



McKenzie River Full-Day Rafting Trip Trip Planner

Meeting Instructions

[Paradise Campground](#) at 10:00 a.m. - Located on HWY 126, 50 miles west of Sisters, OR and 56 miles east of Eugene, OR. When entering the campground, turn to the right towards the boat ramp/day use area. A parking permit is not required.

What to Bring on Your Trip

- Hat & sunglasses (get a strap for your sunglasses)
- Board shorts/swim trunks - **Don't wear jeans!**
- Rafting Shoes: Sandals w/heel strap, Keens or sneakers – no bare feet, Crocs or flip flops. (If you don't have adequate footwear, you can request neoprene booties on your registration form.)
- Lip Balm (with SPF protection) & Sunscreen
- Water Bottle (**Important!**- you will be able to refill your bottle from our water cooler.)
- Change of clothes (stays in van)
- COLDER WEATHER TRIPS

As with all water sports AVOIDING COTTON is the key to being comfortable when wet. Add synthetic tops and/or bottoms such as rash guard, under armor and other non-cotton clothing. Ouzel will have a supply of splash jackets, splash pants and wetsuit booties, but this does not replace the need for appropriate clothing. We do not cancel trips due to poor weather. It's up to you to be prepared. [Check the weather](#)

What Ouzel will Provide

- Lifejackets & Helmet (helmets are not required but can be requested on the registration form)
- Splash jacket, pants and neoprene booties for cold or rainy days (make selection on registration form).
- Dry bag for items you would like to keep dry and accessible during the day
- Deli-buffet lunch (indicate dietary restrictions and food allergies on the registration form)

Gratuities for Guides

If you have enjoyed your trip and feel your guide has done an outstanding job, feel free to offer a gratuity. The amount is up to you. Guests typically offer 10% to 20% of their trip fare. Click [HERE](#) to meet our guide staff.

Assumption of Risk & Guest Responsibility

Our trips on the McKenzie River are paddle rafting trips and each participant is expected to assist with paddling. Paddling is intermittent, requiring short bursts of moderate to strong paddling and some sustained easy to moderate paddling. Whitewater rafting is an outdoor activity that requires moderate physical exertion and exposure to the elements. There are risks associated with whitewater rafting and trip-related activities that are impossible to eliminate. While we take all reasonable steps to minimize the associated risks, it is vitally important for our guests to understand what is required of them and to appreciate and assume the risks of participation. Guests are expected to be prepared for their trip, to follow all instructions provided by Ouzel guides and staff and to act responsibly. Each participant is required to sign an Assumption of Risk [Form](#) prior to departure. **Only parents or legal guardians can sign for minor children.** Feel free to view our [full participation requirements](#) and please don't hesitate to call or [email](#) if you have any questions or concerns.