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**2016 Morrison's Rogue Wilderness Adventures**

**Registration and Personal Information Form**

*(Please fill out this form and return to the Rogue Wilderness Adventures office before your trip. Each member of your party **MUST** complete and sign a registration and liability release form. All information below will be kept in confidence and will not be shared or sold.)*

**ONE FORM PER PARTICIPANT.**

TRIP DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Name Reservation Is Under \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female (circle) Date Of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

If a minor is listed, please describe relationship to the person signing this document \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (NOT PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITY) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

**WILDERNESS ACCESS:** You understand that you are entering a wilderness area and there is VERY limited access to roads, phone service and rescue. Helicopter or ambulance rescue if needed is billed to your personal insurance. Some trip insurance products do include evacuation insurance if you choose to purchase it.

**EXPERIENCE** Have you ever been whitewater rafting? YES / NO (please circle)

If yes, which rivers? \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL:** Please describe any medical or physical conditions which might affect your safety or health on the trip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies (bee stings, medications) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you carry an EPI Pen YES/NO (please circle)

DIETARY Please specify any medical dietary restrictions i.e. allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a vegetarian or vegan? YES/NO (please circle) If YES, please specify type of protein you eat \_\_\_\_\_

If not a vegetarian, do you eat red meat? YES/NO (please circle) Preferred Protein \_\_\_\_\_

Please understand that we try and accommodate most dietary requests. However, if you have specific requirements we suggest you bring the necessary supplies to subsist. Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALCOHOL:** Please be aware that Rogue Wilderness Adventures does not supply alcohol. You are welcome to bring beer, wine or spirits. Please limit glass containers. Please respect other guests and do not drink to excess while on trips.

**CANCELLATION POLICY** I am aware of the strict cancellation policy of Rogue Wilderness Adventures and realize that if I am to cancel my trip inside of 90 days of departure I will forfeit all funds paid to Rogue Wilderness Adventures. I am aware that I may purchase travel insurance to protect myself in the case of unforeseen events causing the cancellation of my trip with Rogue Wilderness Adventures.

**Forest Fires and Smoke:** Occasionally during the hiking season forest fires in the region will cause smoke to settle in the Rogue River Canyon. Just like rain we go with smoke or no smoke. Every few years a forest fire will close the Rogue River. If this occurs you'll receive a credit to use at a future date. The only scenario where a refund will be considered is if you've invested in trip insurance before your trip departs. (See Cancellation and Travel Insurance Policies on our website or page 1, paragraph 1 of your itinerary)

Please sign below that you understand our cancellation policy.

SIGN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



## 2016 Multi Day Rafting Itinerary - Lodge or Camping

The following are important details for your trip on the Rogue River. This information will help make your trip safe, comfortable, and enjoyable. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call us at 1(800) 336-1647 or e-mail us at [info@wildrogue.com](mailto:info@wildrogue.com)

**Meeting Place:** Morrison's Rogue River Lodge (8500 Galice Road, Merlin, OR - [Morrison's Lodge Map](#))

**Meeting Time:** 5:30pm the night before your trip (We encourage our guests to stay at Morrison's for lodging).

**Launch Time:** 8:00am on your trip date

**After the Trip:** Arrive back at Morrison's Rogue River Lodge around 4:00pm (unless car shuttle has been requested or other arrangements have been made).

## Checklist

- Complete your registration form and sign the Liability Release. Please return by mail, email, fax or online at least 30 days before trip departure. Mail: Rogue Wilderness Adventures  
PO Box 1110 Merlin, OR 97532  
Fax (541) 476-8051  
Email [info@wildrogue.com](mailto:info@wildrogue.com)
- Plan for the unexpected with Travel Insurance at <https://www.travelinsured.com> We've contracted very good coverage for your trip. Estimate about 6%-7% of your trip cost. Kids 17 and under are usually no extra charge.
- Final payment due 30 days before your trip

## RWA provides the following

- »Transportation to the river
- »Transportation from river back to Morrison's
- »Dry bags and water bottle
- »Waterproof bags for your personal gear

## You are responsible for

- » Meals and lodging before and after your trip
- »Personal clothing and other miscellaneous items
- »Guide gratuities (see page 2)

## Where to stay before and after In Merlin

»**Morrison's Rogue River Lodge** (800) 826-1963  
[www.morrisonlodge.com](http://www.morrisonlodge.com) \*\* RWA Discount\*\*

All our trips depart from the beautiful [Morrison's Rogue River Lodge](#) (which is celebrating 70-years along the Rogue!) so, we encourage you to stay there before your trip. Accommodations include water-side suites, cabins and lodge rooms. You'll find Morrison's to be a convenient, beautiful location to start and end your river adventure.

## In Grants Pass

Even though we recommend [Morrison's Lodge](#) for your lodging, here are other local Grants Pass options about 40 minutes from your launch site:

»**The Lodge at Riverside** (541) 955-0600 (about \$175)  
[www.thelodgeatriverside.com](http://www.thelodgeatriverside.com) \*\*RWA Discount \*\*

»**Riverside Inn** (541) 476-6873 (about \$125)  
[www.riverside-inn.com](http://www.riverside-inn.com) \*\*RWA Discount \*\*

»**Holiday Inn Express** (541) 471-6144 (about \$125)  
[www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com)

»**Shilo Inn** (541) 479-8391 (about \$99)  
[www.shiloinns.com](http://www.shiloinns.com)

»**La Quinta** (541) 472-1808 (about \$89)  
[www.LQ.com](http://www.LQ.com)

## Campgrounds

Indian Mary, Griffin Park, and Almeda Park all take reservations. For reservations call 1-800-452-5687 or visit [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com).

## Bed & Breakfasts/Lodges

»**Weasku Inn** (541) 471-8000 (about \$225)  
[www.weasku.com](http://www.weasku.com) \*\*RWA Discount \*\*

»**Double Tree Guest Ranch** (541) 476-0120 (about \$145 )  
[www.double-tree.com](http://www.double-tree.com)

**Good Eats:** In Grants Pass we suggest: G Street in downtown Grants Pass has a number of excellent restaurants. Staff favorites are "Laughing Clam" \$\$ (cold beer and fish tacos, casual dining) "Blondies, Twisted Cork and Bohemian are great." \$\$\$ fresh local faire. Circle J Pizza and Sumi Sushi are excellent too. New Favorites for 2016 are The Haul and Climate City Brewing.

## How to Get There

**If You Fly,** the closest commercial airport is Medford, Oregon. It is serviced by United Airlines, Delta, Allegiant and

Horizon Air. Flights inbound to Medford start from San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Salt Lake City, Denver, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. **\*\*Please plan your flight to arrive the day before your river trip**

Rogue Wilderness Adventures offers airport pickup and drop off for \$100 each way (12 passenger van). Local taxi service comparable. We do not have UBER. Please call RWA in advance to request the airport van shuttle. 1(800) 336-1647

**If You Drive: From I-5 North (Portland, Eugene):** Get off at exit 61. Follow the off ramp until you get to the stoplight. Turn left and follow the road (Merlin-Galice Rd) out for about 11 ½ miles. Morrison's Lodge is on the right hand side. Park in the parking lot and walk to the front desk for check-in.

**From I-5 South (Medford, Ashland):** Get off at exit 61. At the end of the off ramp turn left and follow the road (Merlin-Galice Rd) out for about 11 ½ miles. Morrison's Lodge is on the right hand side of the road. Park in the parking lot and walk to the front desk for check-in.

## The Trip Outline

**5:45pm Evening Before Your Trip:** All trips will start with a required orientation at 5:45pm at Morrison's Lodge. Guests will meet each other and their trip leader. Dry-bags will be issued as well as complimentary water bottles. Your trip leader will cover your trip itinerary and outline your trip. Of course, any questions about your trip can be answered by your trip leader. Our gift shop will be available for any last minute items.

**The Morning of your Trip;** We ask that everyone is dressed and ready for departure by 8:00am. (PLEASE BE ON TIME. OTHERS WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU) Come dressed in your rafting clothes. A hearty breakfast is encouraged. Morrison's serves a breakfast buffet starting at 7am.

**On the River:** The pace of your river trip is very dependent on the water level. You will usually spend five to six hours a day on the river. Breakfast on the river is served around 8AM, and you are on the water by about 9AM. There will be a stop mid-day for lunch where a buffet style lunch will be served. Before dinner there will be plenty of time for relaxing in the beautiful scenery of the wild rogue with friends and family.

**After the Trip:** The trip ends at Foster Bar in the early afternoon. At this time you will board a van, which will return you and your gear to Morrison's Rogue River Lodge, unless you have arranged a car shuttle. Car shuttles are available from Morrison's to Foster Bar for an additional \$115 per car (subject to change due to early season road conditions). The van trip takes about two to three hours, arriving back at Morrison's around 4 PM. It's a beautiful but windy drive: those prone to carsickness may want to be prepared with Dramamine.

**\*\*In May, snow might be blocking key shuttle routes. Our goal is to return you on the safest route possible. This might mean early season shuttles could take up to four hours. If you have any travel plans that might be altered due to a late shuttle, please let our office staff know.**

**\*\* If you are using commercial airlines, we suggest you plan on flying out the day after your trip ends.** We can't guarantee you'll make a flight at the end of your trip.

**Lodges on the Trip:** The lodges are privately owned and operated. They are clean and comfortable, but quirky. Food is plentiful and hearty. There is no room service and it's not the Four Seasons. All equipment and food has been flown or rafted in. You will be warm, dry and never hungry. Each room has a bathroom and 2 beds. (Usually singles) All meals are served in the main lodge.

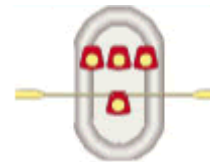
**Hair Appliances:** All the lodges are on generator and will provide light and heat during your stay. At 10pm the generators are turned off. So bring a flashlight to find the bathroom. Do not bring hair appliances as they will cause the generator to stop.

## Types of Boats

We employ a variety of boats on the Rogue that you will have the opportunity to enjoy as you travel down this amazing, beautiful river. Your choice will depend on the level of activity you are interested in and the logistics of the trip.

**Paddle Boat:** Paddle boats are fourteen to fifteen foot boats that are powered by the paddle strokes of the crew. The guide typically sits in the back and gives paddle commands to four to seven paddlers. Helmets and wetsuits are rarely required in paddle boats. Life jackets will ALWAYS be required.

**Oar boats:** Oar boats are sixteen to eighteen foot boats that carry gear and supplies as well as one to four passengers. Two or three passengers on an oar boat is typical. A ride on an oar boat is an opportunity to relax, enjoy the scenery, or chat with friends and family. The oar boat is the least active option and typically provides the lowest probability of a "swim". Life jackets will ALWAYS be required.



**Inflatable Kayak (IK):** The IK's are the ultimate vessel for the active river runner. This is an opportunity to run the rapids of the Rogue River under your own power and direction. The guides will give IK instruction before the trip, and direction for the rapids while on the water. We bring only single kayaks on the lower Rogue. Helmets are required at all times while paddling the IKs and, at times, a wetsuit may be required. Life jackets will ALWAYS be required.

**Fishing:** Fishing on the Rogue is not great in the spring or summer and regulations do not allow fishing from our boats. If you would like to fish, Oregon fishing licenses may be purchased at Oregon sporting goods stores and at a small market in Merlin about 7 miles up the road from Morrison's Lodge. We recommend collapsible poles for ease in packing.

**Guides:** Our guides have a deep appreciation for the river we run and want you to enjoy your trip with them. RWA guides are accomplished in outdoor skills and extensively trained in first aid and CPR. They will be more than happy to help you if you have any questions about the river or are an inexperienced camper. In addition, the guides are mature, interesting people we think you'll enjoy.

**Gratuities:** We are often asked if tipping is appropriate. Tips are certainly appreciated by our guides. Tips are normally 10% of the trip cost per person. It is also suitable to leave gratuities for lodge staff of \$5 to \$10 per person. Whether and how much you tip should depend on your satisfaction with the trip, your feelings about tipping, and your financial means.

**Equipment:** RWA provides complimentary water bottles, and waterproof bags for your personal gear. Certainly bring a camera on your trip for pictures. Our gift shop sells a number of great waterproof bags for camera's and cell phones.

**Meals and Alcohol:** RWA provides all meals from lunch on the first day to lunch on the last day. We specialize in creative and delicious meals. Guides will prepare your meals using a variety of fresh foods. Fruit juice and water are available with every meal. Coffee, tea, and cocoa are available at breakfast and dinner.

### Camping Guests

On our camping trips our staff will prepare all meals while on your trip. We provide fun, healthy meals. However, if you do have strict dietary requests please let us know. Please also understand you might want to bring some of your own food depending on what your dietary restrictions might be. We plan accordingly for food packing, assuming that if you are a vegetarian, you will not change your mind during the trip and eat all the bacon.

### Lodging Guests

Because some of our rafting trips utilize lodges, we don't personally prepare breakfasts and dinners. We have tried to educate our lodge staffs to particular dietary requests. For example: gluten free, vegetarian and vegan requests. We constantly strive to make foods available to your request, however sometimes the lodges don't meet our expectations. With this in mind you might consider bringing your own food to make sure you have what you need.

We cannot guarantee all foods will be "pure" in regards to severe food allergies. We will always strive to meet your expectations but due to a limited menu at the lodges we can't

make everyone happy. (Please make sure to give us ample information on your registration form in regards to dietary restrictions)

Wine, Beer, or any other alcoholic beverages are not provided by RWA, but are welcome on the trip. Oregon liquor stores are open until 8pm on weekdays and closed Sundays. If you are flying in, please contact our office and we can coordinate beverage purchases before you arrive. Beer and wine are available at local grocery stores. Hard liquor can only be purchased at state liquor stores.

There will be ice chests available for you at check in for you to bring extra beverages. There is no place to buy beverages once the trip leaves. Wine glasses and bottle openers are available at each lodge. Cocktail ice as well.

**Environmental Concerns:** Depending on where the group stops, we will be using port-a-potties or outhouses. While not like the comfort of home, when setting up toilet facilities we are conscious of privacy needs as well as environmental impact. To protect the river, we carry out all trash and use no soap in the river. The guides will instruct you in simple procedures that minimize the impact of your group on the canyon, and we ask for your cooperation.

**Communications:** There are **no phones, and cell phones do not work in the canyon.** You are on vacation and the world will go on without you. Phones will stop working shortly after you pass through Merlin. Leave them in your car.

**Cancellations and Travel Insurance:** We strictly adhere to our cancellation policies as explained on your (or your group organizer's) reservation form.

- Trip capacity is strictly regulated by law, and your reservation may mean we cannot sell space to others. Because of this, travel insurance is strongly recommended. It will reimburse you if you make a late cancellation because of illness or an illness in the family. Otherwise you are welcome to find a friend to replace you. Plan for the unexpected with Travel Insurance at <https://www.travelinsured.com/agency> We've contracted very good coverage for your trip. Estimate about 6%-7% of your trip cost. Kids 17 and under are usually no extra charge.

**Forest Fires and Smoke:** Occasionally during the rafting season forest fires in the region will cause smoke to settle in the Rogue River Canyon. Just like with rain, we go with smoke or no smoke. Every few years a forest fire will close the Rogue River. If this occurs you'll receive a credit to use at a future date. The only scenario where a refund will be issued is if you've invested in trip insurance before your trip departs. See Cancellation and Travel Insurance Policies..

**Registration Form & Health Information:** Rafting trips are not strenuous, but you should be in good health. If there are any medical considerations (such as allergies, heart conditions, etc.) or dietary restrictions we should know about, please put them on the registration form or call us. We ask that you return the form to our office **(at least 30 days)** in advance of your trip either by e-mail, mail, or fax. **Fax 541-476-8051**

**Area Attractions:** Oregon is a very beautiful state with many things to do and see. Crater Lake National Park is very popular, as well as the Oregon Caves National Monument. The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is nearby in Ashland. Performances often sell out; call (541) 482-4331 or <http://www.osfashland.org> for more information. Regional tourism is handled by Southern Oregon Visitors Association. Their website [www.sova.org](http://www.sova.org) has excellent information about our region. You can also contact the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce at (541) 476-7717 <http://www.visitgrantspass.org> for specific Oregon area brochures.

**Wine Tours In Southern Oregon:** Southern Oregon has a booming wine industry and has been compared to the “next Napa”. Join our sister company Wine Hopper Tours for a day wine tour in the Rogue and Applegate Valleys. Day tours start at \$89 per person for the full day and includes lunch and tasting fees. [www.WineHopperTours.com](http://www.WineHopperTours.com) or 1-855-550-WINE (9463)

**Communications:** There are **no phones and cell phones** do not work in the canyon. You are on vacation and the world will go on without you. Phones work in the RWA parking lot, after that leave them in your car.

**Questions?** Please contact our office if you have any other questions about your trip. Once you are on the river, our guides will be happy to answer questions or assist you. We welcome any suggestions you have and want you to enjoy your trip.

## Rogue Weather

Elevation in Merlin, OR: 915 ft.

	Jun	July	Aug	Sept
Avg. Temp Day	82	90	88	84
Avg. Temp Night	48	60	65	50
Rainfall	0.5"	0.3"	0.5"	0.9"

The summertime weather in southwest Oregon is usually very pleasant: warm and dry. However, you need to be prepared for wet, cool weather as well as hot and dry. This can be easy if you pay attention to the information provided and to your own tolerance to the sun and to the cold.

**June** trips can be cool (days 55°-80°, nights 50°-60°), with a chance of rainstorms. The water will be moderately cold and you can plan on being splashed a lot.

**Late June to August** trips are warmer (days 75°-95° nights 65°-80°). **September** trips generally have mild days (60°-80°) and cool nights (50°-60°). Storms are always possible.

## Clothing and Comfort

Dressing safely and comfortably (not to mention fashionably) for river trips is a challenging task. It is very important and should not be taken lightly. For much of the season, you will need two sets of warm clothing: one for on the river and one for the lodge.

**Use the “layering system”** Bring clothes that can be worn under or on top of others. Layering allows you to adjust quickly to changeable weather, by adding or subtracting layers.

Loose, fast drying, durable clothing is best for rafting. We recommend the following materials because they are compact and are made to keep you warm and comfortable through a range of temperatures.

**Polypropylene (Polypro) or capilene** are synthetic materials that wick the moisture away from the skin. Depending on the time of year, long underwear (shirt and pants) are essential as the first layer in cool or wet weather.

**Fleece** is a synthetic material that is heavier than polypro. It makes an excellent middle layer in cool or wet weather.

Wool is also a good insulator. Bring a jacket or sweater as well as pants of these fabrics.

**Cotton** should **NOT** be worn during cool or wet weather since wet cotton lowers body temperature. Cotton is recommended for hot weather only!

**Rainwear** Rain jacket and pants are to protect you from the storms as well as mist from rapids if you were to ride in the raft. Coated nylon or breathable fabrics such as Gore-Tex are best. Ponchos are bulky and dangerous so they are not recommended.

**Footwear** You will find guides and fellow guests in tennis shoes, wetsuit booties with soles, and river sandals. Closed shoes do offer the most foot protection while on the river and, if worn with wool or neoprene wetsuit socks, they can help insulate your feet when the water is cold.

## Your Personal Responsibility

We handle trip logistics, provide the food and rafting equipment, and make sure you have knowledgeable and well-trained guides. We see to it that you are comfortable, and that you see the Rogue’s special places.

We expect that you will bring adequate clothing and that your **sleeping bag, pad, and personal gear (camping only) will fit in the size requirements of our waterproof bags (24” diameter by 36” tall)**. We also ask that you approach your trip with an open mind for adventure and discovery.

## Camping Gear and Lodge Facilities

### Lodge Trip Accoutrements

If you've signed up for a lodge trip, all linens, towels and bedding will be provided at the lodge. Shampoo is not provided, but soap is. As with the funky nature of the lodges the towels are a little rough and the sheets a little scratchy but overall they provide a clean comfortable stay.

**Sleep Apnea Equipment:** If you are in need of bringing a CPAP for Sleep Apnea- please visit <http://www.cpap.com> to purchase a battery pack. There is no power available at night.

### Camping Trip Accoutrements

You're welcome to bring your own tent, sleeping bag and air mattress. You also have the option of using Rogue Wilderness camping gear. Comfortable sleeping bags with liners, as well as tents and sleeping pads are available at no extra charge. Our pads are foam-sleeping pads about 1.5 inches thick. They are not air mattresses.

**Upgrade to the Deluxe Camping Setup:** Rogue Wilderness does offer extra-large 2 person tents that include 2 cots and two deluxe sleeping bags. The costs for this upgrade is \$200 per tent setup. Please call our office staff and let us know you want the comfort upgrade.



## Packing

**Your Dry Bag or Waterproof Bag:** The bag, when fully packed measures about 24 inches in diameter by 36 inches in height and is almost the size of a large garbage bag. **Your sleeping bag and personal items must fit into this bag!**

**Day Bags:** Since your waterproof bag will not be accessible during the day, day bags will be available on your trip at check in. These smaller bags are for sunscreen, medicine, clothing, hats, and cameras.

## What to Bring

Your comfort and safety depend on you being well equipped for the wilderness. If the weather is perfect you will not need the cold weather clothing or rain gear, but should plan for sun protection. Please call if you don't understand or cannot find an item on the list.

**Pack clothing you won't mind getting wet or dirty.** Cut down on bulk by not bringing too many changes of clothing for the same temperature conditions. You do not need a change of clothing every day.

### Clothing List RECOMMENDED for ALL trips:

- Swimsuit: May be worn as a first layer
- Shorts: quick drying shorts can double as a swimsuit for men.
- Hiking boots, water sport sandals (i.e. Chaco/Teva)\*
- Socks: Polypropylene or wool\*
- Shirts: long sleeved is best for sun protection\*
- Long underwear: Polypropylene, Smart wool, or Capilene
- Sweater or jacket: Fleece or Wool
- Baseball cap or visor (with strap) for sun protection\*

### Gear List:

- Small camp Pillow
- Water bottle with strap\*
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Sunglasses with Strap\*
- Bandana
- Insect repellent\*
- Toiletries
- Medications. If you are in need of bringing a CPAP- please visit [www.cpap.com](http://www.cpap.com) to purchase a battery pack.
- Large zip lock bags for wet gear
- Sunscreen\*/ lip balm\*
- Moisturizer/Skin lotion\*
- Wet Wipes

### Sometimes REQUIRED for early season trips:

- Long underwear: Polypropylene, Smart wool, or Capilene
- Sweater or jacket: Fleece or Wool
- Wet suit (Available for RWA)

### Optional Gear

- Bike gloves to protect hands while paddling
- Fishing equipment and license
- Small zip lock bags for organizing gear
- Disposable/ Waterproof camera\*
- Dramamine (if prone to car sickness)
- Small day pack or fanny pack
- Book / Journal / Notebook