



Deschutes River

Trip Guide

1/2 and 1-Day Trips



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The Deschutes River

Do outstanding whitewater, blue skies, and easy accessibility whet your appetite for fun? Then a Deschutes River whitewater rafting trip is for you.

This is not the river on which to seek solitude — the Deschutes is too popular for that. And with good reason. The river is located near the population centers of western Oregon and Washington, and features both sunny weather and enjoyable rapids.

In the eyes of many people the best thing about the Deschutes may be the weather. The section we run is located in the rain-shadow of the Cascade Mountains, which results in an enjoyably dry and sunny climate. Yes, it does rain here, as it does almost everywhere else on the planet. But on those Spring days when the Willamette Valley to the west is cloudy, Deschutes rafters often find themselves basking in the sun.

Whatever the weather, the Deschutes numerous thrilling rapids. Some of the bigger drops (in order of appearance) are Wapinitia, Boxcar, Surf City, Oak Springs, and White River. But for many the greatest thrill comes at Elevator rapids. After running elevator in our rafts we stop along shore, and those who wish can accompany one of our guides on as we float feet-first through the rapid (wearing our lifejackets, of course!).

Weather

	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Average daytime high temp.	71	79	87	87	78
Average nighttime low temp.	37	43	46	46	39
Average monthly rainfall	0.80"	0.80"	0.40"	0.50"	0.50"



Pre-Trip Details

How to Sign Up

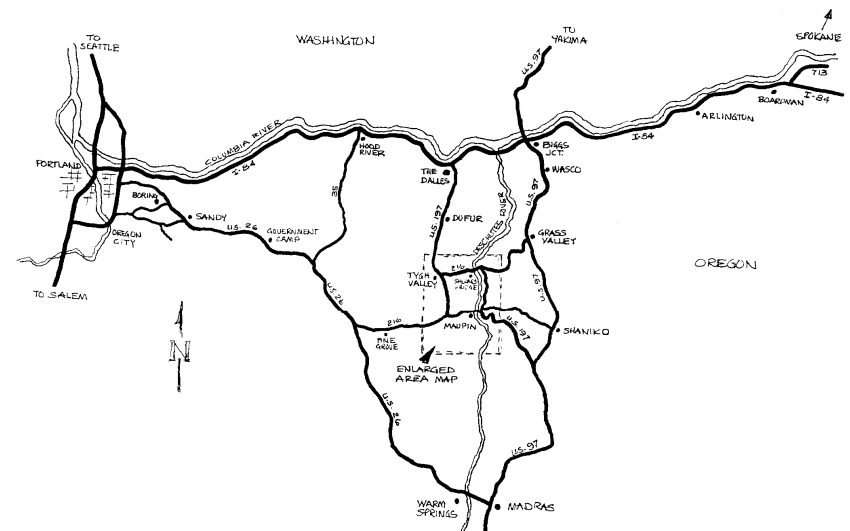
Call, write or e-mail us. We'll hold your reservation for 10 days while we await your deposit, which confirms your reservation (\$35 per person). (Full payment is required to confirm your reservation for all 1/2 day trips, and if less than six weeks remain prior to your 1 day trip.)

Where and When to Meet

We will meet in front of the Oasis Cafe, on the east side of the river, in Maupin. We will make our shuttle arrangements there, before going to the launch site. 1 day trips meet at 10 AM*. Half day morning trips meet at 9:30 AM*, and afternoon half days meet at 1:00 PM*.

From Portland, take US-26 (the Mt. Hood Highway) east, to the junction with OR-216. Follow OR-216 to its junction with US-197, which will take you into Maupin.

* - Please plan your drive carefully so as to arrive at our meeting place on time. Our guides will attempt to wait for you if you are running late, but circumstances typically do not allow them to wait more than 20 minutes. If you miss your intended trip we will most likely not be able to provide a transfer to an alternate trip, and we are unable to provide a refund for missed trips.



What to Bring

Please come to the river prepared for all possible weather conditions. The weather in the river canyons of the Northwest is often different from that in surrounding areas, so you won't really know how it will be until you get there. At that time, you may decide that some of the items listed here are not needed; but you need to have them along just in case! So please pay close attention to the following information and checklists, and help to insure your enjoyment of the day by bringing along the proper clothing.

Clothing tips: The best clothing is that which retains your body heat while wet, or one that dries quickly. Modern high-tech synthetic fabrics like Polypropylene, Capeline, and Polyester fleece do both, and are readily available at stores like REI. (Polyester fleece is increasingly available, as well, at large department stores. Just be sure to look for polyester fleece, not cotton fleece.) But if you don't want to spend a lot on a rafting wardrobe look for wool clothes, which provide some warmth even when wet. Thrift stores and military surplus stores are good places to find inexpensive wool clothes. On all but the warmest days you should avoid wearing cotton clothing while on the river. When wet, cotton sucks warmth from your body at an amazing rate.

Where to find it

Check with local sporting goods stores. If they cater to outdoor sports (hiking, backpacking, etc.) rather than team sports, they should have most of the items you need. Gear is also available through mail order and on-line by contacting REI (800-426-4840, or www.rei.com), L.L. Bean (800-341-4341, or www.llbean.com), or Northwest River Supply (800-635-5202, or www.nrsweb.com).

Equipment Checklist

For Spring (and Cool Weather) Trips

To wear in the raft:

- swimsuit, or shorts and a T-shirt
- sunglasses with strap
- wetsuit socks or thick wool socks, worn with athletic shoes, sport sandals such as Tevas or Chacos, or hard-soled wetsuit booties
- synthetic or wool (med. or heavy weight) long underwear top.

To bring on the river:

- wool or synthetic sweater or jacket
- light weight rain jacket
- wool or synthetic "ski" hat (for extra warmth as needed)
- wide brim hat or baseball cap (for sun protection)
- water bottle or canteen*
- waterproof sunscreen

To leave in the car:

- a towel and complete change of clothes, including dry shoes, socks and a sweater or jacket.

For Summer Trips

To wear in the raft:

- swimsuit, or T-shirt and shorts
- sun glasses with strap
- wide brim hat or baseball cap (for sun protection)
- athletic shoes or sport sandals such as Tevas or Chacos

To bring on the river:

- water bottle or canteen*
- waterproof sunscreen
- light weight long-sleeved shirt (to protect from sunburn)
- wool or synthetic sweater
- lightweight rain jacket or windbreaker

To leave in the car:

- a towel and a complete change of clothes, including dry shoes and a sweater.

* Please note the terms of our license - as well common sense - lead us to insist that you refrain from consuming alcohol during your river trip (even during lunch).

Additional Information

Your trip fare includes the following

- ✓ The services of our professional guide staff.
- ✓ Shuttle service to and from our meeting place.
- ✓ A hearty, freshly prepared picnic lunch at the riverside on 1 day trips. (Special dietary needs may be accommodated with advance notice.)
- ✓ Use of professional quality self-bailing rafts and top-notch river running equipment, including U.S. Coast Guard Approved lifejackets.
- ✓ Waterproof river bags for your personal gear.

Gratuities

Guests sometimes ask whether it is appropriate to tip their guide. Tipping is optional, but if your guide did a great job then feel free to thank him or her with a gratuity. The amount is up to you, but tips between 8% and 20% of trip cost are customary.

Nearby attractions

If you're coming from out of town a Deschutes River trip can be included in a visit to nearby Portland. For Portland information contact the Portland Visitor's Bureau at 503-222-2223.

Rafting the Deschutes can also be combined with hiking on Mount Hood or a tour of the Columbia River Gorge. For more about both Mount Hood and the Gorge contact Mt. Hood National Forest headquarters at 503-667-0511.

