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About The John Day River:

Running more than 500 miles, the John Day is the third longest free-flowing river in the contiguous United States. It is protected as a "Wild and Scenic" river under Oregon Scenic Waterways Act. The river's serpentine course meanders along steep basalt canyon walls, juniper- and sagebrush-dotted hills, abandoned homesteads, and petroglyphs. This is one of the most culturally rich river corridors in Oregon. For thousands of years the Northern Paiute lived on this river they called the Mah-Hah. In 1805 these canyon dwellers met their first Europeans, the Lewis and Clark expedition. In 1812, the river was renamed the John Day after one of the members of the Astor-Hunt overland party. The John Day River is truly the Grand Canyon of Oregon.

The John Day is also arguably the finest smallmouth bass fishery west of the Mississippi. Anglers of all skill levels can enjoy insanely high rates of feisty smallmouth bass while experiencing one of the West's most interesting and least traveled wilderness float trips.

Bass season is at its peak from mid-June to the end of August. It is not uncommon to hook in excess of 75 fish per rod per day. 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 and from the banks targeting 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.

For families and private parties keen on fly fishing success, these multi-day rafting trips provide a high level of adventure while not sacrificing comfort.

John Day River Steelhead Drift CAMP Fishing Trip

When: Late October through mid December

Days: 3-5

Anglers: 4-6

Price per: \$550 per day per angler

Your trip starts out by meeting in Condon, Oregon. This puts you at the beginning of an adventure of one of the great wild Steelhead Rivers of the West. When conditions are mild this can be one of the best dry line and skating fly opportunities to be found!

On the water:

8+ miles of water will be covered per day in the 3 to 5 days by fishing the entire way. A designated gear boat packs and moves camp approximately 8+ miles per day. For each 2 anglers there will be 1 guide. Flies are provided.

At the camps:

The dinning room sits under a wall tent along with the kitchen. All meals are provided except breakfast the first morning and dinner the last evening. We do not provide alcohol. All meals are warm, hearty and skillfully made. We utilize Dutch ovens (in season) and propane stoves. Your sleeping accommodations are quality 4 season 4 person tents. These double occupancy tents are supplied with cots and sleeping pads. A portable toilet and its own privacy tent are set up and available at each campsite. The hand washing station is always near.

We practice no trace camping and pack everything out with us.

Extra costs:

We will arrange your shuttle so you will have your car at the take out. The shuttles cost is \$75-\$100 per automobile depending on the float. We sometimes utilize a private property boat launch. If this is the case, a \$45 per person fee is also required. Fishing license, gratuities, and first day breakfast/last night dinner not included.

Pack list:

We provide you with two dry bags. One is a duffel size bag that goes down to camp ahead of you and the other is a smaller dry bag to carry things (like a change of clothes in case you get wet) on your guide boat.

Clothes:

- Fleece
- Poly layers
- Warm socks
- Camp shoes
- Stocking cap
- Baseball cap
- Polarized sunglasses

- Wading boots
- Waders (high quality)
- Sleeping bag and a packable pillow

Toiletries:

- Sunscreen
- Biodegradable soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Medications

Fishing:

- 6 or 7 weight fly rod
- Interchangeable tip fly line (Skagit) and dry line (Scandi)
- Leaders (mono and poly)
- Sink tips (clear intermediate is the most productive)
- Nippers
- Forceps
- Steelhead flies
- Tippet 0x
- Camera
- Tackle bag

Directions from Portland International Airport to Condon:

Take I-205 South 1.8 miles

Take exit 22 for I-84 E drive 96 miles

Take exit 104 onto US-97 turn right drive 8.5 miles

Right turn onto OR-206, turn left at the stop sign onto 206

Turn right onto Clark St, Turn left onto Highway 206

Drive 41 miles, turn right on Main Street – The Round-Up Grill is on your right

In Condon we recommend staying at the Hotel Condon – 541.384.4624; www.hotelcondon.com.

or <http://traveloregon.com/places-to-stay/lodging/hotel-motel/condon-motel/>

John Day Steelhead Drift DAY Fishing Trip

When: Late October through mid December

Days: 1

Anglers: 2 per boat

Price Per Boat: \$600

Your trip starts out by meeting in Condon, Oregon. This puts you at the beginning of an adventure of one of the great wild Steelhead Rivers of the West. When conditions are mild this can be one of the best dry line and skating fly opportunities to be found!

On the water:

10+ miles of water will be covered in 1 day of fishing. For each 2 anglers there will be 1 guide. Flies are provided.

Trip Details and costs:

Stay in Condon at The Motel or Hotel.
Flies, Lunch, provided.

Extra costs:

Fishing licenses – With Columbia Basin Endorsements
Gratuity

Pack list:

- Clothes:
- Fleece
- Poly layers
- Warm socks
- Camp shoes
- Stocking cap
- Baseball cap
- Polarized sunglasses
- Wading boots
- Waders (high quality)

Toiletries:

- Sunscreen
- Medications

Fishing:

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