

McKenzie River Full-Day Rafting Trip Trip Planner

Meeting & Transportation Information:

Please refer to your confirmation email for your meeting time and location. **If late, please call 541-385-5947.**

Round Trip Transportation:

- [Bend – Shilo Inn 7:45 AM or 12:15 PM](#) • 3105 NE O.B. Riley Rd. • **Drive time to river – 1.5 hrs**
- [Black Butte Ranch 8:30 AM or 1:00 PM](#) • Community Center (541) 595-5879 • **Drive time to river – 50 min**

Meeting us at the River:

[Paradise Campground 9:30 AM or 2:00 PM](#) - 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. Paradise Campground is where the trip begins. On most trips, Ouzel will transport you back to your vehicle at Paradise Campground after the trip. If there is not enough space available in our van for your group, Ouzel will have your vehicle shuttled to the take-out.

<p>What to Bring on Your Trip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hat & sunglasses (get a strap for your sunglasses) <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts or bathing suit. (Most women prefer to wear shorts over bikini bottoms) <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting Shoes: Sandals w/heel strap, Keens or sneakers – <u>no bare feet, Crocs or flip flops</u>. If you don't have proper footwear, you can select neoprene booties on your registration form. <input type="checkbox"/> Lip Balm (with SPF protection) & Sunscreen <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle (Important!) It's important to stay hydrated during the trip. <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes for after the trip (stays in your vehicle or in our van) <input type="checkbox"/> If you want to bring your phone for photos, we recommend a waterproof phone pouch 	<p>What Ouzel will Provide</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lifejackets & helmet (helmets are not required but can be requested on the registration form) <input type="checkbox"/> Splash jacket, pants and neoprene booties for cold or rainy days (make selection on registration form). <input type="checkbox"/> Dry bag for items you would like to keep dry and accessible during the day <input type="checkbox"/> Deli-buffet lunch (indicate dietary restrictions and food allergies on the registration form) <p>COLDER WEATHER TRIPS</p> <p>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</p>
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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

Whitewater rafting is an outdoor activity that requires moderate physical exertion and exposure to the elements. There are risks associated with whitewater rafting that are impossible to eliminate. While we take all reasonable steps to minimize these risks, it is important for our guests to understand what is required of them and to assume the risks of participation. 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 [participation requirements](#) and please don't hesitate to call, [email](#), or check our [FAQs page](#) if you have any questions or concerns.