



North Umpqua River One-Day Trip Inflatable Kayaking Special (Eagle Creek Campground to Gravel Bin- 10 miles) Trip Planner

Participation Requirements

Our inflatable-kayak-only trip is not for everyone. Previous experience, physical fitness and an adventurous attitude is required. With many rocks, logs and other hazards to avoid, it is essential that you are able to control and propel your inflatable kayak as well as follow the instructions of the guides. You must be a good swimmer and comfortable in moving water. Once the trip starts, it is very difficult for an individual to leave the trip if they are struggling to control their kayak. Even though guides are with you in their own kayaks the entire day, unlike a paddle raft, you are "on your own" to a large degree and there is no one else who can "pick up the slack" for you. In order to participate, one of the following statements should apply to you

1. I have paddled an inflatable kayak through Class III rapids in the past and am up to the challenge of paddling Class IV.
2. I have paddled an inflatable kayak through Class II rapids and am in good physical shape and a strong swimmer. I am adventurous and feel strong and coordinated enough to control my kayak through Class III & IV rapids.
3. I have never paddled an inflatable kayak but have done several river trips in rafts. I am active and in good physical shape. I am coordinated and capable of strong paddling. I am a strong swimmer, am comfortable in moving water and up for the adventure.

Assumption of Risk

Whitewater rafting and kayaking 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. Each participant is required to sign an "Assumption of Risk" 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. A copy of our "Assumption of Risk" form is included for your review. To read our participation requirements in detail – [CLICK HERE](#) or you may call our office for a copy. Please don't hesitate to call or [email](mailto:info@oregonrafting.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

Insufficient Bookings

Trips with insufficient bookings may be cancelled and full refunds offered. For half & one-day trips we will inform you of the possibility of cancellation at least 3 days in advance. Since half & one-day trips tend to fill up at the last minute, cancellation due to insufficient bookings is not common.

Order T-Shirts!

Take home the perfect souvenir of your Ouzel rafting experience. Call to order t-shirts at least 24 hours prior to your trip and we'll deliver them to you at the river. T-shirts are \$15 if ordered in advance or \$20 if ordered after your trip. [Click here to see this year's t-shirt.](#) Call 800-788-7238 or email us your order at info@oregonrafting.com (please reference your reservation number listed above).

Meeting Instructions

Please refer to the information below for directions to the Gravel Bin Boat Launch. PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE. If you need additional directions or will be late, please let us know. All trips meet at 10:00 a.m.; after 20 minutes the trip will depart Gravel Bin if we have not heard from you. **Late Arrivals please call 800-788-7238. After Hours: 541-815-4273 or 541-815-2136.**

Gravel Bin Boat Launch – 10:00 AM

Just east of the Steamboat Inn on HWY 138. From I-5, take exit 124 at Roseburg (towards City Center/Diamond Lake). Pay close attention to signs and stay on 138 East/North Umpqua HWY for 41 miles.

Show me the Gravel Bin Boat Launch on [Google Earth](#). You must have Google Earth[®] installed on your computer to download and use these files. Download the [Free version of Google Earth[®]](#)

Click [HERE](#) for MapQuest Directions

Services

Dry Creek Store, just 8 miles east of our meeting place, has fuel, groceries, firewood and most last minute purchases. Services are also available at Glide, OR, which is 22 miles west of our meeting location. Full services are also available in Roseburg. **Cell service is unavailable on Hwy 138 in the area where we operate.** There is a payphone in Glide and at the Dry Creek Store.

Drive Times to Gravel Bin

Bend – 2 hours, 45 minutes; Portland – 4 hours, 15 minutes; Crater Lake Lodge – 1 hour, 30 minutes; Diamond Lake – 1 hour; Glide – 30 minutes; Roseburg – 1 hour; Eugene – 2 hours, 15 minutes; Grants Pass – 2 hours.

Vehicles and Valuables

Your vehicle will be parked at Gravel Bin Boat Ramp. While the entire parking lot is visible from the HWY, unfortunately, theft from vehicles is not unknown along this stretch of the HWY 138. We highly 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. Keys can also be stored in a securely zippered pocket if you have one.

What to Bring on Your Trip

- ❑ Visor, Cap, or other Brimmed Hat (must fit under a helmet – ball caps work fine)
- ❑ Sunglasses (w/strap)
- ❑ Shorts or bathing suit. Most women prefer to wear shorts over bikini bottoms.
- ❑ Rafting Shoes: Sandals w/heel strap or sneakers – no bare feet, Crocs or flip flops.
- ❑ Lip Balm (with spf protection) & Sunscreen
- ❑ Water Bottle (**Important!**)- You will be able to refill your bottle from our water cooler.
- ❑ Change of clothes (stays in your car)
- ❑ If you are sensitive to the sun, we recommend a long sleeve shirt and pants made from lightweight quick-drying materials.
- ❑ Short or long-sleeve synthetic fabric top. (Hydro-silk, Rash Guard or Polypro/fleece). 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. You will be getting very wet during the trip and taking an unplanned swim is “par for the course”.

Ouzel will provide paddle jackets and paddle pants, (wetsuits if conditions warrant) as well as a small dry bag for each inflatable kayak in which you can place items you want accessible during the day. It is your responsibility to dress appropriately (see the notes above and/or call or office for more information).

What if it's Cold and Rainy?

We do not cancel trips because of poor weather. It is important for you to be prepared for your trip. **CHECK THE WEATHER** before your trip - click [HERE](#) to see the weather forecast for McKenzie Bridge, OR. On cold days it is important to **AVOID COTTON CLOTHING**. Dressing in layers of synthetic fabrics with rain gear over the top will increase the enjoyment of your trip. Ouzel has a limited supply of paddle jackets and pants for those who are unprepared. To learn about how to dress for a river trip and to purchase appropriate clothing please visit Cascade Outfitters at www.rivertraveler.com or call: 888-748-3717. Don't hesitate to call our office if you have questions.

The Kayaks

We use [10' Hyside-brand single-person inflatable kayaks](#) on our trips (double kayaks are not available).

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 wide 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.

Gratuities for Guides

If you have enjoyed your trip and feel that your guides have 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. The guide staff shares gratuities. Click [HERE](#) to meet our guide staff.

Environmental Concerns

Whether you are on the river for a day or two 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. The water temperature is cool to cold during the rafting season, so even on the warmest days having a lightweight synthetic shirt can make a lot of difference. Pay special attention to the clothing suggestions in your trip planner and [CHECK THE WEATHER](#) before you trip.

The North Umpqua River is fairly benign when it comes to troublesome insects and plants. 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. Yellow jackets (bees) will create an occasional annoyance at lunch. 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. Mosquitoes can sometimes be an annoyance on two-day trips in camp – we recommend bringing insect repellent.

Trip Itinerary

The day begins as you meet your guides and fellow kayakers at the Gravel Bin boat ramp at 10:00 a.m. Here you will be asked to sign an "Assumption of Risk" form and to pay your balance if needed. From here we'll travel by van upriver to our launch location at Eagle Creek Campground (Boulder Flat if the group is suitably experienced). At Eagle Creek we'll fit everyone for lifejackets and paddle gear and discuss safety issues for the day. We'll cover the basics of inflatable kayaking. The day starts with Class I & II rapids before building to Class III before lunch. After lunch the action intensifies with lots of Class III rapids and the infamous Class IV rapid Pinball. The day finishes with numerous Class II & III rapids before arriving at Gravel Bin where we met this morning and where your vehicle is parked. You can expect to be off the river by 5:00 p.m.

The Beautiful and Action-Packed North Umpqua

Set amidst the wilderness areas and national forests of the Southern Oregon Cascades, the North Umpqua River is one of the most beautiful rivers in the Northwest. Towering Douglas fir forests line this steep and rugged canyon, shading the crystal clear water as it leaps and cascades through steep gorges and boulder-strewn rapids. With 25 significant rapids and numerous smaller ones in a little over 20 miles the Umpqua delivers one of the most fun and enjoyable paddle rafting experiences in the Northwest. In between rapids marvel at the majestic moss and lichen hung forests – and keep an eye out for the American Dipper—also known as the water Ouzel!

With no major airports or large tourist cities nearby, the Umpqua River is off the beaten track. For those seeking relaxation and inspiration in the outdoors (with a splash of adventure thrown in) this area is a rewarding playground. Numerous hiking and mountain biking trails and more than 25 scenic waterfalls in the Umpqua National forest provide fantastic experiences. For a grander view, close by [Crater Lake National Park](#), formed by the collapse of Mt. Mazama, holds the deepest, clearest, and coldest lake in America. And for the fisherman, the combination of a large (and mostly native) summer steelhead run, fly-angling only restrictions and an idyllic setting has made the North Umpqua a popular fishing destination for fisherman from around the world. Visit our [North Umpqua River Photo Gallery](#).

Our [one day trips](#) include the most exciting section of the North Umpqua River. If you are looking for a longer trip we offer fully outfitted [weekend getaways](#) which include a full two days of rafting. For more information about area attractions, accommodations and camping visit [North Umpqua Area Links](#) on our website.

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Thanks again for choosing Ouzel Outfitters. We look forward to hosting you for a memorable rafting adventure. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Section 1 I, the undersigned, as a participant on an Ouzel Holding, Co., Inc. (dba) Ouzel Outfitters (hereafter referred to as "Ouzel") trip, have been informed that Ouzel makes every reasonable effort to safeguard me, my family, and my (our) belongings. However, by reading and signing this document, I acknowledge and appreciate that during the river trip or tour and related activities in which I am participating with Ouzel and its agents, employees or associates, certain risks and dangers exist which are inherent in river running, associated activities and wilderness travel. I acknowledge and appreciate that these risks include but are not limited to loss or damage to personal property, personal injury or fatality to myself, my spouse, family members or friends. **Damage to or loss of property, personal injury or fatality may occur due to** the capsize of a raft, kayak or other water craft; collision of a raft, kayak or other water craft with a vehicle, bridge, other water craft, rock, log, tree, or other object in the river or on shore; falling into or from a raft, kayak or water craft, or falling while hiking or walking on shore on and off established trails and paths; water damage due to leaking bags or other containers; illness caused by waterborne parasites or insect or animal borne bacteria and viruses; exposure to temperature extremes or inclement weather; immersion in cold water and hypothermia (significant loss of body heat); prolonged submersion or entrapment in or under the water due to a rock, tree, water craft, loose equipment, river current or other object in the water; collision while swimming in swift or calm water with a rock, tree, water craft or other manmade or natural object in the water or on shore. Damage to or loss of property, personal injury or fatality may also occur due to vehicle accident while riding in vehicles operated by Ouzel, its agents, employee or associates. I also acknowledge and appreciate that delay of advanced medical care in the event of accident or illness in remote places without medical facilities, physicians or nurses is inherent in the activities in which I am participating with Ouzel. I further acknowledge that emergency electronic communication devices (satellite phones) are **NOT** carried on **Deschutes, McKenzie and North Umpqua River trips.**

In consideration of and as part of payment for the right to participate in Ouzel trips or tours and the services and meals arranged for me by Ouzel and its agents and associates, I certify that I have the necessary skills and ability to participate in this activity, and do voluntarily participate in this river trip and the related activities with knowledge of the dangers and risks involved, as stated above. By my signature below, I accept and assume responsibility for myself or a minor for whom I have legal guardianship, for injury, death and/or loss of or damage to personal property and expenses thereof as a result of my participation in this activity except to the extent such damage or injury may be due to the gross negligence of Ouzel. I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for myself, my property and those for whom I have legal custody and hereby release and discharge Ouzel and its officers, directors, stockholders, employees, representatives, sub contractors and agents from all claims, demands, and rights or causes of action for injuries or damages of any description which may occur as a result of my participation on this Ouzel trip. If I am signing this agreement on behalf of another person, I certify that all representations are true with respect to the participant and that I am the participant's legal guardian with full authority to bind that person to the terms of this agreement.

Section 2. Ouzel and/or its associates and employees act only as agents for the client in making arrangements for trips and/or travel services with common carriers or other outfitters and/or guide services, for vehicle shuttle services, and for carpools among various trip members, and accepts and assumes no liability or responsibility whatsoever for any damages, injuries, fatalities, losses, or delays due to any cause whatsoever, whether to person or property in connection with such services and/or arrangements. Ouzel shall not be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time participants are aboard airlines, trains, buses, vans, or other common carriers or private passenger cars which are not operated by Ouzel and each trip member hereby agrees to release Ouzel from any and all liability in connection therewith.

Participants are strongly advised to have personal medical insurance, along with baggage and camera insurance. It is understood that if emergency evacuation should become necessary, the expenses are the sole responsibility of the participant and not that of Ouzel. Ouzel is not responsible for the safety and security of client vehicles or personal property left in vehicles during the course of any Ouzel trip or related activity. Ouzel reserves the right to accept or decline service to any person.

Section 3. I hereby agree to permit Ouzel employees and other guests to take photographs and make film records of the trip without further recourse or compensation to me. I understand and agree that such photographs and/or film records may be used for commercial and/or promotional purposes.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ ALL SECTIONS OF THIS DOCUMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF EACH. I AM AWARE THAT THIS AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND CONTRACT BETWEEN OUZEL AND/OR ITS AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS AND MYSELF. I SIGN OF MY OWN FREE WILL ON MY BEHALF OR ON BEHALF OF PARTICIPATING MINORS FOR WHICH I HAVE LEGAL CUSTODY.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT _____ D.O.B. _____ TRIP DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Minor participants should sign here, but parent or legal guardian must sign below.

NAME OF LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNING FOR MINOR LISTED ABOVE _____

SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____