



The center for whitewater rafting and kayaking in the Columbia River Gorge.



## Lower Salmon River with Wet Planet 4 & 5 Day Raft Trips

Want your next vacation to include action-packed rapids, white sand beaches, and deep warm swimming pools, without the distraction of phones or computers? Rafting the Lower Gorge of the Salmon River provides the perfect setting for people of all ages and abilities to experience the excitement and relaxation of the outdoors. We invite you to join us for a 4 or 5 day river adventure on the longest free-flowing river in the lower 48 states.

The Lower Gorge of the Salmon perpetually carves its way through history to expose metamorphosed volcanic and ominous granite gorges. To complement the gorges, roomy white sand beaches are common on this 53 mile stretch of river – perfect for camping, swimming, or taking an afternoon nap. Catch a glimpse of a river otter, cougar, bear, golden eagle, or bighorn sheep in this diverse landscape. Visit river crossings used by the Nez Perce Indians in their flight from the U.S. Cavalry in 1877. Experience the power of the Salmon River whitewater in rapids such as Snow Hole, China Slide, Sluice Box, and Demon's Drop. Whatever your preference, whitewater action or stunning scenery and natural history, the Salmon River provides a great combination of action and relaxation.

Join Wet Planet on Idaho's most popular river. Learn how to raft, kayak, or just soak up some sun on this 4 or 5 day river adventure.

**Difficulty:** Class II-III

**Ages:** 5 years old and up

**Season:** July-Sept. (call for available launch dates)

### The General Trip Itinerary

(exact camp locations and daily river mileage may vary with water levels and river conditions)

**Arrival Day (the day before your scheduled launch date):** Arrive in Clarkston, Washington and check in to the Quality Inn Suites. Lodging is included in your trip cost. If flying to Lewiston, the airport will provide a free shuttle service to the hotel. We plan on meeting the group at 6pm, in the lounge, at the Quality Inn for our pre-trip meeting. During the meeting, we will discuss the trip, check out trip gear, cover any last minute details, and answer any questions you may have.

**Day 1 Launch Date:** Breakfast will be served at the Hotel restaurant, with our planned departure around 8 am. After breakfast, we'll provide transportation to the river launch site. We plan on launching by 10am, after a short rafting and kayaking orientation. Lunch will be served riverside today. The river starts out with easy rapids and a big water feel with time to swim, fish, explore archaeological sites and take in the breathtaking views between. We will arrive in camp by 4:00pm today. You can expect a relaxing evening at camp with beach games, a delicious meal, good conversation, tales around the campfire, and music.

**Day 2:** The morning routine: hot drinks and fruit juice will be served by 7:00 a.m. Breakfast by 8:00 a.m. We will break camp and begin the day's float by 10:00 a.m. Today we will see more whitewater in rapids such as Pipeline, Lorna's Lulu, and the Bungholes as we move toward Snow Hole Canyon. Located in this beautiful Canyon is Snow Hole rapid. We will finish the day at yet another beautiful large beach campsite.

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**Day 3:** Today we will continue through Snow Hole Canyon where we will encounter China Bar rapid. Through this canyon we also get to see the remains of a turn of the century rock house. After China Bar the canyon opens up and the river mellows a bit with some class II and III rapids before we hit camp for the night.

**Day 4:** Today we will enter Blue Canyon. This canyon is home to more great rapids, and you'll love flying right down the middle of rapids like Sluice Box and Eye of the Needle. The exit to this exciting canyon leads to the confluence with the Snake River. You'll camp near the confluence, in the same area where Native Americans previously traveled for vision quests.

**Day 5 (heading to the take-out):** With quite a bit of flat water between the confluence and the take-out, kayakers hop in the rafts and enjoy an easy ride through this beautiful, remote stretch of river. It's time for good-byes and last minute group photos. From the take-out, you'll be shuttled back to the Quality Inn.

## What to bring:

Below is a suggested gear list. Please use the following list when packing for your river expedition. We will provide you with a dry bag to protect your belongings from the water. You may find it easiest to pack your things into a duffle bag that can be placed directly into one of our large bags while on the river. Feel free to contact us at any time with packing questions.

### Personal Items:

1. Sun Block!
2. Pocket Knife
3. Personal Meds
4. Camera & Film
5. A Good Book
6. Flashlight/Headlamp
7. Small pillow
8. Sleeping Bag/Silk Sheet
9. (Liquor/Beer/Wine)
11. Water Bottle
12. Chapstick with SPF
13. Musical Instrument

### Clothing:

1. Fleece Jacket
2. Rain Suit
3. Long Pants
4. Sun Hat/Knit Hat
5. Toiletries/Towel, etc.
6. Long Sleeve Shirt
7. Hiking Shorts
8. Short Sleeve Shirt
9. River Shoes or Sandals
11. Sun Glasses
12. Socks
13. Swimming Suit

***All rafting gear, camping equipment, and meals included!***

## Getting to Your Salmon River Raft Trip

Our Salmon River trip begins & ends at the Quality Inn in Clarkston, WA. The closest airport to Clarkston is in Lewiston, Idaho. If flying to Lewiston, the airport will provide a free shuttle service to the hotel. If you are driving yourself, please follow the directions as described below.

**From:** Portland/ Seattle

**To:** The Quality Inn, Clarkston, ID

- (From Seattle take I-5 South to Portland)
- Take I-84 East
- Take exit 179 to merge onto I-82 W toward Hermiston/Umatilla
- Take exit 1 for US-730/US-395 toward Irrigon/Umatilla (signs for McNary Dam)
- Turn right at Columbia River Hwy NO 2/US-395/US-730
- Continue to follow US-730 signs
- Continue straight onto US-12
- Turn right Preston Ave/US-12. continue to follow US-12
- Take a slight right toward US-12
- Take a slight left at US-12
- Turn left at 13<sup>th</sup> St
- Turn right at Port Dr.

**From:** Boise ID

**To:** The Quality Inn, Clarkston ID

- Head West on I-84 West
- Take exit 367B for US-30 toward Payette
- Turn right at E Idaho Ave/US-30 (signs for Payette) continue to follow US-30
- Turn left at US-95/N Whitley Dr. Continue to follow US-95
- Slight right at S 16<sup>th</sup> St/US-95. Continue to follow US-95
- Slight left to stay on US-95
- Turn right E Central Blvd/US-95. Continue to follow US-95
- Turn right at ID-95/Illinois Ave/US-95. Continue to follow ID-95/US-95
- Turn right to stay on ID-95/US-95
- Slight left at N and S hwy/US-12
- Turn right at D St/US-12
- Turn left at 1<sup>st</sup> St/US-12
- Continue straight onto Bridge St/US-12
- Turn right at 5<sup>th</sup> St
- Turn left at Port Dr.

**At the end of the trip:** from the take-out, we will shuttle you back to the Quality Inn.