

# Middle Fork Trip Information

## Trips Meeting in Stanley

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**O**ur Middle Fork trips originate in the small mountain village of 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 to Stanley. Guests are responsible for making post-trip air and lodging arrangements.

**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 AM 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. For trips scheduled prior to August 17, The cost of the charter flight from Stanley to the river, about \$125, 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.

Sawtooth Flying Service (1-800-798-6105) and Gem Air (1-208-756-7382) have flights to Stanley every day. You need to book this

flight in advance. 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 2 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. The parking fee for the week is \$15.00. 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 Caldwell Transportation at 1-208-774-2265. Arrangements for the shuttle must be made in advance.

**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.

**FISHING:** The Middle Fork is a classic trout stream. Guests 14 years and older who are fishing, must have an Idaho license. You can purchase one in Stanley before the trip or by phone directly from Idaho Sports Licensing by calling 1-800-554-8685 or online at [www.idfg.idaho.gov](http://www.idfg.idaho.gov) A social security number is required for licensing. 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 PM and two - three 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 1-208-756-2919. 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 the Best Western Vista Inn, 1-800-727-5006. They offer a shuttle service to the nearby Boise Airport.

Guests are responsible for flight arrangements from Salmon or Stanley and should make reservations well in advance. Flights can be arranged with Sawtooth Flying Service, 1-800-798-6105, or with Gem Air, 1-208-756-7382.

**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, bathing suits, or sun pants
- 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
- Wide brimmed hat
- 1 pair of long pants for camp
- A pair of shoes for camp and hiking
- 2 pairs of wool socks
- Fleece jacket
- Warm hat for camp mornings
- Rain gear - jacket & pants
- Synthetic underwear, top & bottoms
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Compact pillow
- Personal medications
- Large water bottle w/loop & carabiner
- Flashlight
- Camera with extra batteries & extra memory card
- 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, 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.

**VACATION INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend that you supplement personal insurance with travel insurance. Should you have to cancel your trip, deposits and final payments are **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

**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 number to leave for someone to contact us is 1-208-756-8116.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Should you have to cancel your trip, deposits and final payments are **NON-REFUNDABLE**. 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 someone to take your place.

**TIPPING:** Gratuities are equally shared by all crew members. Typical tip amounts are 10-20% of the trip fare. Our crew is extraordinary and take extra efforts to make sure you have a fabulous vacation. Tips should be made by cash or check and go to the lead guide. Please note, the IRJ crew does not return to Stanley with guests.

**PERMIT INFORMATION:** Middle Fork trips are conducted under permit issued by the Salmon-Challis National Forest, Salmon, Idaho. Operations and Facilities are operated on a nondiscriminatory basis. We are an equal opportunity employer. ■

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