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MIDDLE FORK RIVER EXPEDITIONS





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Middle Fork of the Salmon River

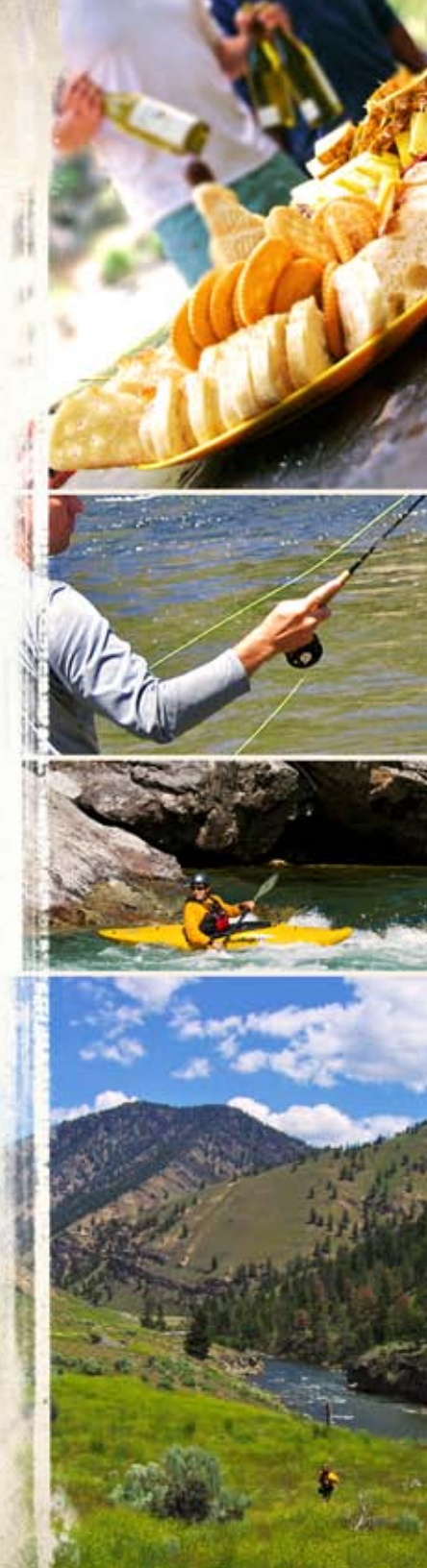
Escape to an unhurried atmosphere of natural beauty. Explore a part of primitive America as it once was and still is. This is country that offers you both adventure and solitude. Discover lasting friendships around warm campfires. Come to the Idaho wilderness for a vacation you won't find anywhere else in the world.

The Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho is the premier wilderness rafting trip in the United States. It is 100 miles of pristine, wild and scenic, free-flowing river through the largest wilderness area in the US. Enjoy gourmet cuisine, blue ribbon fishing, oar & paddle boats and inflatable & hardshell kayaks, ancient Indian caves, hot springs, mountain scenery, and good jokes — all in an unspoiled wilderness setting on a free-flowing “Wild and Scenic River.”

Towards the end of your journey you'll pass through the Impassable Canyon—the second deepest in North America. The Middle Fork of the Salmon is unspoiled, remote, and roadless so you can be sure you *will* get away from it all. Simply put, it is the premiere river run in the West! We promise an adventure to exceed your expectations, one that you will

remember long after you return to your daily routine. Escape and share our thrills, our laughs, our quiet moments. Find your way to this special place.

With Middle Fork River Expeditions (MFRE) you'll enjoy the best river running the West has to offer. We are bonded and licensed recreation professionals, known for our friendly, personalized service. We provide a first-class adventure with true western hospitality. Share our warm campfire and riverside feasts. You are welcome here. We provide more unabashed fun than anyone! Our river guides are seasoned professionals, licensed by the state of Idaho and First Aid Certified. They are expert river runners, magnificent cooks, great storytellers, and knowledgeable, helpful outdoorsmen. Join Middle Fork River Expeditions for a magical wilderness river vacation!



LIVING ON “RIVER TIME”

Slow yourself down to river trip speed. Adjust to “river time.” You awaken to the sun, the river’s melodic sound, and mule deer nibbling the dew-covered grass not more than 20 feet away from you. Poking your head slowly outside the tent, the deer looks at you, startled, then glides across the meadow.

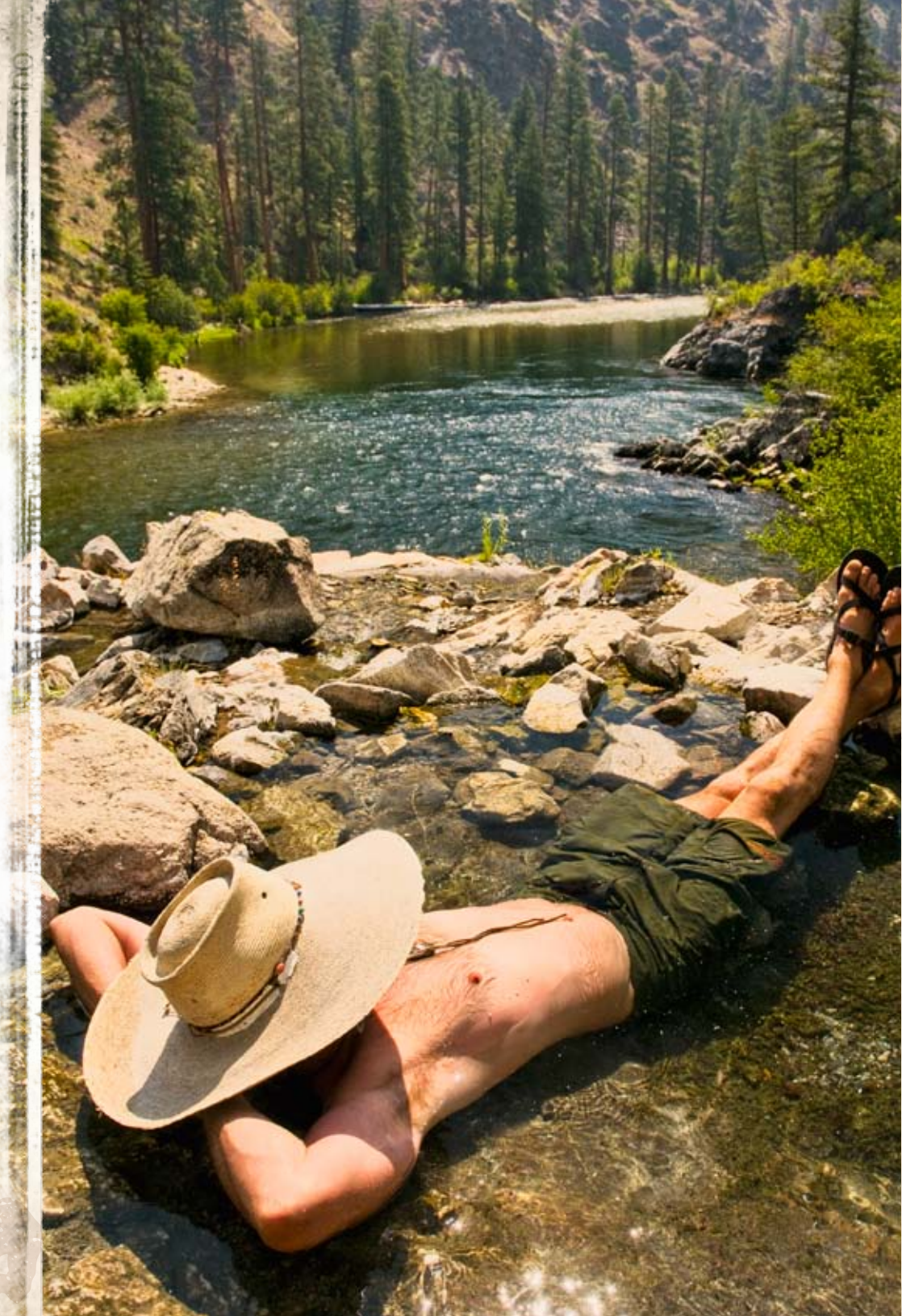
The rich, full scent of coffee fills the air. Smoke curls its way from the campfire where several guides begin the early morning breakfast feast. Eggs, bacon, pancakes, fresh fruit — here in the wilderness? You bet!

After breakfast, you walk upstream, sit on a rock at river’s edge and daydream for awhile, enjoying the solitude. There’s no rush here, no traffic jams or phones or big city hassles. Most days you have the leisure of a late morning departure. Enjoy the unhurried pace.

Just before lunch, your raft pulls to the riverbank and you investigate an old mining claim. After your guide relates the mine’s colorful story, you scramble down the trail to scout the rapid around the bend. Back in the boat you cheer the boatman’s skill as he maneuvers you safely through the rapids, and feel a camaraderie with your new-found friends.

You turn around and watch the paddle boat running a rapid. Everyone wields a paddle and a smile, with the guide steering at the stern. It looks like fun. Later, as you wade through a second deli sandwich at lunch, you decide you’ll give it a try tomorrow.

At this night’s campground, your guides serve a gourmet meal from the heavy, black Dutch ovens. You can’t believe your appetite! Food is fresh, plentiful, and superb. Three-course meals bring mouth-watering fare the likes of crisp salads, fresh vegetables, juicy steaks, and home-baked desserts. After dinner, while some are recording the scenery and each other’s antics on camera, you steal away from the group, hike up the creek and tie into a gigantic cutthroat that nearly wears out your arm.



Later, you enjoy a soak at the hot springs and make a faraway world even more distant. Back at the inviting campfire, you and your friends alternate songs and tall tales into the night.

When you bed down this evening, sleep comes as a gift at the end of a full day. Tonight, you decide to lie outside the tent. Above you, the twinkling, heavens hold stars brighter that you've ever seen. As you doze off, the crickets chirp, the river sings, and you wonder, "Why haven't I done this sooner?"

Come with us and discover the majesty of Idaho's unspoiled wilderness and the beauty and rich history of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. A chance to get reacquainted with yourself, your family, and an opportunity to make new friends in the great Idaho outdoors — that's all part of the Middle Fork experience. Here is the vacation of your life just waiting to happen. Join us for the time of your life!

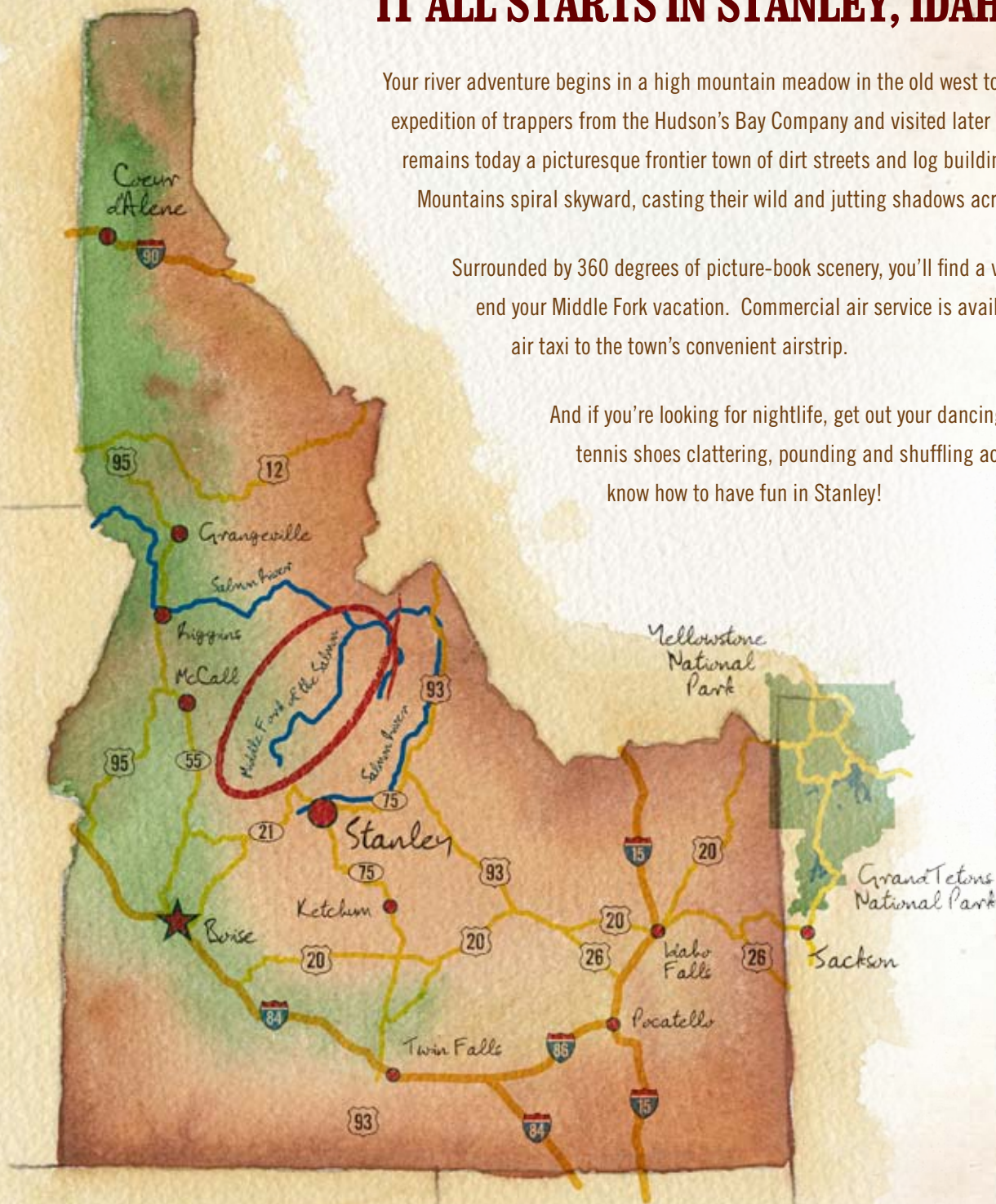


IT ALL STARTS IN STANLEY, IDAHO

Your river adventure begins in a high mountain meadow in the old west town of Stanley, Idaho, population 100. Discovered in 1822 by an expedition of trappers from the Hudson's Bay Company and visited later by mountain men and prospectors looking for the mother lode, it remains today a picturesque frontier town of dirt streets and log buildings dating to the turn of the century. Here, the imposing Sawtooth Mountains spiral skyward, casting their wild and jutting shadows across Stanley Basin and Sawtooth Valley.

Surrounded by 360 degrees of picture-book scenery, you'll find a variety of natural wonders. Here is the perfect place to begin and end your Middle Fork vacation. Commercial air service is available through Boise or Hailey, connecting to Stanley via rental car or air taxi to the town's convenient airstrip.

And if you're looking for nightlife, get out your dancing shoes. Every night of the week you can hear cowboy boots and tennis shoes clattering, pounding and shuffling across the dance floor as people do the "Stanley Stomp." Folks sure know how to have fun in Stanley!



AT ROAD'S END

When a raft trip begins on the Middle Fork, it can truly be said that "the road ends here." Rafting the river is the best access to this magnificent wilderness retreat as the Middle Fork cuts a deep swath through the mountainous terrain.

Beginning at the crisp-aired elevation of 5,700 feet, the Middle Fork of the Salmon rushes and tumbles for 100 miles through the heart of the famed Idaho wilderness. The rafts push off at Boundary Creek, 40 miles northwest of Stanley. Here begins your whitewater adventure.



Sights and Side trips

A Middle Fork vacation provides much more than the excitement of the river. It offers you a land rich in history. Come and live the experience of another time, another place.

Redfish Lake

Redfish Lake, five miles from Stanley, has long been renowned for its spectacular beauty and as a mecca for water sports. Enjoy fine fishing, water skiing, even wind surfing. In addition, a charming rustic resort lodge at the lake offers homestyle dining.

Custer Ghost Town

Ever see a ghost? You can when you visit the old ghost town of Custer. A designated historic site with museum and abandoned gold dredge to explore, you can still see the original blacksmith shop, saloon, and bawdy house.

Sun Valley

Just over the hill from Stanley lies world-famous Sun Valley, with championship golf and tennis, boutiques and fine European cuisine.

National Parks

Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks, Jackson Hole and the Tetons, Hells Canyon National Recreation Area — they're all in this neck of the woods and would make a great stop either before or after your Middle Fork vacation.

EXPERT LEADERS

Middle Fork River Expeditions attracts gifted guides for whom leading trips is their passion. Our guides positively elevate your experience by being educators, companions, and the best of friends. Most MFRE guides have 10 or more years experience on rivers and all are First Aid Certified, Swiftwater Rescue Certified, and licensed by the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board. Oh, they also tend to be great musicians!

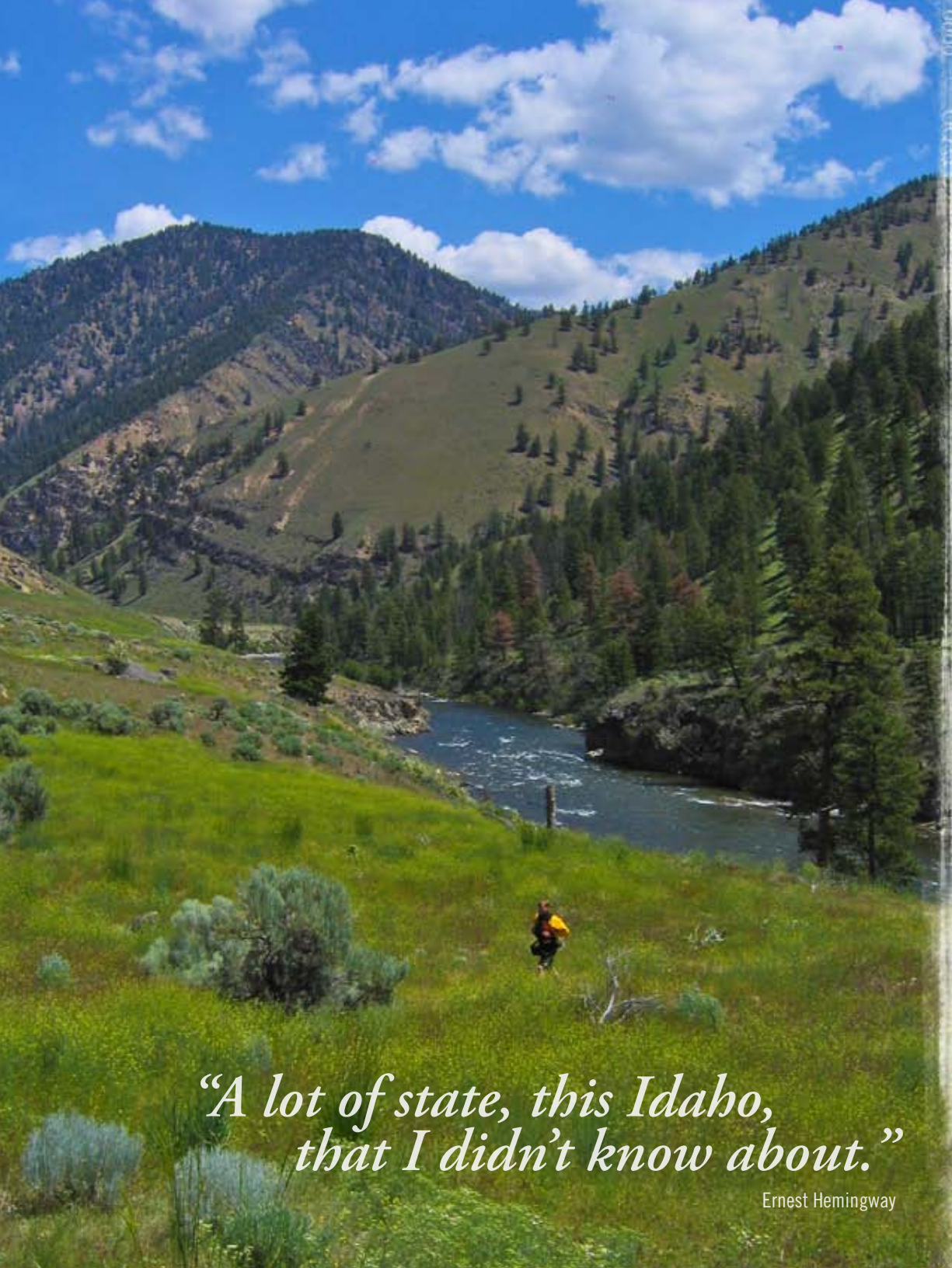


ECO FOCUS

At MFRE, we made a pledge to make our outfitting company the most green in the industry. It has taken great effort, but it is well worth it, as we feel we have the most eco-friendly rafting business in the US.

MFRE carbon offsets all our river trips through the purchase of Green Tags, which accounts for transportation to/from the river, as well as how much charcoal we burn. We also recycle everything from the trips (glass, plastic, aluminum, etc.) including food waste which is either fed to pigs at a local farm, composted, or used in worm bins. We also own a 120 gallon vegetable oil tank to burn used cooking oil from the Mountain Village Restaurant in Stanley in our Ford F350 Diesel truck used to transport our equipment to/from the river. We also follow Leave No Trace Ethics and purchase all guest households a yearly membership to Idaho Rivers United, a non-profit organization whose focus is Salmon Recovery on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and on the Salmon River.





*“A lot of state, this Idaho,
that I didn’t know about.”*

Ernest Hemingway

EXPLORE THE WILDERNESS

The Middle Fork is surrounded by the largest wilderness area in the lower 48 states—the 2.4 million-acre Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. Brushing shoulders to the north and northwest are the Selway-Bitterroot and Gospel Hump wilderness areas, encompassing more than 3.7 million acres of America’s finest unspoiled treasure.

The Middle Fork truly defies classification. It cannot be called an alpine river, nor a semi-arid or desert river, as it drops 2,700 feet in elevation during the trip. It’s all of these – and more – rolled into one twisting, free-flowing river that plunges through the Idaho wilderness, rushing to the sea.

On the river’s upper end, the forest is thick with Douglas fir and lodgepole pine. Downriver, majestic ponderosa pines tower to staggering heights. Other principal species include quaking aspen, narrowleaf cottonwood and Englemann spruce. As the river loses elevation, the landscape changes. Mountain mahogany, bitterbrush and sagebrush appear, and suddenly you find yourself in a high desert environment.

It’s not unusual to spot mule deer and bighorn sheep in this vast wilderness. And if you have a keen eye, you might even sight a shy bobcat or the shaggy recluse of the river, the mountain goat. Playful river otter will amuse you as they bob up and down in the river’s riffles. Birds, too, abound. Overhead, majestic eagles soar and belted kingfishers, western tanagers and mountain bluebirds line the riverbanks.

In summer, the alpine meadows come ablaze with a stunning carpet of wildflowers, Indian paintbrush, elephant heads, lupine, and shooting stars burst forth to cover nature’s finest canvas.

If geology is your passion, Impassable Canyon will surely impress you. Not only is the canyon a half mile deeper than the Grand Canyon, but its steep and craggy granite walls make it virtually impassable — except by boat.

A FISHERMAN'S PARADISE

The Middle Fork is a premier, world-class fishing experience. It's blue ribbon and just one more feature that's made the Middle Fork famous! Fishermen, both fly and spin cast, have long savored the memory of landing a Middle Fork trout. Nothing fights like a Middle Fork rainbow, and cutthroat the size of a grown man's forearm are often conquered after a lengthy and exhilarating battle. You should see that fly rod bend!

Middle Fork fish are natives — there isn't a planter in the bunch. Chinook salmon and steelhead return from the Pacific Ocean to spawn in the river and its tributaries, making the longest up-stream trip in the lower 48. The westslope cutthroat trout is a special strain that has adapted to the unique habitat of the Middle Fork. Known locally as "redsides" because of the brilliant red slashes on their lower jaw, the cutthroat spawn primarily in the river's tributaries and migrate seasonally each year. They winter in the warmer waters of the Main Salmon or the lower reaches of Impassable Canyon, and each year as the water warms in spring they move back up the length of the Middle Fork. Dolly Varden and rainbow trout also inhabit the river in great numbers.

The river's management plan dictates a "catch-and-release" policy, where live bait and barbed hooks are not allowed. This ensures that the Middle Fork remains a blue-ribbon fishery where fish are liable to jump at just about anything thrown to them.

An Idaho State fishing license is required and may be purchased in Stanley, Idaho, before the trip. The best fishing shop in Stanley is McCoy's and you can purchase licenses, flies and all your fishing needs in one professional shop.



FISHING DATES

For the September fishing dates, all trips are designed for two fishermen per boat. We have rotating seats attached to the rafts for easier fishing. Depending on numbers of guests, we may have a third guest ride in the fishing boat and rotate into the fishing seats. We may also take non-fishing guests in the rafts, and if there are enough non-fishing guests we may bring a paddle boat along.



HIKING & HOT SPRINGS

There is plenty of time and numerous opportunities to hike and visit hot springs during your trip. There are six hot springs to visit in the river corridor and we try to camp at or near at least one during our trip. Time and logistics permitting, we hike to waterfalls, scenic grottos, ancient pictographs, and old miner's cabins in a given day. The Middle Fork Trail runs 80 miles along the Middle Fork, so there is always the option to hike along the river as well from any camp.



LIVE THE RIVER'S RICH HISTORY

You can traverse the country that forced even the adventurous Lewis and Clark to turn back. In 1805 their expedition crossed the Continental Divide and encountered the insurmountable jumble of mountains and rivers now known as the Idaho wilderness. Lacking today's whitewater rafts, the explorers were forced to journey north by land — around the Salmon River country — on their route westward. The area remains a barrier to travel today, accessible only by foot, horseback, or river.

Indians lived here for thousands of years. Elaborate pictographs etched in red ochre on the canon walls are older than the ancient cultures of Europe and Africa, showing that human habitation existed in this area more than 8,000 years ago.

This was the home of Sacajawea, the famed Shonshone Indian woman who guided Lewis and Clark to the Pacific Ocean. The Sheepeater tribe, a sub-group of the Northern Shoshone, made the Middle Fork Canyon their home. They were driven out by the US Cavalry in 1879 at the end of the Sheepeater War.

Gold! Its lure played an important part in the history of the Middle Fork. Your river trip provides you the chance to examine firsthand the many abandoned mines, diggings, and dreams of treasure. Listen as your guides tell tales of the hermit of Impassable Canyon, Earl Parrott, and about the struggles of poor ol' Charlie Norton, a prospector and hunter known as "a man of nerve."





BOATS & RAPIDS

The Middle Fork carves its path through the Boise, Challis Payette and Salmon national forests. With 96 free-flowing miles there's no finer all-around whitewater wilderness experience to be found. Dropping an average of 27 feet per mile with more than 100 named rapids, the Middle Fork boasts the finest combination of thrilling whitewater, extraordinary scenery, varied history and abundant wildlife of any river in America. On a scale of I-VI, Middle Fork rapids are mainly rated II-III. There are twenty-eight rapids rated class-III, with nine of them becoming class-IV rapids at higher levels at the end of May to early June. You will come to understand why the Middle Fork attracts adventure enthusiasts from around the globe!

You'll run these rapids with the aid of experienced, professional, licensed guides. Most guests ride in our oar-powered, self-bailing rafts. For the more adventurous we run a paddle boat—no experience required as your boatman steers at the stern while you and your newfound friends paddle. We also welcome experienced boaters who prefer to use their own kayaks and canoes. And when water levels permit (usually in July and August only) you can try out our 1- or 2-man inflatable kayaks, or even our inflatable stand-up paddle board around camp and in some of the flatwater sections. We also use a large baggage boat called a Sweep Boat that runs ahead of our group to start putting up camp before you arrive at the end of each day.

CAMPING

Being relaxed and lulled to sleep by the sound of the river is one of the best parts of the trip.

We provide all camping gear for you, including sleeping bag, 2 pads, pillow, 4-man tent, rain gear (tops and bottoms) and all camp equipment. In the evening, we set up a camp and have chairs to relax in for meals. We bring along a wilderness porta-potty and place it in a private place with stunning views. We practice Leave No Trace camping ethics, so you are sure to learn a lot about this on the trip and be able to take some of these new skills home with you.

The Middle Fork of the Salmon is very pristine and there is no bathing allowed in the river—bathing and showering must be done above the high water mark with biodegradable soap. We do bring along a couple of sun showers for you to use if you wish.



Packing

We Supply...

- Sleeping bag (rated 20-35°F)
- Thermarest sleeping pad and Ridgerest pad, ~2" total
- Pillow
- Raingear (jacket and pants)
- 2 dry bags (1 Large for sleep kit and evening gear, 1 small for daytime gear)
- Tents (4 man tents for 1-2 people)
- Farmer John wetsuit (when needed in June and July)
- Life jacket (Type V)
- Helmet (only for inflatable kayaks, paddle raft and stand up paddle board)
- All water craft and commissary equipment
- MFRE mug and water bottle with carabiner for attaching to raft

You Bring...

- Towel & personal toiletry items
- Biodegradable soap
- Sunscreen lotion and chapstick
- Sunglasses with retainer & sun hat
- Bathing suit
- Socks - 3 pair (1 wool, 1 cotton, 1 hiking)
- T-shirts - 2 (one cotton for evenings and one silk or lightweight wool for daytime- Icebreaker makes an excellent wool t-shirt)
- Long sleeved shirts - 2 (one cotton for evenings and one silk or lightweight wool for daytime)
- Long pants - 2 (one cotton for evenings and one synthetic for daytime)
- Shorts - 2 (one cotton for evenings and one synthetic for daytime)
- Underwear - assorted (cotton and silk)
- Evening Jacket
- Cold weather jacket & fleece sweater
- Shoes - one pair for camp & hiking
- Shoes - one pair for river (Tekstra or Keens with toe coverage is good)
- Shoes- Flip Flops (optional- for drying out feet at camp)
- Fishing gear (rod in sturdy hard case)
- Fishing license (buy in Stanley at Mercantile)
- Camera and spare battery
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Water bottle with carabiner to attach to raft
- Ziplock bags - handy for small items (isolate wet articles from rest of gear)
- Olay face wipes or other brand for cleaning face (optional)



FOOD

We provide healthy and delicious meals, accompanied with *lots* of salads, fresh fruits and vegetables. We also use as much organic produce/products as is available in central Idaho. It's gourmet river cuisine with home-made ingredients! Our goal is to have you eat healthy meals so that you feel good and refreshed during the day with lots of energy for fun in this remote wilderness setting. If you would like a copy of our menu please call us. Vegetarians welcome and meat eaters alike! There are also always snacks available during the day.





WILD AND FREE...FOREVER!

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Congress has designated the Middle Fork as a “Wild and Scenic River,” ensuring that it will remain forever as it is now — clean, wild and free. No dams, roads or pollution. The Middle Fork offers only the best of Mother Nature’s work.

Power boats are not allowed on this river because of its wild and scenic designation. The U.S. Forest Service issues a limited number of use permits to assure that the river and the campsites along its banks will not be overcrowded and overused. Nothing is allowed to spoil the land — or your experience.



ITINERARY

Please arrive in Stanley, Idaho, the night before the trip begins. Stanley is a 45-minute flight or 2½ hour drive from Boise or a 1 hour drive from Sun Valley. A pre-trip orientation at the MFRE warehouse is at 7:30pm the evening before the trip begins. We will get acquainted, answer questions, and have a short orientation to show you how to pack the waterproof gear bags we provide for your personal gear. Please note lodging in Stanley is on your own. We have 14 rooms reserved under “Middle Fork River Expeditions” at the Mountain Village Lodge (800-843-5475) for the evening before your trip and on day 6 of your trip. Please call them right away after booking your trip as they release the room block 14 days before the date. We also recommend the Sawtooth Hotel at 208-721-2459.

DAYS 1–3

We meet this morning at 8am and travel 1½ hours by bus to the river. Upon launching our rafts at Boundary Creek, 6000' above sea level, you'll enter an enchanted forest of fir and spruce that scents the high mountain air. Sparkling clear waters careen through boulder-choked rapids with names that guides speak with reverence such as *Velvet Falls*, *Pistol Creek*, and *Tappan Falls*. Stops at mountain hot springs and pioneer homesteads provide the perfect balance to the on-river excitement. Evenings find us relaxing by the campfire, playing horseshoes and listening to the river and watching for shooting stars! Please note if water levels are low we may fly into Indian Creek, which is an amazing flight and great way to start your adventure. The flight is included and the lower put-in point makes it a 75 mile river trip.



DAYS 4–5

As we drop in elevation, the river widens and the spruce forest opens to vistas of pine-studded mountains and we enter Impassible Canyon, where no trails can be cut as the sheer walls go up over 6,000'. Between rapids, you'll drift quietly over deep pools of transparent water, home to native cutthroat and rainbow trout. Hikes underneath Waterfall Creek and up to Veil Falls are highlights for many of our guests.

NOTE...

Although we will do our very best to adhere to the itinerary schedule as listed, it is subject to change for numerous reasons beyond our control. If water conditions warrant a fly-in and/or a fly-out from the river, there will be an additional charge of approximately \$115+ per person.

DAY 6

The last day has some of the best and biggest rapids of the trip, which is a wonderful way to end a week in the largest wilderness area in the continental United States. We drive back to Stanley, arriving between 4-6pm. Tonight, join an optional “farewell” dinner in Stanley (on your own) to re-live memories and tell stories with your comrades.



FAQs



WHAT BEVERAGES DOES MFRE INCLUDE?

Water, lemonade and Gatorade are available in unlimited quantities on the boats and in camp. Coffee and hot chocolate are available every morning. Limited amounts of soda (Coke, Diet Coke, San Peligrino Lemonchiata and Aranchiata) will be available. We supply red and white wine each evening, usually 2 glasses/person. If you wish to bring your own preferred alcoholic beverages and sodas you may do so in moderate amounts. Please avoid glass containers unless it is wine or hard liquor. No beer is supplied and please bring in aluminum cans only.

HOW DO I PACK WHILE ON THE TRIP?

Travel with duffel bags only. You will transfer all of your personal clothing and sleep kit (we provide sleeping bag, pad and pillow) into two dry bags (approximately 28"L X 13"W X 13"H). PLEASE DO NOT BRING SUITCASES for this trip! We also give you a small dry bag for personal items during the day, like camera, shell, sunscreen, etc. If you have extra luggage, it can be stored in your car trunk or in a locker at a hotel in Stanley.

WHERE DO I STORE VALUABLES?

You will want to have ID and a major credit card with you in the event of an emergency evacuation due to injury. This very seldom happens, but we want you to be prepared. You can place in a double ziplock and place in the bottom of your dry bag for the trip. Since jewelry is a potential "loss" item on your river trip, we recommend you leave all valuables at home. You may want to have cash available for a tip for your guides, snacks during the return shuttle, or for one-of-a-kind souvenirs from the river's Flying-B Ranch.

WHAT ABOUT THE FISHING?

Fly fishing and spin fishing are both common on the Middle Fork and Main Salmon. For spin fishing 4 to 6 lb. test line is recommended with swivels and bright colored weight lures. Idaho regulations require barbless hooks or hooks with the barbs bent down on the Middle Fork. Fishing on the Middle Fork is catch and release only. Please bring collapsible poles and rigid pole cases. Please see recommended tackle in the fishing page of our website. You may purchase a short term non-resident license in Stanley prior to your trip. For complete fishing regulations please contact the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, 208-334-3700

WHAT ABOUT THE TOILET FACILITIES?

We bring along aluminum porta-potties that are placed in an

isolated and secluded spot with amazing views of the river canyon. We also bring along a tent in case the camp is not set up for a secluded spot.

WHAT ARE THE SLEEPING KITS MFRE PROVIDES?

We provide 20°F rectangular sleeping bags with liners, a Kelty camp pillow, and two pads for each guest. One pad is a ¾" Ridgerest and the other is a 1½" Therm-a-rest. We also provide Kelty Gunnison 4-man tents for 1 or 2 people. Singles go at no extra charge. If you are concerned about sleeping on the ground let us know and we can provide a cot or larger pad for a \$50/charge.

HOW IS THE HIKING?

There are many hiking opportunities on the trip. The hikes can be short side canyon hikes with river shoes or longer drainage hikes to spectacular waterfalls with lightweight hiking shoes.

WILL I GET TO DO ALL THE RIVER CRAFT OPTIONS?

We rotate people each day into different river craft if they want. You can choose, if appropriate, between the oar boats, paddle raft, inflatable kayaks, drift fishing boat, and SUP (stand up paddle) boards. If you want to go for it, try an inflatable kayak. If you feel like relaxing then an oar raft is more suitable. If you are an experienced kayaker or canoer and wish to use your own boat, please call us ahead of your trip so we can discuss your plans.

WHO ARE THESE TRIPS APPROPRIATE FOR?

As long as people are in good physical condition and can swim, we can take you on these trips. Our minimum age is 6 years old on the Middle Fork in July–Sept. Due to higher water levels the minimum age is 12 in June and all participants in June must be ready for bigger whitewater.

HOW MUCH DO I TIP THE GUIDES?

Your guides will make every effort to see that each of your adventures is enjoyable and successful. Gratuities for guides are appropriate, greatly appreciated and at your discretion, as a gesture of thanks for their professionalism and service. A suggested per-person guideline is around 10-15% of the total trip price. The common practice is to give the gratuity to the trip leader at the end of the trip. In trips where there are multiple guides, the gratuity will be split amongst all of them. Please make all checks out to "cash" and not MFRE.

RIVER REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum age for Middle Fork trips is 12 yrs. in June/6 yrs. in July and August. Please note, all participants must be able to swim, be in good physical shape and be able to self rescue.

TRAVEL TO STANLEY, IDAHO

There is commercial air service to Boise, Idaho. Then you have 3 options to get to Stanley.

- Rent a car and drive (131 miles or 3 hours)
- Shuttle Service with Caldwell Transportation (131 miles or 3 hours)
- Fly (45 minutes) with small Cessna airplane (Boise airport has several regional charters)

Sun Valley Option:

Another option is flying into Sun Valley (Hailey Airport) and take a taxi to Stanley, which is approximately 1½ hours north. It costs more to fly to Hailey than Boise but it's more convenient.

LODGING

Lodging is needed before and after your trip. We have 14 rooms reserved under "Middle Fork River Expeditions" at the Mountain Village Lodge, (800) 843-5475, for the evening before your trip and on day 6 of your trip. Please call them right away after booking your trip as they release the room block 14 days before the date. We also recommend the Sawtooth Hotel at 208-721-2459.

Call them directly after you decide on a trip date.

ORIENTATION

Plan to arrive in Stanley, Idaho by early evening the day before your trip for our 7:30PM meeting at the MFRE warehouse, located ¼ mile west on hwy 21 from Mountain Village on the left hand side of the street, between the Triangle C Ranch and the Meadow Creek Spa. There are three wooden oars with MFRE on them at the driveway entrance. We will get acquainted and answer questions, and have a short orientation to show you how to pack the waterproof bags (one large for sleeping kit and camp clothes and one small one for on-river gear) we provide for your personal gear.

WEATHER

Idaho weather can be variable and vigorous so come prepared with warm and cold weather clothing.

There is no such thing as bad weather if you bring the right clothing! Synthetics are best for layering and keeping you warm in all weather conditions. Weather during the daytime is 75°–90°F and evenings range from 40°–60°F. All June and September trips are typically cooler at night and you must bring warm gloves, ski hat and long underwear synthetic bottoms.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Deposits and final payments are refundable (less \$150.00 service charge per person) if written notice is received 90 days prior to your departure date. With less than 90 days notice your monies are nonrefundable. If Middle Fork River Expeditions must cancel a trip due to water levels, weather conditions, wild-fires or other circumstances, your payment will be forwarded to a future date and not refunded. Custom trips and groups of ten or more have a separate payment and cancellation policy.



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