tea, lemonade, and bottled water. You are encouraged to bring your favorite soda, beer, wine, alcohol, mix, and/or other refreshments. All glass bottles should be individually wrapped. We ask that your beer and sodas be aluminum or plastic containers. We provide containers to pack and transport your personal beverage.

**Important notice:** For your safety, the safety and consideration of others on the trip, insurance, liability, and our trip operating requirements: we insist that the consumption of alcohol be in moderation. Thank you.

If you are a vegetarian, don't worry! Our menus have the vegetarians in mind and include plenty of food items that work for most of you. If you have specific dietary restrictions or considerations, please call or e. mail us so that we can do everything in our power to accommodate your wishes.

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We would be happy to help you celebrate or bring special recognition to this occasion.

## **7. I have a medical condition. Will this be a problem on the trip?**

In most cases no. If you have a medical or physical condition, allergic reaction (bee sting, hay fever, asthmatic, etc.), recent surgery, pregnancy, or special dietary needs, please inform our staff prior to the beginning of the trip. If you use medications, bring two supplies packed in separate, watertight containers. If you carry an Epi-Pin, be certain to bring it in your daypack. If you have special or unusual medical or physical conditions or pregnancy, check with your doctor, act accordingly and please inform us in a timely manner.

## **8. How can someone reach me in case of an emergency?**

Basically, with a few exceptions, you will be unreachable while on the river in the wilderness area. However, give Hugh's cell phone number (541-261-2677) to the individual(s) who would be responsible for notifying you in case of an emergency. While we cannot guarantee we will be able to contact you while on your trip, we will use all our resources (cell, lodge radio, satellite phones and relayed messages, etc.) to reach you.

## **9. What if I have an emergency and need to cancel my reservation?**

If you find it necessary to cancel your trip, please notify us as soon as possible. We have fixed costs and guaranteed commitments to the lodges, our guides, support personnel and transportation for these trips, whether you show up for your trip. You may send a substitute in your place, provided we are notified, and the individual(s) sign an Assumption of Risk and Liability Release.

There are NO REFUNDS for cancellation or no show within the 60-day period prior to your scheduled raft trip (90 days for fishing trips) unless that/those space(s) are resold at full price. If you cancel prior to the 60-day rule all monies received will be refunded, less a \$50 per person service and processing fee. We regret we cannot make exceptions for personal emergencies.

We strongly urge you to invest in trip insurance. ([www.tripinsurance.com](http://www.tripinsurance.com))

## **10. What time and where does the trip end?**

Your trip concludes at the Foster Bar U.S. Forest Service boat landing, approximately 2:00 p.m. This site is 6 miles upriver from Agness, Oregon and 34 miles upriver from Gold Beach, Oregon.

The fishing trips conclude at Foster Bar for our 3-day trip (3:00 p.m.) and Quosatana Creek U.S. Forest Service boat landing 2:00 p.m. This site is 14 miles upriver from Gold Beach, Oregon.

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### **11. How do I get back to my car/motel/airport?**

If you plan on returning to Morrison's Lodge in our shuttle vehicle (no additional cost) your arrival time will be approximately 4:30-5:00 p.m.

If you plan on continuing onto the coast/Gold Beach/Hwy. 101 north or south, then we schedule your vehicle to be shuttled. Please let our office know in advance. Plan on arriving 15 minutes early at Morrison's Lodge.

Also, be sure to bring two sets of keys for your vehicle (one for you and one for the shuttle service provider). Your cost varies from \$135 to \$165 per vehicle based on the takeout location.

### **12. Should we tip the guides?**

We are very proud of our guides. Their hard work, dedication, river knowledge, historical knowledge and attention to detail truly set them apart from the majority.

If you feel your guides have gone above and beyond the call of duty in providing you with a very special experience, a gratuity may be left at the end of the trip with the head guide. He/she can be counted on to share the tip with all the trip guides and support personnel. A tip ranging between 12-18% of the cost of your trip is common. The crew greatly appreciates your acknowledgment for a job well done, whether you verbalize it to them and/or management, give a tip or both. Thanks for asking ;-)