

RAFTING THE MIDDLE FORK OF IDAHO'S SALMON RIVER



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with HUGHES RIVER EXPEDITIONS, Inc.

Raft Idaho's famous Middle Fork of the Salmon River, renowned as the "Crown Jewel of the National Wild & Scenic River System." The Middle Fork offers 100 roadless, motorless river miles through the Frank Church River of the No Return Wilderness Area, the largest mountain wilderness in the lower 48 states. Middle Fork highlights include crystal clear water, beautiful camps, natural hot springs, and intriguing Sheepeater Indian & pioneer historic sites.

Wildlife on the Middle Fork includes Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, mountain goat, mule deer, elk, cougar, black bear, beaver, otter, and more. Song birds, owls, hawks, eagles, chukar partridge and forest grouse dot the landscape. The Middle Fork is a 'blue ribbon' westslope cutthroat trout fishery. Fishing is "catch & release" with barbless hooks. This 5 Day/4 Night trip will allow you to explore this rugged country and take a step back in time.

Itinerary

Day 0: Stanley, Idaho. Plan to meet in Stanley the night before your trip for a pre-trip meeting. Headquarters is the Mountain Village Lodge, Junction of Highway 75 & 21, Stanley, ID, 800-843-5475. Meet at the Mountain Village Lodge at 8:00 p.m. During the meeting, we will discuss the trip, check out trip gear, and handle any last minute details. You can park your car at the Mountain Village during the trip and the Mountain Village provides a lockup room for items you don't take on the trip.

Day 1: HRE arranges air transportation from Stanley to put-in at Indian Creek. We leave Stanley around 8:00 a.m. and arrive at Indian Creek Airfield on the banks of the Middle Fork at approximately 9:00 a.m. The Forest Service and/or guide crew will present a pre-trip orientation on low impact camping, rules of the road, and safety. We launch at about 11:00 a.m. Lunch is on the river. Plan to arrive in camp by approximately 5:00 p.m.

Day 2: The morning routine is hot drinks, fruit, yogurt, fruit juice by about 7:00 a.m. Breakfast around 8:00 a.m. We will break camp and begin the day's float by 10:00 a.m. During the day, we will make stops to explore pioneer, Native American cultural sites and enjoy hot springs. Lunch is on the river. Plan to arrive in camp by about 5:00 p.m.



Day 3: Morning routine. We'll pass Big Loon Creek, Grouse Creek/Tappan cabin and boat the famous Tappan Falls series of rapids. During late afternoon, we float past Camas Creek, another major tributary. Plan to arrive in camp by about 5:00 p.m.

Day 4: Morning routine. We will float past the Flying B Ranch and store. Haystack, Bernard and Jack Creek rapids are white water highlights. During the afternoon, we will float past Waterfall and Big Creeks and float into the impressive Impassable Canyon. Highlights include Native American pictographs, waterfalls, and some of the Middle Fork's best rapids (Porcupine, Redsides, Cliffside, ...). Camp in beautiful canyonlands.

Day 5: Morning routine. Float final miles on the Middle Fork through a series of spectacular Class III and Class IV rapids including Rubber,

Hancock, Devil's Tooth, House of Rocks, and Jump-Off. Two and one-half miles below the confluence of the Middle Fork and the Main Salmon, our takeout is Cache Bar. But,

one-half mile before Cache Bar we run the trip's most powerful rapid at Cramer Creek. Take-out is planned for about 1:00 p.m. We return the group to Stanley by bus. Plan to arrive in Stanley between 6:00-6:30 p.m. If you elect to fly from Salmon back to the Boise Airport, we will drop you at the Salmon Airport at approximately 3:30 p.m.



Note: Upon signing up for the trip, participants will be sent a complete equipment list, detail sheet, and recommended reading list.

Guides

Hughes River Expedition guides are licensed by the Idaho Outfitters & Guides Licensing Board. The guides who work with us are professionals with exceptional river skills and years of experience. Each knows the Middle Fork very well. They are expert outdoor cooks, and their diverse backgrounds and personalities will enhance your trip. There will also be a representative from The Nature Conservancy along on this trip.

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Included in trip price: all meals beginning with lunch the 1st day, and ending with lunch the last day of your trip, plenty of drinking water, unlimited potable water, a limited supply of complimentary beverages and ice. All camping and rafting gear is provided including: tents, sleeping pads, freshly laundered sleeping bags & camp pillows, camp chairs, waterproof duffles for your personal gear, day bags, camera boxes, 1st Aid supplies, Coast Guard approved life jackets, Farmer John wetsuits (spring & high water), helmets for paddle teams & kayakers. A satellite phone is available for emergency use only. Once you make reservations, or on request, we provide a detailed gear list of recommended personal items for the river.

Not included in trip price: transportation to/from trip headquarters in Stanley, ID, motels and meals before/after trip, flight cost from Stanley to Indian Creek Airfield (plan to pay Sawtooth Flying Service directly for this flight, approximately \$110/person at the time of the flight), trip interruption and cancellation insurance, and gratuities.

Costs & Reservations

- Deposit to reserve space, per person, payable to Hughes River Expeditions \$550/person
- Payment for balance of HRE trip: \$1,045
- Total Payable to Hughes River Expeditions \$1595
- Forest Service Recreation Fee (\$4/person/day) \$20.00
- Flight to the river (see note on next page) \$110 (approximate)

NOTE: Flight Cost from Stanley to Indian Creek will be approximately \$110 and is payable directly to "Sawtooth Flying Service" at the time of the flight. (Flight costs may change due to additional fuel costs).

Reservations:

To make a reservation, please contact Hughes River Expeditions. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The trip is limited to 21 participants.

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Cancellations:

Should you have to cancel your trip plans, deposits and final payments made to HRE are non-refundable, unless we can replace your reservations. Alternate guests are welcome. If we replace your canceled space(s) with other guests, a \$100/person cancellation fee is charged.

Please understand that we cannot insure your investment in river trip reservations. **We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation and interruption insurance.** Once you sign up, we lose the right to sell your reserved space to other individuals or groups. Our number of trips and spaces per trip are limited by river management plans. Therefore, we regret that we cannot make exceptions for personal emergencies.

Trip cancellation and interruption insurance can include a full refund should you cancel due to health, medical, or other reasons. If you cannot afford to forfeit your reservation dollars, it is highly recommended to purchase trip cancellation insurance.

Assumption of Risk

One requirement of joining a river trip with Hughes River Expeditions, is to sign an "assumption of risk agreement" We will send you this form after you make reservations, or at your request.



Safety First

All participants are required to wear life jackets at all times when on the water during a trip with Hughes River Expeditions.

USDA/FS Policy

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Forest Service Special Use Permit

Hughes River Expeditions, Inc. operates under a special use permit with the Salmon-Challis National Forest.



Nature Conservancy

Contact Information

If you would like to talk to a Nature Conservancy representative about this trip, please contact Rudy Dietz, Field Trip Program Manager at The Nature Conservancy (see information below).

For further questions, or to make a reservation, please contact Hughes River Expeditions (see information below).

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