

OWYHEE TRIP INFORMATION

The Owyhee canyon provides unsurpassed solitude, 65 miles of total wilderness from Rome to Lake Owyhee. As we travel the river corridor, we must assume a greater degree of personal responsibility for our safety and well-being. Please take time to prepare yourself mentally and physically. Spring water and air temperatures may be very variable, come well stocked with warm and water resistant clothing.

Meeting time and place

We will meet you the morning of our trip at 9 at the BLM campground and office in Rome, OR.

- Coming from the south, go through Reno, NV. Take I-80 east and go 165 miles to Winnemucca. Take Highway 95 to Burns Junction, about 130 miles, continue another 12 miles to the hamlet of Rome. The Owyhee River crosses Hwy 95 just beyond Rome. The river access is on the right hand side of the road. Last gas and food before Rome are in the small town of McDermitt on the NV-OR border.
- Coming from the north, go through Bend, OR. Take Hwy 20 and go 132 miles to Burns. Take Hwy 78 to Burns Junction, about 100 miles, continue another 12 miles to the hamlet of Rome. The Owyhee River crosses Hwy 95 just beyond Rome. The river access is on the right hand side of the road.

Lodging and Food

- Camping at the Rome River put-in
- Rome Cafe, located right across the river put-in offers food and rustic cabins, 541-586-2294
- Basque Station Motel in Jordan Valley, 35 miles NE of Rome on Hwy 95, 541-586-2244
- Best Western in Burns, 541-573-5050

Information: BLM, Vale, OR 541-473-3144

Safety.. Your safety and comfort are our utmost concern. Our guides are mature, skilled professionals, certified in first aid and CPR. All trips are equipped with first aid kits and river rescue equipment. Safety procedures will be explained in detail prior to and during the trip.

Because of the inherent risks involved with any outdoor activity, we are required to have you sign an acknowledgment of risk and release of liability.

Equipment.. We supply the finest river equipment, including wetsuits and paddle jackets, top-of-the-line Coast Guard approved life jackets and helmets.

Inflatable kayaks.. Our self-bailing inflatable kayaks are one-person rafts, very stable, easy to paddle and immense fun. At safe water levels, we bring a few to share on all class 2 and 3 runs.

Food.. We provide all meals, from lunch the first day through lunch the last day. We serve fresh, wholesome food, organic when available. We make every effort to accommodate your preferences; let us know if you are on a special diet or have food allergies. We provide water, juice and wine with dinner. Bring your own sodas and beer if you so desire, we'll keep them cold.

Souvenirs.. River Dancers T-shirts and hats are nice mementos of your river adventure. Ask your guides.

Gratuities.. If you feel your guide did a great job, a tip is the perfect way to show your appreciation.

WHAT TO BRING

You will be getting wet! Wool or synthetic work best for cooler weather trips. Avoid cotton that dries slowly and has no insulating value.

On the river

- Wetsuit, dry suit, dry top and/or paddle jacket
- Tennis shoes or sturdy river sandals, wool socks
- Raincoat and rain pants
- Fleece or wool jacket, warm hat and gloves
- Synthetic short and long sleeve shirt
- Sun hat, sunglasses with straps
- Sunscreen and lip balm

Camping

- Ground tarp, compact tent, sleeping pad and bag
- Extra clothing and hiking shoes
- Toiletries, small towel
- Small daypack or fanny pack for hiking
- Flashlight with extra batteries

Optional

- Camera with extra film or batteries, binoculars
- Spare glasses or contact lenses
- Medication, insect repellent
- Extra set of car keys and extra beverages if desired

PLEASE LEAVE ALL VALUABLES AT HOME

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