

CALIFORNIA SALMON TRIP INFORMATION

The **Salmon**, often referred to as the Cal Salmon to distinguish it from the well-known Salmon River in Idaho, has its origins in the remote wilderness of the Marble and Salmon-Trinity Mountains. Crystal clear and emerald green, the Salmon tumbles through dense forest canyons and sheer granite gorges, forming one of the wildest and most beautiful whitewater runs in the state. Although it is famous for the Class 5, Nordheimer Creek run, there are actually four different sections of the Salmon:

- Methodist Camp to Nordheimer Creek...Class 3;
- Butler Creek to Oak Bottom Camp...Class 4+;
- Nordheimer Creek to Butler Creek...Class 5;
- Oak Bottom through the Ikes on the Klamath River...Class 3+.

MEETING PLACE & TIME

NORDHEIMER CAMPGROUND at 9:00 a.m. on the first day of your trip .

- From Redding take Hwy. 299 West to Willow Creek. Take Hwy. 96 north toward Orleans. About 8 miles past Orleans you will cross the Salmon River. The Salmon River Road will be on your right. Turn and go about 13.5 miles. USE CAUTION: narrow road. Nordheimer Campground is on your left (Forks of the Salmon is 4 miles too far). Please call us before your trip for a campsite location.
- From Oregon take I-5 south to Grants Pass (fill your gas tank here). Take Hwy. 199 south (or west) about 40 miles to O'Brien. At O'Brien there is a left turn that goes to Happy Camp (29 miles). When you reach Hwy. 96 in Happy Camp, turn right. Go about 41 miles to Somes Bar (a store on your right). The Salmon River Rd. is another 1/4 mile on your left. (Don't cross the bridge). Travel time from Grants Pass to Somes Bar is about 2-1/2 hour

GETTING STARTED

Nordheimer Campground is the put-in for the Class 5 section. As soon as everyone arrives, we will begin with introductions and a short orientation and safety talk. We'll change into our river clothes and you will be given helmets, life-jackets, and wetsuits.. If you are arriving the first morning, please allow a little extra time to set up your tent. Please call us with any questions. 800-726-3223

WHAT TO BRING

Listed below are the items you will need for your trip. Since we are using a base camp or lodge, you will have access to your vehicle during the trip and may bring whatever you want. During the season of April, May and June the weather is very unpredictable. It can be warm and clear one day...cool and raining the next. Layers of wool or synthetic clothing are best because they dry out quickly and offer options to meet changing weather conditions. Cotton dries out slowly and has no insulating value. Please pack generously for inclement weather, you can always take it off!

ON THE RIVER:

- wetsuit or drysuit
- shorts (to wear over your wetsuit)
- lightwt. wool sweater or polypro top
- windbreaker or paddling jacket
- booties or tennis shoes & wool socks
- sunglasses & strap
- sunscreen lotion
- sun hat &/or wool hat

OFF THE RIVER (multi-day trip):

- tent
- sleeping bag
- sleeping pad
- ground tarp
- change of clothes & shoes
- lightweight rain wear
- wool hat
- personal toilet articles
- flashlight

OPTIONAL:

- additional beverages
- camera
- spare glasses or contacts
- paddling gloves
- insect repellent
- fishing gear (CA license)

RENTALS:

- booties: \$4.00 per day
- tent...4 person: \$20.00 per trip
- sleeping bag & pad: \$14.00 per trip

GENERAL TRIP INFORMATION

SAFETY • Instruction in river safety procedures is given before your trip. Our guides are certified in first-aid and CPR. A wilderness first-aid kit and safety equipment are carried on all trips. Please advise us if you have any food allergies or health problems. All recreational activities involve an element of risk. Our insurance requires that you sign a release of liability before your trip.

MEALS • The preparation and sharing of food is an integral part of our river adventure. There will be plenty of fresh, healthy food, from lunch on the first day through lunch on the last. A variety of snacks is available at all times. We strive to maintain a high quality menu, varied and delicious. Please let us know if you have any diet requests.

EQUIPMENT • We use 13 & 14 foot Hyside self-bailing paddle boats. On most trips there will be only 4 paddlers & a guide per boat depending on the group size. We provide all accessory equipment including: Coast Guard approved life-jackets, wetsuits, and helmets.

GRATUITIES • You will find that your guides work hard to insure an exceptional river trip. They are skilled professionals who enjoy sharing their love and knowledge of the Salmon River with you. A gratuity is appreciated.

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