



## Deschutes River One-Day Rafting Trip

(Harpham Flat to Sandy Beach – 13 miles)

Trip Planner – Long Version

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### Meeting Instructions

Refer to the confirmation email for your meeting location. If you wish to change your meeting location, please call our office ahead of time – we do not stop at all locations on every trip, so your meeting location **MUST** be prearranged. If you will be late, please let us know. We will wait 15 minutes. **Please call 541-385-5947. After Hours: 541-815-4273.**

#### **Shilo Inn – Bend – 8:00 AM**

3105 NE O.B. Riley Rd. (541) 389-9600. Just off of HWY 97 Business (Also HWY 20) on the north end of Bend next to the Riverhouse Resort. Look for an Ouzel van with Ouzel rafts near the restaurant and the main entrance.

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#### **Walmart Supercenter– Redmond – 8:30 AM**

300 NW Oak Tree Lane. (541-923-5972). Coming from Bend or Sisters follow signs to City Center and stay on 5<sup>th</sup> Street (one-way heading north). Walmart will be on your right after passing through down-town. Look for an Ouzel van with Ouzel rafts in the parking lot on the north side of the store.

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#### **Oasis Café & Resort – Maupin – 10:00 AM**

609 HWY 197 South (541)-395-2611. If coming from the south, the Oasis café is one of the first buildings on your right as you enter Maupin. If coming from the north, drive through Maupin, down the hill and over the bridge. Stay to the right after crossing the bridge and the Oasis Café will be a few buildings down on your left. Parking is off-street or you may park in the Oasis lot for \$3/day.

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### Vehicles & Valuables

Whether parking your vehicle at the Shilo Inn, Walmart or at the Oasis Café in Maupin we recommend leaving valuables at home or at the very least locking them in your trunk, glove box or keeping them out of sight. Wallets can be stored in the dry bags available on each raft along with keys. Valuables may be left in our vehicles during the trip, and while theft in this area is rare, we cannot guarantee against it. Pets: Do **NOT** leave pets in your vehicles at any of the above locations.

[Trip Overview Map](#) – Click here for a GoogleMap overview of meeting locations and notable points along the river.

### What to Bring on Your Trip

- Hat for sun protection
- Sunglasses (w/strap)
- Shorts or bathing suit. (Most women prefer to wear shorts over bikini bottoms.)
- Rafting Shoes: Sandals w/heel strap, Keens or sneakers – no bare feet, Crocs or flip flops.
- Don't wear jeans!**
- Lip Balm (with SPF protection) & Sunscreen
- Waterproof Camera
- Water Bottle (**Important!** You will be able to refill your bottle from our water cooler).
- Change of clothes for after the trip (stays in van)
- If you are sensitive to the sun, wear long sleeve shirt and pants made from light, quick-drying materials.
- Hydro-silk or Rash Guard shirt (*optional*). These fabrics are designed for water sports activities and will protect you from the sun as well as helping to keep you warm when wet.
- Small dry bag (*optional*). All rafts have waterproof dry bags for items you want to keep accessible. Having your own dry bag eliminates the need to share with others.
- Games or activities for kids for the drive to and from the river. (*optional*)
- Waterguns: The Deschutes River is a great place to engage in “water fights” with friends, family and other rafters. You can purchase these at the Oasis Resort the morning of your trip.

## Cold or Wet Weather

We do NOT cancel trips because of poor weather. It's up to you to be prepared. **Check the weather** and add the following clothing items as you deem necessary. In general, AVOID COTTON on cold days.

- ❑ Rash Guard, Under Armour or similar water-sports clothing. Same as synthetic long underwear.
- ❑ Synthetic or neoprene socks or neoprene booties
- ❑ Warm and/or water-shedding hat

Click [HERE](#) for the weather forecast for Maupin, OR. Ouzel Outfitters will supply paddle jackets and pants for those who are unprepared but these do not replace the need for appropriate clothing underneath. Don't hesitate to call our office if you have questions on how to dress.

## Environmental Concerns

Whether you are on the river for a day or three days, you will be exposed to the elements. Exposure to the sun is our most common concern, but cold days are also possible at any time of year. Pay special attention to the clothing suggestions above and [CHECK THE WEATHER](#) before your trip. The better you prepare, the more enjoyable will be your rafting experience. The Deschutes River is home to a few pesky plants and insects. Poison oak is common, so keep on the lookout. Our guides will help you identify it if you're not sure what to look for. While most guests never encounter them, scorpions, rattle snakes and black widow spiders are present in the Deschutes River Canyon. It is important while on shore to watch where you put your hands and feet. Ticks are present in the spring and early summer - check yourself after hiking through grass or brush. Yellow jackets (bees) become more numerous throughout the summer. They like to hang out around the serving table at lunch, so if you're sensitive to bee stings, have a friend or one of the guides prepare your lunch for you.

## How Strenuous is the Trip

Our one-day trips on the Deschutes River are paddle rafting trips. Our rafts and inflatable kayaks are not available. In a [paddle raft](#), each participant is expected to assist with paddling. Paddling is intermittent, requiring short bursts of moderate to strong paddling and some sustained easy paddling. Paddling involves a good deal of twisting and turning and it will also be necessary to brace firmly with your legs. If you are concerned about the level of activity, don't hesitate to call our office.

## Assumption of Risk & Guest Responsibility

Whitewater rafting is an outdoor activity that requires moderate physical exertion and exposure to the elements. There are risks associated with whitewater rafting and trip-related activities that are impossible to eliminate. While we take all reasonable steps to minimize the risks associated with the activity, it is vitally important for our guests to understand what is required of them and to appreciate and assume the risks of participation. Guests are expected to be prepared for their trip, to follow all instructions provided by Ouzel guides and staff and to act responsibly. Each participant is required to sign an [Assumption of Risk Form](#) prior to departure. **Only parents or legal guardians can sign for minor children.** Please let us know ahead of time if there will be minors on your trip who will **NOT** be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Feel free to review our [full participation requirements](#) and please don't hesitate to call or [email](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

## Trip Itinerary

The day begins when we meet you at your scheduled meeting location. You will be asked to read and sign an Assumption of Risk Form at this time and to pay your trip fare if needed. After a final stop in Maupin, we'll head up-river to our launch location at Harpham Flat. At the boat ramp, we'll get everyone fitted for life jackets and discuss safety for the trip. Once we've divided into paddle crews, we'll board the rafts for 4 to 5 hours of splashy fun. The first part of the day includes Wapanitia, Launch Pad and the famous Box Car rapids. We'll stop for lunch around noon at Maupin City Park. After lunch there is plenty more action with Surf City, Oak Springs, White River and Elevator Rapids. This afternoon includes a quick stop for an optional hike at White River to swim some natural water slides **OR** a stop at Elevator Rapid to body surf the waves. We'll reach our take out at Sandy Beach by 4:00 p.m. Here, you will have time to change clothes before the van ride back to your meeting location. Guests who have met us in Bend can plan on being back by 6:00 p.m.

## Lunch

A delicious deli lunch is served buffet style. The lunch includes a variety of whole grain breads, fresh deli meats and cheeses and a variety of fruits & vegetables sliced fresh just before serving. Lemonade, iced tea and iced water are available. Our lunch accommodates vegetarians with peppers, avocados, cucumbers or other additional vegetables. Peanut butter & jam is always available. Please let us know if you have specific food allergies or dietary restrictions. If this is a special occasion for someone in your group (i.e. anniversary, birthday, etc...) please let us know and we might have a little extra something special for the occasion.

## Order T-Shirts & Water Bottles!

Take home the perfect souvenir of your Ouzel rafting experience. Call to order t-shirts or water bottles at least 24 hours prior to your trip and we'll deliver them to you at the river. T-shirts are \$15 and water bottles are \$10 if ordered in advance. Additional charges for shipping apply for orders made after the trip. [Click here to see our t-shirts and water bottles.](#) Call 541-385-5947 or email us your order at [info@oregonrafting.com](mailto:info@oregonrafting.com)

## Splitting up Groups

We use [12' and 14' self-bailing paddle rafts](#) on our trips. Each raft will seat up to seven participants and one guide. Groups larger than seven will be split into separate rafts while groups of seven or less will only be split up with prior permission, but will likely share their raft with others. Private Rafts (for groups of 2 to 7) are available at a fixed rate of \$700.

## Insufficient Bookings

Trips with insufficient bookings may be canceled and full refunds offered. We will inform you of the possibility of cancellation at least 3 days in advance. One-day trips tend to fill up at the last minute and cancellation due to insufficient bookings is not common.

## Payment & Cancellation Policy

For all one-day trips, the full trip fare is due at the time of making your reservation. Credit card guarantees are required if you wish to pay by cash, check or credit card at the meeting location. Guides cannot make change at the river so please bring the exact amount due. Fares are fully refundable up to 30 days prior to your trip. After 30 days prior to your trip there is a \$10/person cancellation fee. No refunds are given for cancellations received after 48 hours prior to your trip. If your reservation has been secured with a credit card guarantee, your card will be charged the amount due according to this cancellation policy. Click [here](#) to read our full cancellation policy. If we have arranged a special payment plan or cancellation policy for your group, please refer to your invoice for details.

## Gratuities for Guides

If you have enjoyed your trip and feel that your guide has done an outstanding job, please feel free to offer a gratuity. The amount is up to you but guests will typically offer between 10% and 20% of their trip fare. Click [HERE](#) to meet our guide staff.

## Photos

Photos of every raft are taken at Wapinitia, Boxcar and Oak Springs Rapids. These photos can be viewed and ordered online at Imperial's [Photo Reflect Website](#). Photos for a given date are organized by the name of the rapid and the time. Click on the date and look for a folder labeled "Ouzel". Our trips usually run through Wapinitia and Boxcar rapids between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Oak Springs rapid is usually reached between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Don't hesitate to call or email us if you are having difficulties finding your photos.

## Toilets

We are usually within 10 to 15 minutes of an outhouse on the Deschutes. Please let your guide know ahead of time and we will be happy to stop at the next outhouse. *Special Note for Women: We carry extra feminine supplies in our first aid kit.*

## The Wild and Scenic Deschutes River

The Deschutes River begins its journey in the Cascade Mountains of Central Oregon, creating a diverse and scenic riverway as it travels north through the high desert sunshine to its final destination in the Columbia River Gorge. The last 100 miles (The Lower Deschutes) was designated an Oregon Scenic Waterway in 1970 and received Federal Wild and Scenic River status in 1988. As the life-blood of Central Oregon recreation, the Deschutes offers everything from fly fishing to scenic hiking and mountain biking, flat-water canoeing, wildlife viewing, swimming, and whitewater rafting through alpine forests, desert flatlands and rocky gorges. With enough whitewater to deliver fun and excitement for all, the Deschutes is also a perfect ego builder for the beginning rafter. Rapids on the Deschutes deliver big splashy waves, but are generally "forgiving" and only moderately difficult to navigate. Visit the [Deschutes River Photo Gallery](#). Close to Portland and Bend with easy access, dependable water flows and constant summer sunshine, the Deschutes River is the most popularly rafted river in Oregon, especially in and around the town of Maupin where many thousands of people enjoy one-day trips every summer. If you are looking for a [longer trip](#) or a [weekend getaway](#) Ouzel Outfitters also offers a variety of fully outfitted [multi-day trips](#). Visit our [River Info Links Page](#) to view river maps, accommodations, area attractions, and much more!

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