



## Wild & Scenic Rogue River 4-Day Rafting Trip

(Camping Trip - Argo to Foster Bar -35 Miles)

### Trip Planner

Thank you for choosing Ouzel Outfitters. This trip planner contains detailed information designed to prepare you for your trip. To finish your reservation we'll need to collect certain details about each person in your group. You may provide this information by phone or online. Use the link provided in your confirmation email to establish your trip account and fill out the Guest Registration Form. If you already have an account, click [HERE](#) to access your information.

### Meeting Location & Time

**When:** 8:30 a.m.

**Where:** Galice Resort.

PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE. Orientation and packing takes about an hour. If we have not heard from you the trip will depart on schedule. Service at the Galice Restaurant is slow, so please plan accordingly. Being late affects the entire group and the first day's itinerary. If you will be late please let us know by calling us at **541-815-5947**;

**Galice: 541-476-3818**

To reach the Galice Resort from I-5, take exit 61. Follow the Merlin-Galice Road west for 15 miles. The Merlin/Galice Road follows the Rogue River closely starting a few miles west of Merlin. After crossing over the high bridge in Hellgate Canyon, stay on the main road and keep the river on your right. The Galice Resort is on the road and hard to miss. Watch out for deer and cross traffic.

### Drive Times to Galice:

Portland - 5 Hrs

Seattle – 7 Hrs

San Francisco - 8 Hrs

Bend - 4.5 Hrs

Grants Pass – 30 Minutes

Find the Galice Resort on [Google Maps](#)

### Local Accommodations

#### Camping

For those wishing to camp along the river prior to the trip, RV and tent sites are available at [Indian Mary](#) or [Almeda Campgrounds](#), west of I-5 on the Merlin-Galice Road, 12 and 18 miles respectively. Services are close by in Merlin or at the Galice Resort.

#### Lodging

[Galice Resort](#) (Our meeting location) Rustic Cabins and a nice lodge, restaurant, lounge, fuel, store and souvenirs. Larger groups should consider renting the entire lodge (8 bedrooms) or one of the houses (3 to 5 bedrooms) available at or near the resort. (541) 476-3818

[Riverside Inn](#) - Downtown Grants Pass, OR. 30 minutes from Galice. (541) 476-6873

[Morrison's Rogue River Lodge](#) – Upscale riverside lodge with an excellent restaurant about 5 minutes from Galice. (800) 826-1963.

[Rogue Regency Inn](#) – Medford. 5 min from Medford airport. 1 hour from Galice (800) 535-5805

## **Transportation Information**

### **Airport Info**

We highly recommend being in the area the night before the trip and not making departing flight arrangements until the morning after the last day of the trip. If flying, make connections to Medford, OR. Car rentals are available at the airport. Shuttle services are offered by the Galice Resort (541) 476-3818. Grants Pass is 30 minutes from the Medford Airport. The Galice Resort (our meeting location) is one hour from the Airport and 30 minutes from Grants Pass.

### **Vehicle Security**

During the trip your vehicle will be left at the Galice Resort. We cannot guarantee the safety of your vehicles and valuables during the trip. We recommend leaving valuable items such as jewelry and laptop computers at home and packing wallets, keys and other valuables in your overnight dry bag. Separate parking is provided for Ouzel guests by Galice.

### **Shuttles**

The shuttle from our take-out back to Galice is by 15-passenger van and takes about 2 hours. The drive is very scenic but the road is narrow and windy. For folks intending to continue to the coast after the trip, we recommend having your vehicle shuttled to Foster Bar. Please let us know if you would like to have your car shuttled. Your trip leader will help you arrange this with Galice's shuttle service during the morning orientation. Please bring an extra set of keys. Call our office for current rates.

## **Trip Itinerary**

### **Orientation & Packing**

Our day begins at 8:30 am at the Galice Resort. You should have eaten breakfast before this time. Look for your trip leader outside where the parking area adjoins the patio. The trip leader will give each guest an overnight dry bag and provide instructions on how to pack your belongings and seal your dry bag. Once your trip leader has reviewed how and what to pack you will have a limited amount of time to pack your dry bag and make last minute purchases at Galice.

### **Packing Your Dry Bag**

The dry bag provides 3.8 cu. ft. of storage. When closed the bag is 16 inches in diameter and 33 inches tall. Your sleeping bag will already be packed in the dry bag. Most guests find it useful to separate clothes and belongings into smaller bags for easier packing and better organization. Small, collapsible duffels, laundry bags and even pillowcases work well. Large or rigid duffel bags are difficult to work into and out of your dry bag. Pack toiletries and liquid items in a Ziploc or waterproof container in case they leak inside your bag. Your overnight dry bag will not be accessible during the day, but additional shared dry bags and waterproof boxes will be available on the rafts for belongings such as sunscreen, cameras and extra clothing that you'll want accessible during the day. Your trip leader will help you decide what to keep out. If you have special photography equipment or unusual items please call our office for packing suggestions. Many guests find that owning their own small dry bag for day-use is convenient and eliminates the need to share.

### **Getting Ready to Launch**

Once your bag is packed our guides will collect it along with any other items that need to be stowed on our equipment rafts - this includes personal soft drinks, beer or other items that do not go into your dry bag and that you will not need during the day. Make sure that you have made any last minute purchases at the Galice Resort and that your car is parked in the proper place before packing your wallet and keys in your overnight bag. By 9:30 am, the trip leader will depart with your overnight bags and vans will arrive to transport all guests to our launch location a few miles away. At the launch location, your overnight dry bags will be loaded on to our equipment rafts and the items you want accessible can be packed into the smaller bags and boxes available on each raft. Once everyone is packed and ready to raft, the orientation will continue with a discussion about safety, the environment and what to expect on the trip. We try to be on the river by 10:45 am.

## Day 1

Our first day begins with a few easy warm up rapids before the action starts at Grave Creek Rapids and Grave Creek Falls. Shortly before or after lunch we will arrive at Rainie Falls. Here, the guides will maneuver the rafts through the falls while guests walk around. This is a great place for photographing the falls and spotting leaping salmon and steelhead. Our equipment rafts have already gone ahead to set up camp. We'll arrive in camp this afternoon with plenty of time for hiking, swimming, relaxing and other activities. The guides will take extra time this afternoon to make sure that everyone is settled in comfortably and familiar with all camp facilities. Dinner is prepared by the guides this evening and served on full-sized banquet tables. When fire restrictions allow, we will enjoy an evening campfire.

## Daily Schedule

Each day the guides will have coffee on between 6:30 am and 7:00 am and breakfast is served at 8:00 am. We start packing up at 9:00 am and try to be on the river by 10:00 am. Each day on the river is different and actual activities are chosen according to the general interests of the group. There are a wide variety of short hikes, swimming holes on side creeks, historic sites and places of interest to linger. You'll also have the opportunity to move from raft to raft, relaxing in the oar raft, joining a crew in a paddle raft or going solo in an inflatable kayak.

## Day 4

Typically, we reach our take-out point at Foster Bar at about 2:30 pm and try to have you back to Galice by 5:00 pm.

## Weather Conditions

The weather is usually warm and sunny between mid-June and mid-September with daytime temperatures between 80 and 90 degrees. Water temperatures in July and August range in the 60s with 70 degrees not uncommon in late July and early August. Swimming is pleasant and popular on the Rogue. Nights are cool but not cold between 50 and 60 degrees. Brief rain showers and thunderstorms are always possible during the summer months, so it is important to be prepared with the proper clothing. Follow the packing lists below and make sure to check the weather before you go. The trick is to be well prepared, but not to over pack. Don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions. [Check the Rogue River weather.](#)

## What to Pack for Wearing on the River

### *On Warm Days*

- Hat for sun protection
- Sunglasses (w/strap)
- Shorts or swimsuit (most women prefer wearing shorts over bikini bottoms)
- Rafting Shoes: Sandals w/heel strap or sneakers (No flip flops, crocs or bare feet)
- Lip Balm (with SPF protection) & Sunscreen (spray sunscreen runs out quickly)
- If you are sensitive to the sun, you might consider wearing pants and a long-sleeve shirt made from a lightweight, quick-drying material.

### *On Cooler Days Add a Second Layer*

- Polypro or Capilene tops and bottoms. (synthetic fabric– NOT cotton). Being prepared with light to mid weight layers of synthetic clothing takes the chill out of cooler days on the river.

Ouzel provides a limited supply of splash jackets & pants for use on cooler days, but this does not replace the need to pack appropriate river clothing. Dressing in layers allows easy adjustment to changing conditions. The best way to keep warm on the river is to **AVOID WEARING COTTON.**

## Cold Weather Clothing Suggestions

- Check the weather before your trip!**
- Footwear. On cold trips we recommend having neoprene socks or booties. Booties have a built in sole. Neoprene socks are designed to be worn with a sandal or sneaker.
- Neoprene gloves (optional but nice to have)
- Warm and waterproof hat.
- Good quality rain top and pants. Fabrics that are waterproof and breathable work best.
- Extra polypropylene or fleece tops and bottoms (non-cotton). Wear these in layers under your rain gear or our splash gear.
- AVOID COTTON on the river during cold trips!

## What to Pack for Camp

- T-Shirts and shorts
- Long sleeve shirts (cotton okay)
- Long pants (cotton okay)
- Sweatshirt or fleece top (for chilling mornings/evenings)
- Socks and underwear
- Warm hat (for chilly mornings/evenings)
- Long Underwear (synthetic long underwear can also be used on the river for chilly days)
- Sneakers or light hikers (light hiking boots are fine for hiking)
- Small towel & toiletries
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight or headlamp
- One Article of Attire for “Dress-up” Night. It is a tradition on our trips to have some fun on our last evening. Ties, cummerbunds, costumer jewelry, crazy hats – think Halloween. Be as creative and crazy as you want.

*It is wise to assume that every article of clothing you wear on the river will be soaked by the time you reach camp in the afternoon. You should be prepared to change into a completely dry set of clothes each afternoon when we reach camp (including socks & shoes).*

## Optional Items to Pack for your Trip

- Camera and Film (disposable waterproof cameras work great)
- Extra batteries (for flashlight, camera, etc.)
- Hi-Tech Clothing. Hydroskin, Hydrosilk or Rash Guard shirts are designed for water activities. Many of these stretchy nylon/spandex fabrics offer UV protection, protect against chaffing from your life jacket and help keep you warm on cooler days.
- Soda, beer, wine or your favorite spirits—we’ll keep your drinks on ice if desired. (Please avoid glass containers if possible, although wine bottles are fine).
- Binoculars
- Small pillow (travel or backpack kind or a pillow case that you can fill with extra clothes)
- Personal amenities such as a journal, book, deck of cards, Frisbee, football, etc...
- Small personal dry bag for day use. (eliminates having to share with others – 9.5” X 18” is a good size for two people)
- Kayaking gloves. If you plan to spend a lot of time in the inflatable kayak, gloves will keep your hands from chaffing. Fingerless cycling gloves or neoprene gloves will do the trick.
- Small first aid kit with Band-Aids, ibuprofen, etc... All trips carry major and minor kits and each guide has their own supplies, but it can be handy to have your own “ouch pouch”.
- Sarong

## Recommendations for Kids

- ❑ A pair of river shoes or river sandals (designed for water sports) that wrap around the toes and provide extra protection for the feet. Avoid slip-on water socks and crocs.
- ❑ Hydrosilk or rashguard tops. These fabrics are warm and comfortable when wet, help avoid chaffing from the life jacket, often provide UV protection and are “cool”.
- ❑ Hat & sunglasses with a strap. Kids can tire easily in the sun and protecting the eyes and face helps avoid over-exposure. Since kids often lose or break sunglasses, inexpensive pairs are recommended.
- ❑ Games. While there are plenty of activities for kids on our trips, we recommend bringing diversions that your kids or family enjoy. Card games, compact board games, books, paints and other activities can provide occasional evening entertainment. Our game bags usually include bocce, horseshoes and other games, but if your family enjoys throwing a football or Frisbee around you should consider bringing one. We highly discourage electronic games and gadgets as they can be easily damaged and run counter to the wilderness experience.
- ❑ Bring plenty of sunscreen for kids and encourage them to drink lots of water.
- ❑ On colder trips make sure that the kids have neoprene footwear, a warm and waterproof hat and plenty of polyester/fleece tops and bottoms for layering.

## What Ouzel Outfitters will Provide

- ❑ Tent (Sleeps two) *Family-sized tents are available on request and sleep four.*
- ❑ Sleeping Bag & Pad
- ❑ Souvenir T-shirt
- ❑ Water bottle with the Ouzel logo – yours to keep. (water bottles are BPA free)
- ❑ Beverages include: Water, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Tea and an assortment of wines served with dinner (we plan for 2 glasses per adult per evening). You are welcome to bring your favorite sodas, beer, wine or spirits. We bring additional coolers with ice for this purpose. Consumption of alcohol is not allowed while on the river during the day.
- ❑ Splash Jackets & Pants (Our supply is limited and does not replace the need to bring rain/wind tops and bottoms)
- ❑ Small library with books and information about the area
- ❑ All meals from lunch the first day to lunch on the last. Snacks are always available.
- ❑ All group camp gear including tarps, fire pans, tables & chairs, toilets, sanitary facilities.

## Where to Purchase Items on the Packing List

Items listed in the packing list and other useful “river wear” such as fleece and polypropylene tops and bottoms can be purchased at most local sporting goods stores. Neoprene socks and gloves are also available at sporting goods stores and dive shops. Don’t hesitate to call us if you have questions. You can also find a useful tutorial on layering for a river trip as well as order clothes and equipment at [Cascade Outfitters](#). **Or call Cascade Outfitters at 800-223-7238.**

## Camping Equipment

**Tents:** Our tents are Alps brand outfitter model tents designed for durability. They are spacious for two (7ft x 8ft on average) and can accommodate more in a pinch. Special family-sized tents that accommodate up to four are available upon request. Please indicate your request for a family-sized tent on the Guest Registration Form.

**Sleeping Bags:** Our sleeping bags are 3 or 4 pound square bags with a flannel or polypro lining. Sleeping bags are professionally cleaned by commercial launderers after each and every trip. You will find your sleeping bag packed inside your large overnight dry bag when this is issued during orientation. Our bags are of standard length (75” to 80”) and will sleep a 6’0 person comfortably. If you feel that you need a larger bag it may be advisable to bring your own. Please call us for options. If you wish to bring your own sleeping bag, indicate this on the Guest Registration Form.

**Pads:** The pads we use are called “Paco” pads. These pads are used by river rafters and guides all over the world for their comfort and durability. They are 1-1/2” poly foam in a heavy duty PVC shell. They are waterproof, do not roll up and are carried flat on our equipment rafts. If you feel you need additional padding you are welcome to bring an additional pad to use with the Paco pad that we provide. Please bring only a closed-cell foam “backpacker” pad or compact Thermarest. If the pad you bring cannot get wet, it will need to be packed into your large dry bag along with your sleeping bag and personal items. If you bring a small air mattress make sure you have a pump and patch kit.

**Setting up Tents:** The riverside campsites we select most often have a variety of options for tent sites. We find that most guests enjoy selecting their own personal site and setting up our easy-to-set-up tents on their own. Our guides will be happy to teach you how to set up your tent at the first campsite and are always available for “troubleshooting” during the trip. If you find that setting up your tent is difficult and don’t mind the guides selecting your site, feel free to let your trip leader know that you would like your tent set up for you each night. We will be happy to accommodate your request.

## Meals & Dietary Restrictions

Our menus are designed to be flexible in order to accommodate vegetarians and other dietary restrictions. Our meals are largely made from scratch, and it is easy for us to prepare portions on the side. While we will know your restrictions in advance, it is ESSENTIAL that you remind the guides of your restrictions PRIOR to meal preparation. When appropriate, dishes and utensils are not used to prepare or serve more than one dish.

**Vegetarians/Vegans** – Plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables (including avocado and bell peppers) will be supplemented with Hummus, Tofu, Boca Burgers, Pates and other protein sources. Meals that have ingredients containing animal products and/or dairy products will have portions that can be prepared on the side without these ingredients.

**Nut Allergies** - Since we don’t use a lot of pre-made and processed ingredients, it is not difficult for us to check for oils and extracts, avoiding them altogether or preparing portions on the side.

**Wheat/Gluten Allergies** – While we cannot guarantee your favorite brand we will have gluten free products such as breads, tortillas, snacks and pastas.

**Non-Dairy** – While we cannot guarantee your favorite brand, we can provide soy milk and will prepare dairy-free portions of meals where necessary.

**Guest Registration Form** - Please record any dietary allergies or restrictions on the Guest Registration Form. We purchase food for our trips the day before departure and do not have the ability to significantly adjust menus or add alternate dishes once the trip has begun. Please keep in mind that “preferences” are different than “restrictions”. We often find that “preferences” become less important as most guests find they are burning more calories than they’re used to during the course of a day. Don’t hesitate to call or email if you have any questions. Download a [Sample Menu](#) here.

## Toilet Facilities

For many, the most feared and apprehensive aspect of a river trip is the “toilet situation”. When we arrive at a campsite on a wilderness river, we don’t expect to find the traces of previous visitors. Despite the fact that we arrive with tons of equipment and a score of people, we intend to depart leaving only marks in the sand. “Leave No Trace” means we take everything with us, from the ashes of our campfire to the food scraps from the cutting board. Like everything else, human waste must be transported out of the river canyon. Fortunately, some of the campsites we use on the Rogue River offer permanent pit toilets just a short walk from camp. When no pit toilet is available, we use the state-of-the-art “River Bank” toilet system on all of our trips. The River Bank system offers a large, double-hulled container with a molded seat that is slightly smaller than a normal household toilet. The toilet is set up away from camp in a private area. An “occupied indicator” insures privacy. One of the most difficult aspects of the portable toilet is the fact that capacity restrictions do not allow urination in the chamber – the toilet is for defecation only. This requires all users to urinate in the river or the separately provided “urinal” chamber nearby. Don’t forget to use the hand-washing system after every use. In some respects, this is the price we pay for seeing and experiencing the beautiful and dramatic settings our wilderness river canyons have to offer. Don’t despair! Our guides will take you through the procedures with sensitivity and humor. Be sure to ask them why we call it the “groover”.

## Hygiene Information

Safety on a river trip doesn't just mean wearing your life jacket and never diving into the river, it also includes washing your hands! We are very careful when it comes to contaminants on a trip. Our food coolers are sorted and drained daily and ice is carefully managed. Our dish washing and kitchen cleaning systems include a sanitizing bleach solution and hand washing stations are always set up near the kitchen and toilet. Please help us keep everyone healthy by washing your hands prior to each meal and after using the toilet.

**For Women:** Most of our river trips have female guides on them so it is easy to ask questions. Our male guides are also fully aware of issues specific to women, so if you are comfortable speaking with them, they are comfortable addressing your concerns. Sometimes, however, they need to be reminded that you may need more "stops" than they might have anticipated.

A helpful hint from past guests—having a comfy, casual skirt or wrap-around sarong handy makes urinating in the wet sand much more comfortable. You can wear it over your swimsuit during the day and/or rap it around you in the evening. Frequent stops for urination are common and locations are selected to maximize privacy. Don't hesitate to ask your guide for a "potty stop".

If you are expecting your period during the trip, we suggest that you pack a small amount of toilet tissue, a few Ziploc bags (small and large sizes), a few small paper bags, a small bottle of hand sanitizer and your napkins/tampons into one large Ziploc bag. Each day, pack a day's supply of tissue, pads/tampons, small Ziplocs and a paper bag in a large zip lock and put this in your day-bag or in one of the watertight boxes that is available during the trip. During the day when you change a napkin/tampon, place the used one in a small Ziploc bag and put that in the paper bag with everything going back into the large zip lock. You can dispose of used products in the garbage set up by the toilet each afternoon. Do NOT put used products in the toilets. Feel free to ask any of your guides for assistance. We carry extra feminine supplies on each trip as well as zip locks and plenty of toilet paper to help restock your kit.

## Bathing

While swimming regularly will reduce the need to bathe, we understand that there is nothing like a refreshing wash and shampoo at the end of an active day. The most current "leave no trace" ethics encourages us to discard suds and waste water into the river as opposed to on shore. As a result bathing takes place in or near the edge of the river and our main goal is to reduce the amount of suds. Please bring a biodegradable soap and use it sparingly. For showers we carry solar showers – a special bag with a small shower head that heats water during the day. It works pretty well even on cloudy days. The bag is suspended on a tripod. Since waste water must go into the river, privacy is often difficult; bathing in your swimsuit is common practice. Please let the guides know in the morning if you are interested in a shower that evening. Total hot water capacity is limited, but our guides will make every effort to make you comfortable.

## 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 don't hesitate to call or [email](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

## How Strenuous is the Trip

Our Rogue River trips include [paddle rafts, oar rafts and inflatable kayaks](#). In a paddle raft, all participants are expected to assist with paddling. In most cases, paddling involves intermittent bursts of moderately strenuous paddling in the rapids, although several rapids require short bursts of strong paddling. Optional inflatable kayaks require much more upper body strength and endurance. Oar rafts do not require paddling. Preference for riding the oar raft is usually given to folks who have difficulty paddling, require a back-rest or have other limitations. Camping involves sleeping on the ground (we provide pads) and negotiating rocky or uneven ground on hikes and around camp. The walk around Rainie Falls involves negotiating large boulders and a few short, but steep “step downs”. The only lifting required is what you have packed in your dry bag. Days on the river can be long, and so preparing for extended exposure to the elements is vitally important.

## Environmental Concerns

Whether you are on the river for a day or five 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 and [CHECK THE WEATHER](#) before you trip.

The Rogue is home to a few pesky plants and insects. Poison oak is very common, so keep on the lookout. Our guides will help you identify it if you’re not sure what to look for. If you’ve come in contact it is very important to wash with soap and water as quickly as possible. Keep in mind that the irritating oils from the plant are easily transferred from you, your clothing or equipment to other persons or equipment, so even if you’re not sensitive it is important to consider others. While most guests never encounter them, rattle snakes are present in the Rogue 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. Mosquitoes, when present, are not abundant, but we recommend bringing insect repellent. Yellow jackets (bees) become more numerous as the summer moves on. They like to hang out around the lunch table, so if you’re sensitive to bee stings, have a friend or one of the guides prepare your lunch for you. Black bears and mountain lions are present in the Rogue River Canyon. While it is extremely rare to see a mountain lion, most guests will have the opportunity to see a bear. The forest service is extremely good at managing the bear population and “problem bears” are rare and quickly removed. The guides will take you through a few extra precautions with regard to bears.

## Raft Types

Oar Rafts, Paddle Rafts, Inflatable Kayaks- [Get a description of our raft types](#).

## Gratuities for Guides

If you have enjoyed your trip and feel that your guides have done an outstanding job, it is customary to thank them with a gratuity. The amount is up to you, but a gratuity of between 15% and 20% of your trip fare is typical for Ouzel guests. The guides share their gratuities and will appreciate any expression of thanks you care to offer.

## Suggested Reading List for Rogue River Trips

**Best of Zane Grey Outdoorsman: Hunting and Fishing** (Classics of American Sports Series) Zane Grey, George Reiger (Editor). Stackpoole Books, 1992.

**Illaha: The Story of Settlement in the Rogue River Canyon.** Kay Atwood. Gandec Printing Center, 1978.

**The Rogue - A River to Run.** (Story of Legendary Boatman Glenn Wooldridge and Rogue River History) Florence Arman. Wildwood Press, 1982

**Rogue River Float Guide.** Dept of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Medford, OR (541-618-2200) Call to order.

**Requiem for A People.** (Native American History in the Rogue Canyon) Stephen Dow Beckham. University of Oklahoma Press, 1971.

**Plants of the Pacific NW Coast.** Jim Pojar and Andy MacKinnon. Lone Pine Publishing, 1994.

**Roadside Geology of Oregon.** David D. Alt, Donald Hyndman. Mountain Press Publishing Co., Inc. 1981

## Area Attractions

Southern Oregon provides a wide variety of attractions and activities and is a great place to extend your vacation. Here are a few of our favorite attractions. Go to our [River Info Links Page](#) to view more attractions, accommodations, maps and much more!

### [Southern Oregon Coast](#)

The rugged and scenic Oregon coast provides great opportunities for beach combing, whale watching tours, chartered fishing trips camping and beach-front accommodations and dining. Drive just a little further south into California and you can visit the giant redwoods and sequoias of Redwood National Park. 30 minutes for our take-out at Foster Bar.

### [Oregon Caves National Monument](#)

3.5 miles of marble canyons with diverse geological formations and a unique underground habitat for special cave-dwelling critters. Regular Tours. One hour southwest of Grants Pass.

### [Wildlife Images](#)

A wildlife rehabilitation center that offers regular tours. See bears, mountain lions, wolves, a variety of eagles and hawks, coyotes, bobcats and other unique wildlife. Tours are free, but donations are appreciated. 20 minutes from Grants Pass near Merlin, OR.

### [Crater Lake National Park](#)

Oregon's only national park. Formed from the cataclysmic collapse of Mt. Mazama over 7000 years ago, Crater Lake is the United States deepest, coldest and clearest lake. Very scenic with a lodge, visitor's center, boat tours and hiking opportunities. 2.5 hours east of Grants Pass.

### [Oregon Shakespeare Festival](#)

The nationally recognized Oregon Shakespeare festival takes place in Ashland Oregon each summer. Shakespeare fans love the outdoor Elizabethan theater and other venues. A wide variety of plays are offered each summer. Ashland is also a great place for site seeing, dining and shopping. 45 minutes south of Grants Pass.

### [Historic Jacksonville](#)

Oregon's first state capital offers excellent lodging, dining and site seeing amidst historic architecture and ponderosa forests. Quaint and cozy, Jacksonville also hosts the Britt Music Festival in an outdoor amphitheater. Famous bands and artists deliver a wide variety of performances which include jazz, classical, folk, rock, country and more. 40 minutes south of Grants Pass.

## Fishing on the Rogue River

While the Rogue is famous for Salmon and Steelhead fishing in the spring and fall, the summer rafting season lies between seasonal fish runs. While it's possible to see a few salmon jumping at Rainie falls in June and again in August, the Rogue doesn't offer great fishing opportunities during the summer. The river is too warm to support a large trout population. A lightweight rod and spinning reel are adequate for the occasional whitefish, trout or sucker. Heavy weight rods are recommended for sturgeon. Please pack rods in unbreakable cases. You must have the proper Oregon angling license and/or tag during the trip. This is available at the Galice Resort

## More about the Rogue River

In 1968 Congress passed the National Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. This act was designed to protect America's most cherished and scenic rivers. The Rogue was one of the original eight charter rivers included in the act and remains one of America's best river trips. The Rogue begins its journey near Crater Lake National Park and flows 250 miles to the Pacific Ocean. The famous wilderness section where we run our trips is set in the rugged Siskiyou Mountains of Southern Oregon where the Rogue carves a dramatic and isolated canyon. Cascading side streams, slippery rock slides, fern-hung grottoes and inviting sandy beaches create a setting straight out of a Disney movie—the only difference is that it's real! Wildlife abounds, and watchful rafters may see everything from stately blue heron to powerful osprey, playful otter, black-tailed deer and wily coyote. If you're very lucky, you may even spot a black bear on the prowl. Douglas fir blankets the steep canyon walls and dramatic rock gorges and misty mornings create unforgettable images. Bring your camera to record the stunning scenery and your sense of adventure to tackle the 80 fun rapids on this wilderness run.

The Rogue River Canyon offers exciting tales of Indian battles, pioneer perseverance and the wild lives of hermit gold miners. We'll visit early twentieth century adventure novelist, Zane Grey's, cabin and if time allows, Rogue River Ranch, the canyon's oldest and most well preserved pioneer homestead. For many, tales of the hermits and misfits who lived alone in the canyon provide the most entertaining historical lore the Rogue has to offer. Hermit feuds, escaped convicts and famous river runners provide plenty of color to the historical backdrop.

## Fun and helpful links for your Rogue River Trip

[Rogue River Photo Gallery](#)

[Rogue River Video on YouTube](#)

[River Info Links](#) – Links to activities, accommodations, maps and more.

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