



2024 Multiple Day Supported Hiking Trip Information

The following are important details for your trip on the Rogue River. This information will help to make your trip comfortable and enjoyable. If you have any questions after reading this document, please don't hesitate to email us at Info@wildrogue.com or call us at (800) 336-1647.

Meeting Place: Morrisons Rogue Wilderness Lodge (8500 Galice Road, Merlin, OR)

Check in: Night before hiking trip begins- check in anytime after 2 pm At Morrisons

Meet and Greet: Night before @ 5:45 pm

Trip Start Time: 8:30 am at Morrisons Lodge. Please be on time as others will be waiting for you.

After the trip: Arrive back at Morrisons Rogue Wilderness Lodge between 4pm and 5pm (unless a car shuttle has been reserved at least 48 hours prior to the start of the trip.)

Checklist

- **Read the Essential Eligibility Criteria Document- to see if you are able to comply**
- **Complete your 2-step registration process** by accessing your personal guest account link emailed in your confirmation email. **All registration must be completed using your personal link to access and manage your reservation. Please complete the 2-step registration process today. **Failure to complete the registration process for all guests on your reservation will result in cancellation and forfeit of all deposits made.**
- **Plan for the unexpected with Travel Insurance -**
As all deposits and final payments are non refundable. We suggest Travel Insured
<https://www.travelinsured.com/>
Estimate about 7- 10% of your trip cost. Kids 17 &

under at a reduced rate.

- **Final payment must be paid on or before 60 days prior to your trip date**

MRWAL provides

- Lodging & dinner the night before your hike and breakfast before you head out
- Meals and lodging while on the trip
- Transportation to the river
- Transportation from river back to Morrisons
- Waterproof bag for your personal gear

You are responsible for

- Personal clothing and other misc. items
- Beverages such as Beer, Wine, Soda
- Guide gratuities
- Dinner and breakfast gratuities at the lodges
- Personal water bottle for each person
- Day pack to use while hiking on the trail
- River shoes for if/when on the raft
- Alcohol purchases (available at Morrisons Lodge and Paradise Lodge)
- Lodging after your trip if desired

Where to stay before and after

Morrison's Rogue Wilderness Lodge

(800) 826-1963 www.morrisonlodge.com

Your lodging and meals before your trip are included in your package. Check in Starts at 2pm.

Your trip will begin at beautiful Morrison's Lodge the night before you hit the trail. Accommodations include water-side suites, cabins, and lodge rooms. Along with your stay, a four course pre-fixe gourmet dinner will be included in the evening, and a hot country breakfast buffet. ****All dinner and breakfast gratuities are not included in your trip pricing and are additional fees. Please be prepared to tip your serving staff at Morrison's Lodge accordingly. Sodas, tea and Alcohol are not included in your trip price and are additional fees.**

You'll find Morrison's to be a convenient, beautiful location to start your adventure, and an excellent place to rest at the end. Morrison's has electricity and limited internet. If your cell phone carrier allows for Wifi calling and texting and your cell phone has that option, you will be able to use your cell phone once connected to our internet. If not, your cell phone will not work here at Morrison's as we are not near any cell phone tower. **Please note that lodging at Morrison's, dinner and breakfast before you leave on your hike is included in the 4 day 4 night hiking package, for the evening before your first day of hiking- not the night at the end of your trip. If you would like to book lodging for the night after your trip we would like to offer you a special 20% discount on any of our beautiful Morrison's Rogue Wilderness Lodging accommodations.** Please use this promotional code **MRWA** when booking online at <https://morrisonlodge.com/>. The 20% discount applies to lodging only. Here at Morrison's we offer dinner and breakfast, both are by reservation only. When you are booking your lodging, please be sure to book your four-course gourmet dinners and country breakfast buffet reservations at the same time to ensure you have a space at the table. Reservations are required and very limited, so don't delay. For more information on our incredibly unique dinner service here please go to our website at <https://morrisonlodge.com/>.

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**

****Flying out the day your trip ends is VERY difficult and puts strains on the entire last day of your trip.**

We highly recommend booking your flight out for the day AFTER your trip ends.

**** If you are hiking in May, please plan on arriving back to the lodge around 7pm as we take a detour due to snow. The shuttle ride back to the lodge is 4 to 5 hours.**

Airport Shuttles

If you are in need of Transportation from Medford Airport to Morrison's Lodge and back to the airport, please contact:

Double D Taxi Service: (541) 476-7773 | \$130 cash / \$140 card for up to 6 passengers

Tic Tock Taxi: (541) 727-7791 | \$125 for up to 6 passengers

Anywhere Express: (541) 326-9969 | Mention Morrison's for a possible discount for up to 4 passengers

**** Prices are subject to change**

**** Regarding your shuttle back to the airport, we would suggest you leave 2 and a half hours prior to departure flight time.**

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

The Night you arrive: Check in to our Morrison's Lodge anytime after 2 pm. We will have a Meet and Greet at 5:45 pm at the lodge where you will meet your Trip Leader Guide. Our four course gourmet dinner is served on the deck weather provided at Morrison's Lodge starts at 7 pm. Please arrive around 6:30 to 6:45 pm to be seated and get beverages before

the dinner is served. ****All dinner and breakfast gratuities are not included in your trip pricing and are additional fees. Please be prepared to tip your serving staff at Morrisons Lodge accordingly. Alcohol is not included in your trip price and is available for purchase at our Morrisons Lodge.**

Vehicles while on your hiking trip: If you are planning on leaving your vehicle on our property while you are on your hiking trip, we ask that you park your vehicle in our "grassy meadow" across the street from the main lodge. We ask that you drive by and drop off your large dry bag and beverages and then go park your vehicle in the grassy meadow. Please use the walking path under the bridge on your way back and walk your vehicle keys and room keys into the office. Galice road is busy with rafting/logging traffic and not advised to walk across. Please use the walking path. If you have any questions about where this is, please ask one of our front desk staff associates for a map and directions.

Foster Bar /Eden Valley Vehicle Shuttle: If you have **already** (24 hours in advance) reserved the vehicle shuttle to be delivered to you at the end of the trip, you will park your vehicle in our main parking lot. Please walk your vehicle keys and room key into the front desk office.

The Morning of your Trip: Morrisons country breakfast is available starting at 7am in the main lodge. **Be ready to depart the property by 8:30 am, please check out at the front desk (bring room keys and vehicle keys) and finalize any additional charges added after checking in.** We ask that everyone is dressed to hike and ready for departure by 8:30 am in front of Morrisons front office. After we meet at 8:30 am and pack beverages in the drink cooler, we all load up and have a 20 minute ride to the trailhead at Grave Creek. At the trailhead we have a 30 minute trail and trip orientation, we will also cover raft safety and trail safety suggestions. Expect to be on the trail around 10:30 am or sooner.

On the Rogue River Trail: Each morning the hikers will have the option to start on the trail or ride in the raft. You will usually spend five to six hours a day on the trail and/or river. Breakfast at the lodges is served around 8AM, and you are on the trail or by about 9AM. There are several snack and water refilling breaks throughout the day and 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. **On Day 1- If you choose to ride on the raft, there is one mandatory portage that you will have to walk around.**

Hikers will have opportunities to meet up with the raft for water and snack refilling a few times throughout the day as well as the guide prepared riverside lunch. Those who want to switch it up are more than welcome to do so at the meeting times. The pace on the trail varies as some will choose to hike swiftly and some would rather meander. The guides on the raft will travel at a pace to keep an eye on you to make sure your pace is not too fast or not too slow so that you stay within the walkie talkie communication zone. Typically, the group will arrive at the wilderness lodge each evening at 4 pm or after. Dinner and breakfast times will depend on whether you're on the trail during the spring or in the fall. Not to worry as the guides will fill you in on all the details.

After the Trip: The trip ends at Foster Bar around 2 pm. At this time you will board a van, which will return you and your gear to Morrisons Rogue Wilderness Lodge, unless you have arranged a car shuttle. Car shuttles are available from Morrisons to Foster Bar for an additional \$169 - \$ \$350 per car plus Government access fee (subject to change due to early season road conditions). **All Foster Bar car shuttles are reserved online.** Here is the link to book online: <https://my.wildrogue.com/reserve/bg7-morrison-s-s-huttles>. **Book your vehicle shuttle to Foster Bar at least 48 hours prior to your arrival. Do not plan on completing that task here as it will be too late.**

The van trip takes two to three hours, arriving back at Morrisons around 5:00 PM, unless your hike is in May. If your hiking adventure is in May, plan on a 4 to 5 hour ride back in the van due to snow causing us to detour. It's a beautiful but windy drive: those prone to car sickness 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 for 4 to 5 hours and arrive back at the lodge around 7pm. You might want to get a Coastal shuttle for your personal vehicle or Eden Valley shuttle. Route and cost are dependent on what route is open. Prices for the service could cost \$250 to \$350 per vehicle plus government fees . Prices are subject to change.**

Note: 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 other wilderness lodges in

the Wild and Scenic corridor are privately owned and operated. They operate with a unique challenge- all equipment and food has been rafted, jet boated, or 4-wheel driven in. They are clean and comfortable, quirky, and the food is plentiful and hearty. Each room has a bathroom with flush toilets, hot showers, and 2 beds (usually singles). All meals are served family style in the main lodges. **If you would like to tip the lodge staff, please bring cash for tipping purposes.**

Note: Marial Lodge and Paradise Lodge offer gift shop items. Consider bringing some cash if you would like to make a purchase. Paradise lodge also takes credit cards for purchases

Electricity at the Lodges: At this time Marial Lodge leaves the generator on all night and Paradise lodge is powered by solar and is limited throughout the night. Please remember, you are in a wilderness area and having power after 10 pm could change. Black Bar Lodge does not have electricity after 10 pm, it is the only lodge still running on a generator until 10pm and will provide light and charging opportunities during your stay until 10 pm. At 10 pm the generators are turned off, please bring a flashlight to find the bathroom. Do not bring hair appliances as they will cause the generator to stop or possibly overload the circuit and cause other issues. **Your cellphone will not work at any of the lodges, nor will you have any internet access at all.**

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. At this time Marial Lodge and Paradise have electricity throughout the night. Please remember, you are in a wilderness area and having power after 10 pm could change. Black Bar Lodge does not have electricity after 10 pm, it is the only lodge still running on a generator and will provide light and charging opportunities during your stay until 10 pm. Generator turns back on at 6am daily at Black Bar Lodge.

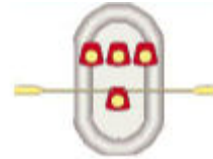
Types of Boats

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.

Stern Assist Paddle Boat: Paddle boats are fifteen to sixteen foot boats that are powered by the paddle strokes of the crew. The guide sits in the back with a stern frame and oars and gives paddle commands to four or six paddlers. Helmets are available upon request, please let your guide know.

Personal floatation devices will ALWAYS be required.

Oar boats: Oar boats are sixteen to eighteen feet 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. Personal Floatation devices will ALWAYS be required.



Fishing: We are often asked if guests can fish while on a hiking adventure. Guests are welcome to fish from the banks of the river during lunch or in the evenings or mornings when at any of the lodges. We do not allow guests to fish from the raft. If you would like to fish, **Oregon fishing licenses may be purchased online at <https://myodfw.com/fishing/licensing-info>. We do not provide fishing licenses at our lodge, it is imperative to purchase your fishing license prior to arrival at our Lodge using the link above.** This will save you from driving 30 minutes into Grants Pass. We recommend collapsible rods for ease in packing. **If you bring a personal fishing rod and fishing gear, it is your responsibility to make sure it gets on the van or bus, off the bus/van and off the raft to ensure it goes with you and stays with you.** We are not responsible for any lost or missing fishing gear that accidentally got left behind. If any gear is left behind the **guests are responsible** for any shipping and handling fees associated with mailing it.

Additional Information

Guides: Our guides have a deep appreciation for the river we run and want you to enjoy your trip with them. MRWAL guides are accomplished in outdoor skills and extensively trained in wilderness 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.

Gratuities: We are often asked if tipping is appropriate. Whether and how much you tip should depend on your satisfaction with the trip, your feelings about tipping, and your financial means. General amount is 15 to 20 % per person of the base trip price (found at the top of your invoice) if you feel

your expectations were exceeded. **Please bring cash for tipping or write a check to the trip leader, tips cannot be added to your reservation or credit card. You will have an opportunity to hand over your gratuity to your guide when you arrive back at the lodge at the end of the trip. They typically hang out for a few minutes to say thank you and bid farewell and then they are off. The guides will pool all the tips and divide them evenly. If you are getting your vehicle shuttled to Foster Bar, you will want to say goodbye at Foster Bar and hand off the gratuity at that time.**

Equipment: MRWAL provides a color coded, shared waterproof bag for 2 guests for your personal gear to have at the lodges each evening. You will share this Large drybag with your roommate. The shared overnight 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. This large dry bag will not be accessible during the day. It will be accessible at the lodge. Certainly bring a camera on your trip for pictures. Our gift shop sells a number of waterproof bags for cameras and cell phones. We recommend you bring a small backpack for hiking during the day as well as river shoes for when you are on the raft. Your day pack is for medication that you will need throughout the day, sunscreen, snacks, water bottle and layers that come off and go back on. Your River shoes will go in a separate bag for river shoes only.

Meals: All meals are provided from dinner on the first evening at Morrisons Lodge (gratuities and alcohol not included) to lunch on the last day. We specialize in creative and delicious meals. Guides will prepare your lunches using a variety of fresh foods. Gatorade and water are available with every riverside lunch that we provide. Dinner and Breakfast are provided by the Lodges. ** Cash is suggested for tipping the wilderness lodge staff and is typically \$10 to \$20 per person.

Lodging Guests: We have tried to educate the wilderness lodge staff to particular dietary requests. We constantly strive to make foods available to your request, however, sometimes the lodges can't meet our expectations. With this in mind, you might consider bringing your own food to make sure you have what you need. Also, please note that each lodge meal consists of several dishes to choose from- there is already something for everyone, and options for almost every diet. If you are Dairy Free, Gluten and or Celiac, please reach out to our office as soon as possible to see if the other lodges are able to accommodate your specific restrictions. Our front

desk has a menu of the 'usual' lodge menus available upon request.

Also, we unfortunately cannot guarantee lodge prepared food will be "pure" in regards to severe food allergies.

We are able to accommodate some dietary restrictions; however, we are not able to accommodate all severe allergies or multiple dietary restrictions. Please reach out if you have severe allergies and or multiple dietary restrictions to see if we will be able to accommodate your requests. (Please make sure to give us ample information when you book or shortly after as well as on your registration form in regards to dietary restrictions).

Wine, Beer, or any other alcoholic beverages are not provided by MRWAL, but **are welcome** on the trip. Oregon liquor stores are open until 8pm on weekdays and closed Sundays. Beer and wine are available at local grocery stores. Hard liquor can be purchased at specific locations and can be harder to find. **Marial Lodge sells shirts and homemade Jam for purchase. Consider bringing cash if you are interested in purchasing items in the canyon.**

For transportation purposes, there will be coolers set out for you the morning you depart for your hike. This is where you will place your beverages for each evening of your hiking adventure. The guides will bring up the coolers each night for you to access. Wine glasses and bottle openers are available at each lodge. Cocktail ice as well. Guests always ask if there is a limit to what you can bring, the simple answer is "no".

Note: Morrisons lodge on night one has a full bar and alcohol for purchase (there is a \$20 corkage fee on any outside bottles of wine). The only other wilderness lodge that has alcohol for purchase is Paradise Lodge.

Consider bringing cash/credit cards if you are interested in purchasing items in the canyon (no outside drinks are allowed in the dining room/Main lodge).

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 environmental 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: Cell phones do not work in the canyon. Phones will stop working shortly after you pass through Merlin. We recommend you leave them in your car or in the office if you plan on coming back to the lodge after your trip. If you want to bring your phone as a camera, we highly recommend you bring or purchase a phone case or dry bag to protect it from river water. MRWAL is not responsible for lost or broken phones.

Internet: Morrisons Lodge does have internet; however, While hiking on the trail and at staying at the other wilderness lodges, you will not have access to any internet. Please prepare to be off the grid for the duration of your trip. Please let your family and friends know that you will not be able to contact them nor will they be able to contact you. If there is an emergency, they can call the office and let us know; however, we have no way of contacting you while you are in the canyon. The emergency radio phone will only call out, meaning the guides can only contact us, we cannot contact them. We can have the guests call as soon as they are back at the lodge.

Poison Oak: There is an abundance of poison oak next to the trail or near the trail and sometimes encroaching upon the trail. If you are not familiar with what poison oak looks like, please ask the guides to show you so that you can avoid it as much as possible. Some items that could most likely come into contact with Poison Oak oil are shoes, shoe laces, hiking pole tips, backpacks and dry bags. Tecnu can be purchased for use on skin prior to contact and after contact as it will break down the oil.

Cancellations and Travel Insurance: Should you have to cancel your Rogue River Adventure with us or if situations make it impossible for us to perform the trip due to reasons beyond our control, **all deposits are non-refundable. Final balance payments are also non-refundable.** Alternate guests are welcome. **All guests making reservations for travel are strongly encouraged to purchase Travel Insurance to protect their investment and ours.**

On The Rogue River, trip capacity is strictly regulated by law, your reservation may mean we cannot sell space to others. Because of this, we do not offer refunds, for any reason including a pandemic; therefore, travel insurance is strongly recommended. It will reimburse you if you make a cancellation because of, but not limited to illness or injury before or during the trip, smoke, natural fire, flood, or other

acts of nature. **The only way to get a refund would be to file a claim through your purchased trip insurance carrier.**

Should you decide to not purchase trip insurance, please know there will be no refund nor credit given, nor will your trip be transferable to another year if you cancel your trip or should we be unable to perform the trip for reasons beyond our control. No cash refunds will be issued for any reason whatsoever.

Please understand there will be no exceptions to our policy outlined above.

Most trip insurance companies are time sensitive to your initial deposit in this case 21 days.

Trip insurance with Travelinsured.com is typically 7 to 10%. Kids 17 years and under are at a reduced rate.

For more information, and to get a quote, go to the link below and choose the best option for you and your family.

Travel Insured International:

<https://www.travelinsured.com/>

Registration & Health Information:

Hiking trips can be strenuous. Please review the Essential Eligibility Requirement Document to see if you are able to comply. You should be in good health, and be able to walk up steep inclines, on uneven, sandy or rocky terrain. If there are any medical conditions (such as allergies, heart conditions, etc.) or dietary restrictions we should know about, **please specify on your personal registration.** Please consult your primary care Physician prior, if you have any questions regarding your health or medical conditions that could impact your ability to walk up to the lodges or walk around the necessary rapids. For all guests joining us on one of our adventures, you must read and understand our Essential Eligibility Criteria document and be able to comply. If you do not meet the criteria please reach out and speak to one of our multiple day sales specialists. <https://rogueriverraft.com/essential-eligibility-requirements/>

[Essential Eligibility Requirements](#)

The 2 step registration process for all guests on your reservation must be completed online by accessing your guest account using your personal link. Please complete this as soon as possible after making your reservation. If there are any medical

conditions (such as allergies, heart conditions, etc.) or dietary restrictions we should know about, please enter the specific information on the registration portion of the 2 step registration process. To complete your registration process, access your personal guest account through the link emailed in your confirmation email. Please complete the registration processes as soon as you get your confirmation email. **Failure to complete the 2 step registration process for all guests on your reservation will result in cancellation and forfeit of all deposits made.** Everything is done electronically.

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 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.

Questions? Please email us your questions at info@wildrogue.com. 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.

The spring and fall weather in southwest Oregon is usually very pleasant. 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, heat and cold.

	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept
Avg. Temp Day	75	82	90	88	84
Avg. Temp Night	45	48	60	65	50
Rainfall	1.6	0.5"	0.3"	0.5"	0.9"

May: Average Temperature is 75 degrees and lows around 45 degrees Rainfall: 1.6"

June: Day temperatures range from 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°

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: These 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: Hiking footwear: A pair of 'tried and true' hiking boots or trail shoes are very important. We recommend a thick sole if your feet are sensitive- the trail can be very rocky at times. To avoid blisters, make sure you have hiked at least 6 miles at a time and at least 20 miles total in your boots if they are new to you. If you must hike in new boots, bring a back up pair of shoes in case of the dreaded blisters. On the River: 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. **** Note: Please leave your river shoes out of your overnight bag, we**

will have a special bag for them for easy access.

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 hiking equipment. We also ask that you approach your trip with an open mind for adventure and discovery.

Lodge Facilities

Lodge Trip Accouterments:

At the wilderness lodges all linens, towels and bedding will be provided.. Shampoo is not provided, but soap is. As with the funky nature of the wilderness lodges the towels are a little rough and the sheets a little scratchy but overall they provide a clean comfortable stay. Note: bed accommodations are twin beds at Black Bar and Marial

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 (except for Marial Lodge).

Packing

Your Dry Bag or Waterproof Bag: The shared overnight 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. **We ask that two people share one dry bag.** We recommend packing your things for the trip into a small SOFT duffel bag (**no rollers please!**) that will then be placed into a MRWAL dry bag with your roommate's duffel. We also kindly request that you keep each personal bag to **20 lbs or less**. The guides carry each large dry bag long distances at some lodges and we want to keep their backs in good repair!

Day Bags: We recommend bringing a day backpack for the trail. Please keep all items you might need during the day inside (chapstick, sunscreen, hat, light jacket, etc.). If you choose to hop on a raft at any point, the guide will have a large 'backpack' dry bag available for your day pack to keep it dry.

Keep these items separate:

- Alcohol, beverages, or other liquids
- Water Shoes
- Day Packs

When you meet your guide in the morning at 8:30 am, they will have a drink cooler available and a bag to put your water shoes in. You do not need to pack

your daypack as you will be using it on the trail!

What to Bring

Your comfort and safety depend on you being well equipped for the wilderness. Plan on the weather changing from what was forecasted. The Southern Oregon weather is consistently inconsistent. Plan for the worst and hope for the best. Cold weather clothing or rain gear as well as sun protection are all suggested to bring. Please check the 10 day weather forecast for Merlin, Oregon to get a better idea of what is forecasted.

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 hiking trips:

- Personal Water bottle for each guest**
- Swimsuits:** May be worn as a first layer if you choose to ride the rafts often.
- Shorts:** A breathable/quick drying pair or pairs for warm days or comfort at the lodges.
- Pants:** A breathable/quick dry pair for the trail (avoid jeans/cotton!) and a pair or two to wear at the lodges in the evening- temperature tends to be cooler in the evenings (cotton ok).
- Footwear- trail:** A pair of 'tried and true' hiking boots or tennis shoes. See previous page for tips.
- Footwear-lodges:** Closed toed COMFORTABLE shoes that are different from your hiking boots. If you choose a pair that you can also hike in, you have a great backup if you get blisters.
- Footwear- river:** You will need a pair of river sandals or shoes that attach to your feet and can get wet. Cheap water shoes will suffice, but they are lousy for walking on shore during raft breaks. (please leave these out of your overnight pack- your guide will have a special bag for them)
- Footwear- extra option:** Consider bringing a small/light pair of flip flops or sandals for letting your feet breathe when you relax in your lodge room. These can be your river sandals, but you will need to remember to tell your guide to bring them to the lodge at the end of the day- and they might be wet!
- Socks:** Polypropylene or wool, several pair
- Shirts:** long sleeved, lightweight, breathable is best for sun protection

- T-shirt/tank top: non cotton, for warm weather hiking
- Button up shirt/Blouse: nothing is better than a hot shower and a nice shirt/outfit at the lodges in the evening. This is optional.
- Long underwear: Polypropylene, Smart wool, or Capilene (cooler weather trips)
- Sweater or jacket: Cotton is ok, but not great if the weather gets rainy. Fleece or wool is recommended. We recommend this item for cold mornings at the lodges!
- Rain Coat: Great for inclement weather and splash guard while on the rafts.
- Baseball cap or visor (with strap) for sun protection

Gear List:

- Flashlight or headlamp (a must!)
- Sunglasses with Strap
- Bandana
- Insect repellent
- Toiletries
- Medications. If you are in need of bringing a CPAP- please visit www.cpap.com to purchase a battery pack. *** Please leave emergency medication such as EPIPENS and INHALERS in your day bags for quick access!
- Large zip lock bags for wet gear
- Sunscreen*/ lip balm*

- Moisturizer/Skin lotion*
- Wet Wipes
- Water Bottle**

Optional Gear:

- Fishing equipment and license
- Small zip lock bags for organizing gear
- Disposable/ Waterproof camera/lifeproof case for your phone (MRWA is not responsible for lost or broken phones)
- Dramamine (if prone to car sickness)
- Small day pack
- Book / Journal / Notebook
- Blister Kit
- Trekking Poles
- Special food/snacks (there is PLENTIFUL food and snacks on the trip- this is only necessary if you have allergies or know you will absolutely crave a specific food.)
- Alcohol/soda (water and juice are provided)
- Tecnu soap for poison oak sensitivities