

Middle Fork Trip Information

September Fly-Fishing Trips

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Guests joining us for a September Fly-Fishing trip may meet the trip in Salmon or Boise. Guests are responsible for getting to our meeting location and for pre-trip lodging and meals. At the end of the trip, we provide transportation from the river to the town of Salmon. Guests are responsible for making post-trip travel and lodging arrangements.

ACCOMMODATIONS IN SALMON: We recommend staying at the Stagecoach Inn. Their phone number is 1-208-756-2919. Please make your reservations well before your trip. Our pre-trip meeting is held in the meeting room adjacent to the lobby at 7:30 p.m..

ACCOMMODATIONS IN BOISE: We recommend staying at our meeting place, the Best Western Vista Inn. Their phone number is 1-800-727-5006. Please make your reservations well before your trip. Our pre-trip meeting is held in the lobby at 7:30 p.m.

PRE-TRIP MEETING: Our pre-trip meeting is at 7:30 p.m. the evening before we depart for the river. We'll answer questions about the trip, give out waterproof bags for your gear and review trip plans. Early the next morning the hotel shuttle takes us to the airport for the flight to the river.

FLIGHT TO THE RIVER: The flight from Salmon is included in our trip fare. From Boise, there is a supplemental air-charter fee of \$125 per-person for parties of 3 or more. The supplemental fee from Boise for fewer guests is an additional \$375 for 1 or 2 people.

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 camp gear if you would prefer.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO BOISE: Most airlines have service to Boise. If you are

meeting us in Boise, our trip meeting place, The Vista Inn, offers a shuttle service from the airport. If you are returning to Boise at the end of the trip, you should arrange your flight in advance. Return flights can be booked with Gem Air, 1-208-756-7382 or with Sawtooth Flying Service, 1-800-798-6105

IF YOU ARE DRIVING: We suggest that guests driving meet our trip in Salmon. Your vehicle can be left at the Stagecoach Inn. By doing this, you will avoid you avoid the supplemental flight cost from Boise to the river.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AT TRIP'S END: After lunch on the last day of the trip, we shuttle everyone to the town of Salmon and the airport. Some guests enjoy spending that evening 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.

For guests who prefer to return 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, 1-208-336-8100.

FISHING: To fish, you must have an Idaho license. You can purchase one in Boise or Salmon before the trip or by phone directly from Idaho Sports Licensing by calling 1-800-554-8685 or online at 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.

At our website you will find the names of some of our favorite flies and a link to a pdf with Middle Fork Fly-Fishing suggestions. Go to www.IdahoRiverJourneys.com and click the Middle Fork Fly-Fishing page.

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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: Weather on the Middle Fork is typically sunny and warm but you should be prepared for occasional mountain thunder showers. For September trips, please bring a warm jacket and rain gear. Fly rods should be in protective cases. You will find fly-fishing suggestions on our website. Do not bring waders.

- 2 pair of quick drying shorts, bathing suits, or pants
- Suitable footwear to wear in the boats or in the river
- Sun Screen and lip protection
- Sunglasses with strap
- Sun 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
- Warm jacket or wool sweater
- Rain gear - jacket & pants
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Personal medications
- Water bottle with loop and 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, insect repellent, polypropylene underwear (comes in handy if it gets cold), and a fanny pack. 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 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 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 were to be 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: 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 a friend to take your place. Idaho River Journeys requires a nonrefundable deposit of \$500 per person to confirm a reservation. The balance is due at least 60 days prior to departure.

TIPPING: Gratuities are equally shared by all crew members. Typical tip amounts are 10-20% of the trip fare.

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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