



2023 Middle Rogue Fishing Package Trip Information

The following are important details for your trip on the Rogue River. This information will help make your trip a comfortable and enjoyable one.

Meeting Place: Morrisons Rogue River Lodge (8500 Galice Road, Merlin, OR 97532)

Check in: Anytime after 2 pm day before the first day of guided fishing

Trip Start Time: Meet your guide at 7:00am in front of Morrisons Lodge and front desk of Lodge.

After the Trip: Arrival back to Morrisons Lodge around 5:00 (after a day of fishing)

Checklist

- **Complete your 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 registration process no later than 60 days or more in advance of your trip start. **Failure to complete the registration process for all guests on your reservation within the requested time will result in cancellation and forfeit of all deposits made.** All documents are done electronically.
- **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**

- Guided fishing on the Rogue River & riverside lunch
- Guides, Drift boats, fishing gear, rods, and Personal Floatation Device (PFD)
- Meals and Lodging during your trip
- Waders and wading boots for Fly fishing guests upon request.

You are responsible for

- Personal clothing and other miscellaneous items
- Oregon Fishing license (**purchase prior to arrival at our lodge**) may be purchased online at <https://myodfw.com/fishing/licensing-info>
- Guide gratuities, dinner gratuities, alcohol purchases at dinner, gift shop purchases

Lodging at Morrisons Lodge Starts the night before your trip date.

Your lodging and meals are included in your Fishing package. Check in to Morrisons Lodge anytime after 2pm. Your package includes our 4 course gourmet dinner that has one seating at 7 pm each evening. One of our guest representatives will reach out prior to your trip to get your entree choice for each night you are staying with us. Our country style breakfast available in the main lodge each morning at **6:30 am** is included in your fishing package. *Morrisons lodge has a full bar (there is a \$15 corkage fee on any outside bottles of wine).* ****All dinner and breakfast**

MRWA provides the following

- Transportation from Morrisons to river starting point
- Transportation from river back to Morrisons

gratuities are not included in your fishing package 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.

Each day your guide will have a lunch prepared for you. On your day of your departure, you are welcome to sleep in. If you would like a later breakfast, let us know by 7 pm the night before. **Please bring your room keys when checking out and finalize any additional charges added after checking in.**

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 first day of guided fishing**

For our Morrisons lodge guests, we offer custom airport pickups and drop-offs between the times of 6:30 am-6:30 pm for \$249 each way per 12 passenger van. Book your airport van shuttle here at least 8 days in advance:

<https://wildrogue.com/rogue-river-shuttles/>

**** You will need your flight information to complete your shuttle reservation online. All of our airport shuttles are paid in full, in advance. When booking on our website, enter "1" for guests as the fee is \$249 per 12 passenger van, not per guest. Please schedule your Morrisons lodge departure for two and a half hours prior to your departure flight time. Our Airport van shuttles are very limited and require advanced reservations, please make arrangements as soon as you have flight information available. If we are not able to accommodate your van shuttle to or from the Medford Airport, **UBER, Tic Tock Taxi- 541-727-7791 and Bear Creek Taxi 541-500-7588** are also available to take you from the **Rogue Valley Medford (MFR) International Airport** airport to our Morrisons Rogue Wilderness Lodge. Prices for Uber range from \$92 UberX to \$124 for Uber XL. For more information on Uber transportation:**

<https://www.uber.com/global/en/cities/eugene/>

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. Morrisons 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. Morrisons 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 Morning of your guided fishing days: Breakfast is at **6:30am** in the main lodge and meet your guide at **7am**. Come to breakfast dressed in your fishing clothes (waders if you are stepping into the river). After breakfast at the appointed time you will go outside the lodge to meet your guide. You will then jump in the guide's vehicle and drive to the put in where you will start fishing.

Fishing license: Oregon fishing licenses are 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.** You will need a **Combined Angling Tag** for the dates you will be fishing. They sell 2 day or 3 day or 1 day combined angling tags. This will save you from driving 30 minutes into Grants Pass and another 30 back to the lodge. **If you bring a personal fishing rod and fishing gear, it is your responsibility to make sure it gets on and off the drift boat to ensure it goes home 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.

Guides: Our guides have a deep appreciation for the river and its surroundings. Morrisons 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. In addition, the guides are mature, interesting people we think you'll enjoy. Guides will be rowing their boats on the trip and driving in their vehicles to and from the river.

Gratuities: We are often asked if tipping is appropriate. Tips are certainly appreciated by our guides. Tips normally are in the range of 15-20% of the trip cost. Whether and how much you tip should depend on your satisfaction with the trip, your feelings about tipping, and your financial means. **Please bring cash or a check (made out to your guide) to tip, tips cannot be added to your reservation or applied to a credit card.**

Equipment: Fishing gear (rods, reels, lines, flies, bait, and spinners) will be provided for you by our guides according to the style of fishing you desire. **Please confirm what type of fishing you are interested in-** i.e. **fly fishing** (traditional, spey, or indicator), **conventional fishing** (gear fishing, or bait) fishing. Also confirm what species of fish you desire to fish for (summer steelhead, winter steelhead, or fall chinook salmon). Morrisons guides have a wealth of knowledge. Based on the style of fishing that you are interested in, we will set you up with the appropriate guide. We also welcome you to bring your personal gear to fish. We know how important it is for some to fish with the gear you love. If you have waders and want to wade the river please bring them. We suggest cleated boots or felt bottom boots as our rocks are slippery. If you do not have waders but would like to wade, Morrisons can help outfit you upon your arrival. If you are going to wade down runs fishing, we recommend a wading staff (not provided, but can be purchased at the lodge) to help you step down some of our uneven and rocky river bottom.

Meals and Alcohol:

A fishing lunch that consists of a sandwich, potato or pasta salad, chips, soup and dessert is provided for you each day. **Vegetarian, vegan and medically restricted diets will gladly be accommodated with advance notice.**

Water, soda, gatorade and a few choice beers are also provided.

We reserve the right to remove you from a trip if a controlled substance or alcohol inhibits your behavior.

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/>

Health Information: If there are any medical considerations (such as allergies, heart conditions, etc.) or dietary restrictions we should know about, please enter the pertinent information on the Medical and Dietary line entry of the guest registration. Please consult your Physician prior, if you have any questions regarding your health or medical conditions that could impact your ability.

Registration: **The registration process for all guests on your reservation must be completed online by accessing your guest account using your personal link.**

To complete your registration process, access your personal guest account through the link emailed in your confirmation email. Please complete the registration process 60 days or more in advance of your trip start. **Failure to complete the 2 step registration process for all guests on your reservation within the requested time will result in cancellation and forfeit of all deposits made.** We are not able to receive required documents via email, fax, or mail.

Everything is done electronically.

Communications: We have very limited Wifi, and is very spotty at times. There is **NO Cell service at Morrisons Lodge.** Some cell phone carriers provide Wifi calling, prior to arrival you are welcome to check with your phone carrier to see if you have that option. Your phones will not work on most parts of the river. If you would like to bring your phone to take pictures we recommend a waterproof and shockproof phone bag (sold at the lodge). (Morrisons lodge is not responsible for lost or broken phones)

Rogue Weather

Elevation in Merlin, OR: 915 ft.

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Avg. Temp Day	90	84	70	54
Avg. Temp Night	52	46	40	36
Rainfall	0.5"	0.8"	2.3"	4.5"

The fall weather in southwest Oregon is usually very pleasant with occasional rain. But 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.

Late August: trips have warm days (days 75°-95°nights 65°)

September: trips generally have mild days (60°-80°) and cool nights (50°-60°). Storms are always possible.

October & November: Plan on some rain with day temps in the 50s to 70s, and nights in the high 30s to 40s.

Clothing and Comfort

Dressing properly and comfortably for fishing trips can be challenging. It is very important and should not be taken lightly.

Use the layering system: Bring clothes that can be worn under or on top of others. Layering allows you to adjust quickly to changing weather by adding or subtracting layers. Loose, fast drying, durable clothing is best for fishing. We recommend the following materials because they are compact and are made to keep you warm and comfortable and dry through a range of temperatures and humidity.

- **Polypropylene (Polypro) or Capilene** are synthetic materials that wick moisture away from the skin. 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. **Rubber rain suits** work better than Coated nylon or breathable fabrics such as Gore-Tex. When it rains on the Rogue, it rains hard! Ponchos are bulky and dangerous so they are not recommended.
- **Footwear** You will find guides and fellow guests in rain (muck) boots or a sturdy hiking shoe/boot. Closed shoes do offer the most foot protection if worn with wool or neoprene wetsuit socks, they can help insulate your feet when the weather is cold. Waders can be worn if you desire to wade but should have a wading belt for safety.

Questions? Please send us an email at Info@wildrogue.com 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 fishing trip.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

