

## Fly Fishing Trips on the Deschutes and John Day Rivers



Journals from the Oregon Territory tell of boating on rivers with sunlit riffles; of mountain peaks and profound canyons; of bighorn sheep and bald eagles. You, too, can explore, float, and flycast on these same rivers for Rainbow trout, Steelhead, and Smallmouth bass. Everything is provided -- the gear, excellent meals to savor and world class guides with the knack for knowing when to leave you to your solitude and when to offer a bit of river lore. When it comes to camping, fishing, rafting, or just spending time in the wilderness, let A & B Pro Guides help you design the perfect vacation.

### Prices

FLY FISHING FLOAT TRIPS for Rainbow Trout, Smallmouth Bass or Steelhead

1 Guide/2 Anglers  
1 Day (8-10 hours) . . . call  
3 Day . . . . . call  
4 Day . . . . . call  
5 Day . . . . . call  
*(All prices subject to change)*

Trips are standard 2 person minimum. We can sometimes pair up a single with another for a lower rate. Groups of 3 or more will fish from additional boats. Fly rods, tents, meals and sleeping bags are provided on some trips. Note: Extra fees may apply for additional gear; flies, wading boots, leaders, indicators, BLM Boaters Pass and gratuity.

We will need a credit card to process the BLM boaters pass online. This will be done in advance of your trip.

Custom trips also available that include three days of fishing and four nights lodging at local hotels and/or Bed & Breakfasts, plus transportation to and from the river. There are 4 different launch points in the lower 100 miles for day trips. In addition you must purchase a Deschutes River User Pass for a low daily fee. Some of the trips require you purchase a Warm Springs Indian Reservation permit. We will help arrange for all licenses and permits if you do not have them.

### **One day walk in trips on the Deschutes and Crooked River / 10 hours**

Guide will pick you up at a prearranged place on or near the river. Lunch and soft drinks are included.

### **Multi-day (overnight) float trips on the Deschutes and John Day Rivers / 2 to 5 days.**

There are many different areas to start these trips. These trips take a lot of preparation, and the starting point and time need to be set well in advance. Day 1 of your trip you get lunch and dinner, then 3 square meals till the last day when only breakfast and lunch is served.

## **Gear Fishing**

### **One day trips for gear fishers**

Gear fishing trips are available on most rivers, but we do not mix fly fishers with gear fishers except when requested by the entire party! Most gear trips are in the Portland area during winter and spring months, where we fish for harvestable salmon and steelhead. Lunch is an option on some of these trips and must be prearranged.

### **Multi-day float trips for gear fishers**

These trips are the same as the overnight fly trips above. They are not recommended for the Portland area but can be arranged. We do some trips on the John Day River in the spring and summer for those serious bass anglers who love there sport!

## **John Day River**

Running over 500 river miles, the John Day is the second longest free-flowing stream in the U.S. It is protected as a "Wild and Scenic" river under the Oregon Scenic Waterways Act. The country is characterized by steep basalt canyon walls, juniper and sagebrush dotted hillsides, abandoned homesteads, and petroglyphs.

The John Day, which runs 280 miles from its headwaters in the Blue Mountains to its confluence with the Columbia, is our longest rafting trip. It's a good trip to choose if you are looking for a scenic float and mild whitewater.

In 1988 Congress designated 148 miles of the main John Day (including the sections we float) as well as 101 miles of the north and south forks as National Wild and Scenic Rivers. The John Day watershed supports one of the largest remaining populations of wild Chinook salmon and steelhead in the Columbia Basin, and is known for its excellent bass fishing. A wide variety of bird life may be found here, as well.

We offer trips on both the Upper and the Lower John Day. Either section is ideal for a scenic float and they may be combined to create an nine day journey!

The Lower John Day trip begins with a few class III rapids, but thereafter few rapids are encountered, and most of those are quite mild. This leaves you with ample time to relax, sunbathe, fish, and take in the passing scenery.

Although close to Portland, the John Day's lower reaches are little traveled. As a result we often find that we have the colorful scenery and great fishing all to ourselves.



The John Day River offers some of the best Smallmouth Bass fishing in the country. In 1971, approximately 75 Smallmouth Bass were introduced. Since then, they have flourished! Bass season is at its peak from early April to the end of August. It is not uncommon to hook in excess of 75 fish per rod per day. These fish average from 8"-12", with larger fish in the 18"-20" range. The big fish for '98 was a 22 1/4" monster that weighed 6.4 lbs!!

This is the perfect river to introduce new flycasters to the sport, as the fish are typically aggressive and plentiful. The majority of the fishing is done from the boat fishing the banks for feeding fish. When the shade is on the water we fish with poppers and surface bugs. Sun on the water flies are typically muddlers and woolly buggers.

## **Deschutes River**

Oregon's premier Deschutes River hosts line stripping Steelhead and spectacular native "Redsides" Rainbow Trout. The Deschutes River is equally engaging for flycasting adventures or family rafting trips. The class four white water river cuts a sweeping swath through Oregon's high desert, juniper and sage brush country.



The Deschutes River is a legendary trout stream, and its tributaries flow through the heart of the region, providing fast-paced fishing for bright, hard-fighting native rainbows throughout the year. To the northeast, the sparkling Crooked River winds through dramatic canyons, offering hot fishing action in one of the region's most spectacular settings.

### **Popular fly's on the Deschutes**

Dries: #16 X-CADDIS, PMD's, Elk Hairs, #8-#10 madam x, Daves Hopper  
Nymphs: #16 Pheasant tails, Prince nymphs, Hares. In September, late morning through the afternoon it's a nymphing game on the bright days with BH hares ears, red copper jons and serindipities, lafontain pupa, p-tails and king bead princes. Sub surface like green butts skunks, purple perils, signal lights, etc. along with skaters on top will prove productive for steelhead.

### **Deluxe Packages**

The level of service and amenity is high on our standard trips\*. However, we also offer additional services to those looking for a little something extra.

Deluxe day-drip packages may be created to include: Round trip transportation from area airports, hotels and resorts. Custom barbecue lunch or dinner, digital photography and custom itineraries.

Deluxe multi-day trip packages may be assembled to include some or all of the above, plus: Sleeping bag, pad and tents to be provided. Additional staff assigned to trip, who will set up camp – and your tent – prior to your arrival. Premium wine, beer and soft drinks to be provided.

Our standard prices include the services of our professional guide staff, transportation to our launch point from our meeting place and back again, all meals (including coffee, tea,

fresh, water, juice, and wine with dinner), all rafting and safety equipment, waterproof river bags and boxes for your personal gear, and camp chairs. We do not charge extra for credit card transactions, and our prices include all government fees, boater's passes and permits (with the exception of state sales tax on our Salmon trips).



Deluxe packages are available on selected trips. Please contact our office for details and to request a custom price quote.

If you have more questions or would like to reserve your seats now please call **503-720-9033**. 9:00 am. to 10:00 pm. seven days a week. We accept Visa, Master Card and Checkl. A deposit is required to reserve seats.

After booking, a confirmation along with more information on the trip including menus and a map and driving directions to the boat will be e-mailed to you.

**For more information or to book a fishing trip please call numbers below.**

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