

Middle Fork Trip Information

Trips Meeting in Stanley

June 3, 12, 21, 30, July 8, 16, 24,
and August 1, 9 & 25.

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Middle Fork trips scheduled for June 3, 12, 21, 30, July 8, 16, 24, August 1, 9 and 25 originate in Stanley, Idaho. Guests are responsible for getting to Stanley and for pre-trip lodging and meals. At the end of the trip, we provide bus transportation from our take-out to the town of Salmon and then Stanley. Guests are responsible for making post-trip air and lodging arrangements.

We're looking forward to meeting you the evening before your trip.

ACCOMMODATIONS IN STANLEY: We recommend staying at our meeting place, the Mountain Village Lodge. Their phone number is 1-800-843-5475 or 1-208-774-3661. Please make your reservations well before your trip, and mention that you'll be floating the Middle Fork with Idaho River Journeys. If you are returning to Stanley at the end of your trip, don't forget to make reservations for that evening as well.

PRE-TRIP MEETING: Our pre-trip meeting is at 7:30 PM at the Mountain Village Lodge. We meet at the back of the lodge, near the walkway between the wings of the building. We'll answer questions about the trip, give out waterproof bags for your gear and review trip plans. At 8:00 a.m. the next morning we leave for the river. Our primary launch site is Boundary Creek but water and safety concerns sometimes require that we launch our trips from a downstream airstrip necessitating a flight from Stanley the morning of departure. The cost (about \$125) of the charter flight from Stanley to the river is not included in your trip fare.

SLEEPING BAGS & TENTS: We provide spacious tents, freshly laundered sleeping bags, and comfortable sleeping pads for use by our guests. If you are travelling alone, you will have your own tent. Our sleeping bags are medium size. You may, of course, bring your own bag and tent if you would prefer.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO BOISE & STANLEY: Most airlines have service to Boise. From there you have air and ground travel options.

Salmon/McCall Air has flights to Stanley every day. You need to book this flight in advance. Their phone number is 1-800-448-3413. Air shuttle companies have a maximum baggage weight of 35 pounds per person. Soft sided duffels work best for both flying and packing into our waterproof bags. Most guests using an air charter service fly back to Boise from Salmon at the end of their trip.

Bus and van service from Boise to Stanley is offered by Caldwell Transportation. Reservations are required. Their phone number is 1-800-727-9925.

An affordable driving option for parties of 3 or more is to rent a car in Boise and leave it in Stanley while you are on the river. Consult our website for details.

CAR PARKING & SHUTTLES: If you drive to Stanley, your vehicle can be parked across the street from the Mountain Village Lodge. You will need a parking permit from their office. At the end of our trip, we will provide transportation back to Stanley.

If you would like to have your vehicle shuttled to Salmon while you are on the river, contact River Shuttles at 1-800-831-8942. Arrangements for the shuttle must be made in advance.

FISHING: The Middle Fork is a premier trout stream with a hearty population of Cutthroat trout. To fish, you must have an Idaho license. You can purchase one in Stanley or Boise before the trip or by phone directly from Idaho Sports Licensing by calling 1-800-554-8685. The Middle Fork is a catch-and-release river. Regulations require that only artificial lures (no bait) with single, barbless hooks be used and that all fish caught be released.

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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AT TRIP'S END:

After lunch on the last day of the trip, our bus shuttles everyone to the town of Salmon. From there we continue to Stanley. We usually arrive in Salmon around 3:30 p.m. and two hours later in Stanley. Some guests enjoy spending the night in Salmon before flying to Boise the next morning. For lodging in Salmon, we recommend the Stagecoach Inn. Their reservations number is 1-208-756-4251. If you are returning to Stanley on our shuttle, we recommend staying at our meeting place, the Mountain Village Lodge.

For guests who prefer to fly to Boise from Salmon the day they come off the river, flights can be scheduled for that afternoon. For lodging in Boise, we suggest Best Western Vista Inn, 1-800-727-5006. They offer shuttle service to the nearby Boise Airport.

Guests are responsible for flight arrangements from Salmon or Stanley and should make reservations well in advance. The phone number for Salmon/McCall Air is 1-800-448-3413.

PERFORMANCE: Although infrequent, it is sometimes necessary to cancel or modify a trip, including moving to an alternative river, because of unusual or unexpected circumstances. We reserve the right to cancel or modify any trip due to adverse weather or water conditions, log jams, debris flows, forest fires, travel restrictions that limit access to the river, or other circumstances beyond our control. Adverse conditions may require the use of boats different from those advertised, promised or reserved. In the event of a cancellation, or modification of a trip, Idaho River Journeys cannot be responsible for any resulting expenses incurred by guests.

WHAT TO BRING: Summer weather on the Middle Fork is typically sunny and warm but you should be prepared for occasional mountain thunder showers. In Stanley, you'll find an excellent selection of appropriate clothing at Riverwear.

- 2 pair of quick drying shorts or bathing suits
- Tennis shoes or river sandals to wear in the boats and while swimming
- Sun Screen and lip protection
- Sunglasses with strap
- Shirts for camp and to wear on-river
- Baseball type cap
- 1 pair of long pants for camp
- A pair of shoes for camp and hiking
- 2 pairs of wool socks
- Warm jacket or wool sweater
- Rain gear - jacket & pants
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Personal medications
- Water bottle with loop for attaching
- Flashlight
- Camera
- Large Ziplock bags (for wet items and personal hygiene)
- Check or cash for guide gratuity

Optional items might include a paperback book, binoculars, fishing equipment (rods in protective cases), insect repellent, polypropylene underwear (comes in handy if it gets cold), and a fanny pack for hiking. Do not bring music systems (personal iPods are OK) or firearms.

SUGGESTIONS FOR WOMEN: Some of the women who have rafted the Middle Fork with us have made suggestions that might be helpful. Bring facial cleansing items that don't take up a lot of space and are quick to use. A wash cloth in a zip lock or a facial astringent and cotton cleaning pads in a zip lock work well. Bring along body and facial moisturizer. For a bathing suit, a sports type two-piece is more convenient for wearing under wetsuits and easier to bathe in. For hiking and general comfort, sports bras are recommended.

SATELLITE PHONES: For many of our guests, part of the appeal of a river vacation is getting away from computers, email, and phones. Although the Middle Fork canyon is remote, in many places satellite phones are

functional. On occasion, a guest will bring a private satellite phone with them. In this event, we ask that the phone not be used in our immediate camp setting, on our boats, in the vicinity of other guests or anyplace where other people are aware of its use.

FOOD & BEVERAGES: All on-river meals are provided, beginning with lunch the first day and ending with lunch the last day. The food is fresh and wholesome and our guides will prepare it. We provide some soda, beer and wine. You are welcome to bring additional beverages.

VACATION INSURANCE: We strongly recommend you supplement personal insurance with travel insurance. Information is on our website.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION: If there was a personal emergency that necessitated our contacting you during your trip, we would attempt to get a message to you. For emergency use, we carry a satellite phone. We would leave a text message for the crew and they would make a return call to us when they could, probably from camp that evening. Incoming calls can not be received on the satellite phone. The numbers to leave for someone to contact us are 1-888-997-8399 and 1-208-756-8116.

CANCELLATIONS: If you must cancel your reservation, you may be eligible for a partial refund if the cancellation is made at least 60 days before departure. Our cancellation policy is firm. We operate under federal regulations, which restrict the number of guests per trip and the number of trips per season. If you must cancel, try to find a friend to take your place. Idaho River Journeys requires a nonrefundable deposit of \$250 per person to confirm a reservation. The balance is due at least 60 days prior to departure. Cancellations within 60 days of a trip are not eligible for refund.

TIPPING: Gratuities are equally shared by all crew members. Typically tip amounts are 10-15% of the trip fare. ■

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