



# TRIP DETAILS | ROGUE RIVER

## THE WILD AND SCENIC ROGUE AWAITS!

—Planning ahead ensures an incredible vacation—

### BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT . . .

- Complete your Trip Registration online, or fill out the paper form and mail or fax it to the NWRC office.
- Plan for the unexpected with [Travel Insurance](#).
- Make lodging arrangements for the night before and night after your trip.
- Final payment is due 60 days before your trip.

### THE RENDEZVOUS

#### MEETING PLACE

Galice Resort & General Store  
11744 Galice Rd. Merlin, OR 97532

#### MEETING TIME

9:00 AM on your trip start date

#### AFTER THE TRIP

You'll return to Galice between  
3 - 5 PM on the last day of your trip

### HOW TO GET THERE

— **If You Fly** | The closest commercial airport is in Medford, Oregon. Plan your flight to arrive at least the day before your launch date. Shuttle service can be arranged from the Medford airport through the Galice Resort (541) 476-3818.

— **If You Drive** | Take Interstate 5 towards Grants Pass. About 3 miles north of Grants Pass, take the Merlin exit (#61). Follow this road (the Merlin-Galice Road) west 15 miles through Merlin to Galice. The Galice Resort & General Store is on the right about 35 minutes from Grants Pass. You can leave your car in the parking lot at the Galice Resort, and we'll drive you back there after the trip. You may opt to have your car shuttled to the take-out if your travel plans will take you toward the Oregon coast. You can make shuttle arrangements the morning of your trip with the Galice Resort.



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## WHERE TO STAY BEFORE AND AFTER

Make reservations well in advance. NWRC does not make reservations or cover the cost of your room.

### GALICE LODGING

- [Galice Resort](#) | (541) 476-3818
- [The Riverhouse](#) | (541) 472-1052

### GRANTS PASS LODGING

- [Holiday Inn Express](#) | (541) 471-6144
- [Riverside Inn](#) | (541) 476-6873
- [The Lodge at Riverside](#) | (541) 955-0600
- [Redwood Motel](#) | (888) 535-8824

### AREA CAMPGROUNDS\*

- Almeda Bar
- Indian Mary
- Griffin Park
- Whitehorse Park
- Lake Selma Park

\*Local campgrounds take reservations through Reserve America; (800) 452-5687, or [www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com)

## NWRC PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING

You get to leave most of the trip logistics to us. We'll take care of the following:

- Transportation from Galice to the river
- Transportation from the river back to Galice
- All on-river meals, snacks, and beverages
- Waterproof bags for your personal gear
- Tent (by request)
- Freshly laundered sleeping bag and pad (by request)
- Camp chairs

## YOU ARRANGE THESE DETAILS

Some things are out of our hands. You'll need to make arrangements for the following:

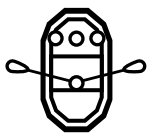
- Meals and lodging before and after your trip
- Personal clothing / effects
- Transportation to and from Galice, OR
- Guide Gratuities

## ON THE RIVER: TYPES OF BOATS



### PADDLE BOAT

Paddle boats are powered by the paddle strokes of the crew. The guide typically sits in the back and gives paddle commands to the four to seven paddlers.



### OAR BOAT

Oar boats carry gear and supplies as well as one to four passengers. A ride on an oar boat is an opportunity to relax, enjoy the scenery, watch for wildlife, or chat with friends and family. The oar boat is the least active option and typically provides the greatest stability



### INFLATABLE KAYAK ("DUCKY")

The duckies are the ultimate vessel for the active river runner. This is an opportunity to run the rapids of the Rogue River under your own power and direction. The guides will give instruction for the duckies before the trip and directions for the rapids while on the water. Helmets are required at all times while paddling the duckies.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PADDLE A DUCKY FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE TRIP, ASK FOR A "DUCKY GUARANTEE." ARRANGEMENTS NEED TO BE MADE IN ADVANCE BY CALLING THE NWRC OFFICE. THE COST IS \$70 / DUCKY.



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## THE FAIR WEATHER BOATER



### RIVER CLOTHING/GEAR

- 2+ Shorts or Swimsuits
- 2+ Shirts
- Lightweight Wool or Polypro Shirt
- River Shoes or River Sandals
- Hat for Sun Protection
- Sunscreen & Lip Balm
- Water Bottle
- Sunglasses with Strap
- Bandana

### CAMP CLOTHING/GEAR

- 2 Shirts
- 2 Pairs of Pants, Shorts, Skirts, or Dresses
- Underwear
- Warm Jacket
- Rain Jacket and Rain Pants
- Camp Shoes
- 2 Pairs of Socks
- Headlamp or Flashlight

### CAMPING GEAR (AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad
- Tent

### PERSONAL ITEMS

- Small Camp Pillow
- Moisturizing Lotion
- Wet Wipes
- Toiletries and Medications
- Insect Repellent
- Cash or Check for Gratuities

### OPTIONAL

- Bike Gloves for Paddling
- Small Ziploc Bags for Organization
- Garbage Bag to Organize Clothing
- Mission Patch
- Biodegradable Soap and Shampoo
- Sun Shower
- Small Towel
- Book or Notebook
- Small Day Pack
- Dramamine for Transportation to and from the River
- Beer, Wine, and Soda in cans or plastic bottles

## CAMPING CLOTHES



### COLD WEATHER RIVER CLOTHING/GEAR (FOR COLD WEATHER TRIPS)

- Wetsuit and Paddle Jacket
- 2+ Wool or Polypro Shirts
- Wool or Polypro Pants
- Wool or Neoprene Gloves
- Wool or Neoprene Socks

### TENTS AND SLEEPING BAGS

Double occupancy tents, sleeping bags, and self-inflating pads are available at no additional cost, but you must request them when completing your Trip Registration.

### OPTIONAL DELUXE CAMPING PACKAGE

This package includes a six foot tall tent, two cots, two sleeping bags, and two sleeping pads. It is available for \$200 per package, and has limited availability. Please contact the NWRC office to reserve.



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**DRESSING SAFELY AND COMFORTABLY (NOT TO MENTION FASHIONABLY) FOR RIVER TRIPS IS A CHALLENGING TASK. YOU WILL NEED TWO SETS OF CLOTHING: ON THE RIVER AND IN CAMP.**

## USE THE "LAYERING SYSTEM"

### BRING CLOTHES THAT CAN BE LAYERED EITHER 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 made to keep you warm and comfortable through a range of temperatures.

### POLYPRO

Polypro is a synthetic material that can keep you warm even when wet. Some of the more advanced polypro materials like Capilene wick moisture away from your skin.

### WOOL

Wool is a natural fiber that naturally wicks moisture away from your skin keeping you warm when wet. Merino wool is a soft, lightweight type of wool that we highly recommend.

### FLEECE

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 wind and spray, from the rapids as well as from storms. Coated nylon or breathable fabrics such as Gore-Tex are best. Ponchos are bulky and dangerous so they are not recommended.

### WETSUITS

These are recommended and sometimes required for spring trips and for those interested in spending much of their time in an inflatable kayak. The 1/8 inch farmer john style is the most comfortable and can be worn with a rain jacket or paddling jacket. A long sleeved top of polypro or fleece adds needed warmth. A wool cap also helps.

### FOOTWEAR

You will find guides and fellow guests in tennis shoes, wetsuit booties with soles, and river sandals. Closed shoes 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.

## PACKING AND BAGS

Each individual will be provided a dry bag for the duration of the trip. The bag, when fully packed, measures about 17 inches in diameter by 32 inches in height and is almost the size of a garbage bag. Your sleeping bag, pad and personal items must fit in the bag. Separate bags will be available for tents.

	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.
AVG. DAY TEMP.	80°	89	89	82°
AVG. EVE. TEMP.	50°	55°	54°	47°
AVG. PRECIP.	.68"	.32"	.30"	.64"

## PRO-TIPS

- Pack clothing that can get wet and dirty. To cut down on bulk, plan to re-wear your dry clothes.
- Please note that you're traveling through designated wilderness. There is no internet, no cell service, and no electricity. If you need to be reached while on the river, you can consider renting a [satellite phone](#) to bring with you.



## NOTE ABOUT THE WEATHER

The summer weather in southwest Oregon is usually very pleasant: warm and dry. However, you need to be prepared for wet, cool weather as well as dry and hot. This can be easy if you pay attention to the information provided and to your own tolerance to varying conditions.





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## THE MORNING OF YOUR TRIP

— At 9:00 AM your head guide will meet you in front of the Galice Resort. Look for him or her (wearing an NWRC hat or T-shirt) in the parking lot or inside the store. Come to the meeting point dressed in your river clothes. A shuttle van will take you on a five minute ride to the put-in. Be sure to eat a hearty breakfast before your trip. There is a restaurant and small store at the Galice Resort.

## ON THE RIVER

— The pace of your river trip is very dependent on the water level. You will usually spend four to five hours a day on the river. Breakfast is served around 8:00 AM and you are on the water about 10:00 AM. There will be a stop midday for lunch and maybe a few short hikes. We set up camp in the late afternoon, allowing time to hike, play games, and relax before dinner. If you are new to camping the guides will be happy to help you.

## AFTER THE TRIP

— The trip ends at Foster Bar in the early afternoon. At this time you say good-bye to your guides (except your head guide) and board a van, which will return you and your gear to Galice. The van ride takes about 2-3 hours, arriving back in Galice between 3:00-5:00 PM. It's a beautiful, but winding drive; those prone to car sickness may want to be prepared with Dramamine.



## MEALS AND ALCOHOL

— NWRC provides all meals from lunch on the first day to lunch on the last day. Dietary restrictions and allergies can be accommodated with advance notice. Alcoholic beverages may be brought preferably in unbreakable containers. For your safety, drinking alcoholic beverages on the river is not allowed.

## CANCELLATION AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

— We strictly adhere to our cancellation policies as explained on your (or your group organizer's) invoice. Trip capacity is strictly regulated by law and your reservation may mean we cannot sell space to others. Because of this, [Travel Insurance](#) is strongly recommended. It can reimburse you if you make a late cancellation because of illness or an illness in the family. Otherwise you are welcome to find a friend to replace you. Please contact us if you would like more information on [Travel Insurance](#) or a copy of NWRC's cancellation policy.

## PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

— All participants will be required to follow the safety policies and procedures of Northwest Rafting Company and its guides and all participants will be required to sign a Participant Assumption of Risk, Acknowledgement of Inherent Risks and Indemnity Agreement in favor of Northwest Rafting Company.

## GUIDES

— Our guides have a deep appreciation for the rivers we run and want you to enjoy your trip with them. They are happy to help you if you are an inexperienced camper or have questions about the river. NWRC guides are accomplished in outdoor skills and extensively trained in first aid and CPR. In addition, the guides are mature, interesting people we think you'll enjoy.

## GRATUITIES

— We are often asked if tipping is appropriate. Tips are certainly appreciated by your guides. Tips are usually around 10% of the trip cost. How much you tip should depend on your satisfaction with the trip, your feelings about tipping, and your financial means.

