



## 2023 Canyon Fishing Trip Information 3 or 4 Day Wild and Scenic

The following are important details for your trip on the Rogue River. This information will help 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](mailto:info@wildrogue.com) or call us at (800) 336-1647

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

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

**Meeting Time:** Orientation 5:30 PM the evening before your trip.

**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

- **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.**
- **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.

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

## We provide the following

- Transportation to the river
- Transportation from river back to Morrisons
- Lodging & dinner the night before your trip
- Guides, Drift boats, fishing gear, rods, and Personal Floation Device (PFD)
- Meals and Lodging during your trip
- Waterproof bags for your personal gear

## You are responsible for

- Meals and Lodging after your trip
- Personal water bottle
- Personal clothing and miscellaneous items
- Beverages such as Beer, Wine, Soda
- Guide gratuities, lodging meal gratuities
- Oregon Fishing License (**please purchase prior to checking in**) may be purchased online at

<https://myodfw.com/fishing/licensing-info>

## Lodging at Morrisons Lodge the Night before your trip.

**Your lodging and meals before your trip are included in your package.** Check in Starts at 2pm. Your 3 or 4 day fishing trip includes our 4 course gourmet dinner that has one seating at 7pm each evening with a choice of 2 entrees. One of our guest representatives will give you a call before your trip to get your entree choice. **Meal gratuities are additional fees and alcohol is available purchase at Morrisons Lodge only. Be sure to take your credit card or cash to dinner with you for the additional purchases and gratuities.**

You will also receive our country style breakfast the morning of your trip.<sup>1</sup>

**Please note that lodging at Morrisons is only included for the evening before your first day fishing- 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 Morrisons Rogue Wilderness Lodging accommodations. Please use this **promotional code MRWA** when booking online at <https://morrisonslodge.com/>. The 20% discount applies to lodging only. Here at Morrisons 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 limited, so don't delay. For more information on our Morrisons Lodging and dining reservations please go to our website at <https://morrisonslodge.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.**

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 lodge departure for two and a half hours prior to your departure flight time. **Our Airport van shuttles are very limited,** please make arrangements using our website when you have flight information available at least 8 days in advance. 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 to and 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. 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 Morrisons Lodge anytime after 2 pm. Your trip will start with a required orientation at 5:30 pm at Morrisons Lodge. Guests will meet each other. Dry-bags will be issued. The orientation will cover your trip itinerary and outline your trip. Following your orientation, please join us for our four course gourmet dinner provided at the main lodge at 7 pm. Plan on arriving 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 special lodging package price and are additional fees. Please be prepared to tip your serving staff at Morrisons Lodge accordingly and don't forget to take your cash or credit card to dinner.**

**Alcohol is not included in the trip price.**

Our gift shop will be available for any last minute items, please have a credit card ready for any purchases.

**The Morning of your Trip:** Morrisons country breakfast is available at 7 am in the main lodge. **Please bring your room keys when checking out and finalize any additional charges added after checking in. If leaving your vehicle on our property while on your adventure, park your vehicle in the appropriate “long term parking” location and give your vehicle keys to the front desk to keep in the safe.** If you do not know where the long term parking lot is, we will be able to provide directions to you at the front desk. We ask that everyone is dressed to fish and ready for departure by 8:30 am in front of Morrisons front office. \*\*\*Please be on time! Others will be waiting for you!

At 8:30 am you will meet outside the main Morrisons Lodge building. We will load the bags and fill the drink coolers with your personal beer, wine and other personal guests beverages. A shuttle van will take you on a 15 minute ride to Alameda Park to launch. Final preparations (loading your dry bags onto boats and a safety talk) will take about an hour. Be sure to eat a hearty breakfast before your trip.

**On the River:** Breakfast is served around 7:00 am at the lodges and you are back on the water by about 8:30 am. There will be a stop midday for lunch where lunch is served riverside. Lunch consists of fresh-caught fish, and other non-fish options. We work very hard to provide delicious meals. On day one and two for safety there will be a portage where the guests will get out of the boats and walk around Rainie Falls(day one) and Blossom Bar (day two) while the guides line or float the boats down. Both of these portages will be on a rocky surface, some guests find it helpful to bring a walking stick to help get around these areas. There is also a short walk up a hill to each of the lodges each evening. We will arrive at the lodges around 5 pm each evening. Before dinner there will be plenty of time for relaxing in the beautiful scenery of the wild Rogue with friends and family.

**Fishing: Please purchase your fishing license prior to checking in. 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.** 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 the van or bus, off the bus/van and off the drift boat 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.

**After the Trip:** The trip ends near the town of Agness, Oregon in the early afternoon. At this time you will board a van which will return you and your gear to Morrisons Lodge, unless you have arranged a car shuttle. Car shuttles are available from Morrisons Lodge to Quosatana Creek (Q-creek) for an additional \$169 per car plus a government road access fee of 3%. The van trip takes between two and three hours, arriving back at Morrisons around 4 or 5pm. If you are on a **4 day, 4 night canyon fishing trip the take out location is Quosatana Creek.** If on a **3 day 3 night canyon fishing trip the take out location is Foster Bar.**

Here is the link to book online:

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

**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.**

**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:** It's a beautiful but winding drive: those prone to car sickness may want to be prepared with Dramamine.

**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 angler.

**Gratuities:** We are often asked if tipping is appropriate. Tips are certainly appreciated by our guides. Suggested tip is 15 % to 20%. 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 to tip, tips cannot be added to your reservation at this time).**

**Equipment:** MRWAL provides 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 cameras and cell phones.

**Environmental Concerns:** Depending on where the group stops, we will be using port-a-potties or

outhouses. While not like the comfort of a 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. The guides will instruct you in simple procedures that will minimize the impact of our group on the canyon, and we ask for your cooperation.

**Lodges on the Trip:** The 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, or jet boated in. They are clean and comfortable, quirky, and food is plentiful and hearty. Each room has a bathroom with flush toilets and hot showers and 2 beds with linens provided (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.

**Electricity at the Lodges:** All the lodges are on generators and will provide light and heat during your stay. At 10pm the generators are turned off (except for Lucas Lodge, this is not on generator), so bring a flashlight to find the bathroom and to get back to your cabin. Do not bring hair appliances as they will cause the generator to stop.

**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 Lucas Lodge).

**Meals and Alcohol:** MRWAL provides all meals from dinner on the first night to lunch on the last day. We specialize in creative and delicious meals. Guides will prepare your meals using a variety of fresh foods and water is available with every meal. Coffee, tea, and cocoa are available at breakfast and dinner. Because our fishing trips utilize the lodges we don't personally prepare breakfasts and dinners. We have tried to educate our lodge staff 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 cannot accommodate all dietary restrictions and can'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. **Please make sure to give us ample time (14 days in advance**

**or more) and clear information 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 only be purchased at state liquor stores. *Note: Morrisons lodge on night one has a full bar and alcohol for purchase (there is a \$15 corkage fee on any outside bottles of wine). The other wilderness lodges do not offer alcoholic beverages for purchase.*

*Consider bringing cash if you are interested in purchasing items in the canyon. (no outside drinks are allowed in the dining room/Main lodge)* There will be ice chests available for you to bring extra beverages. Wine glasses and bottle openers are available at each lodge. Cocktail ice can be brought by guides- please let them know if you would like some.

**Registration Form & Health Information:** Fishing trips can be a little strenuous with hikes around rapids and climbing to the lodges each evening. 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 enter them on your personal registration accessible online by using your personal guest link.** Please consult your primary physician 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 and participate in an active, outdoor adventure.

**Registration Process: The 2 step registration process for all guests on your reservation must be completed online by accessing your guest account using your personal link.** If you are the trip leader please access your guest account, it is your responsibility to email invite (through your guest account) your additional guest to complete their 2 step registration process through the link you send to them. In addition it is your responsibility to communicate all necessary information pertinent to their trip and any changes; such as, new rules and guidelines if applicable. **Failure to complete the 2 step registration process for all guests on the reservation within the requested time will result in cancellation and forfeit of all deposits made.** If there are any medical conditions (such as allergies,

heart conditions, etc.) or dietary restrictions we should know about, please put them on the personal registration. **Please complete the 2 step registration process 60 days or more in advance of your trip start.\*\*** We are not able to receive the forms via email. Everything is done electronically.

**Communications:** While on your adventure, you are completely unplugged. **Cell phones do not work in the canyon nor will you have internet access at any of the lodges.** You are on vacation and the world will go on without you. Please leave your phone in your car.

**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. Trip Insurance 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%. 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/>

**Area Attractions:** Oregon is a 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 1 800- 219-8161 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.

**Questions?** Please contact our office if you have any other questions about your trip. Once you are fishing, 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.

## Clothing and Comfort

Dressing safely and comfortably for fishing trips can be challenging. 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 the days on the river and one for the evenings at the lodges.

**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 through a range of temperatures and humidity.

**Polypropylene (Polypro) or Capilene:** These 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. Coated nylon or breathable fabrics such as Gore-Tex seem to not work as well as rubber rain suits. 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 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. Muck boots are highly

recommended for the drift boats as well.  
**NO WADERS or HIP BOOTS.**

## Packing

**Your Dry Bag or Waterproof Bag:** The 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:** Since your waterproof bag will not be accessible during the day, day bags will be available during your trip for sunscreen, clothing, hats, and cameras.

## 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.

## Your Personal Responsibility

We handle trip logistics, provide the food, and make sure that you have knowledgeable and well-trained guides. We see to it that you are comfortable, and that you get to see the Rogue River's incredible places.

We expect that you will bring adequate clothing and that your **personal gear will weigh no more than 20 lbs per person and will fit in the size requirements of our waterproof bags** (24" diameter by 36" tall). This weight limit does not apply to beverages.

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<https://myodfw.com/fishing/licensing-info>

If you fly in and have luggage, please bring a duffel bag as well. Roller bags do not fit in our dry bags. Luggage storage is available at our office.

## 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 complete change of clothing for every day.

### Clothing List RECOMMENDED for ALL trips:

- Swimsuit: (In September you may want a swim in the river)
- Shorts: quick drying shorts can double as a swimsuit for men
- Tennis shoes, hiking boots, muck boots, and closed toed comfortable shoes for the evening
- Socks: polypropylene or wool
- Shoes for lodge
- Pants for lodge
- Shirts: long sleeved is best for sun protection, avoid cotton except for evening wear
- Long underwear: polypropylene, wool, or capilene
- Sweater or jacket: fleece or wool
- Pants: fleece or wool
- Hat and gloves: fleece or wool
- Rain jacket and pants
- Baseball cap or visor (with strap) for sun protection

### **Gear List:**

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- Flashlight or headlamp
- Sunglasses with strap
- Bandanas
- Sunscreen & lip balm
- Moisturizer/skin lotion
- Wet wipes

- Small towels and toiletries
- Medication: If you need to bring a CPAP- please visit [www.cpap.com](http://www.cpap.com) to purchase a battery pack. \*\*\* Important note: if you have EMERGENCY medication such as epipens or inhalers, please pack them in your day bag for easy access- your overnight bags will not be available throughout the day.
- Large zip lock bags for wet gear

### **Optional:**

- Small zip lock bags for organizing gear
- Fishing equipment

- Disposable/waterproof camera
- Book/Journal/Notebook
- Small day pack or fanny pack
- Dramamine (if prone to car sickness)

### **Things to Leave Behind:**

- Cell Phones- there is no cell phone service in the canyon. If you choose to bring a phone for photos, we strongly recommend you purchase a waterproof/shockproof case. Morrisons Rogue Wilderness Adventures and Lodge is not responsible for lost or broken phones.
- Hair Appliances- there is no electrical access in the lodges

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