

Welcome!

The Salmon River springs forth from the high lakes and snowfields of the spectacular Sawtooth Mountain Range in central Idaho. Descending steeply at first, the Salmon heads in a northerly direction through the dry "Upper Gorge" and the fertile Salmon Valley before turning abruptly west and heading into the beautiful and remote Frank Church Wilderness Area and the section known as the River of No Return.

Our trips begin where the road ends at Corn Creek, and finish 84 miles downstream where the road ends at Carey Creek. Here the river alternates between stretches of lively whitewater and sections of peaceful current, providing a balance of excitement and relaxation. Each day is filled with fascinating things to see and interesting places to explore. Clear, cascading sidestreams, natural hot springs, Native American artwork, abandoned mines, decaying homesteads, and plenty of wildlife are just a few of the Main's attractions.

Our trips are designed to allow us ample time to explore the canyon's many interesting historical sites as well as to enjoy the on-river excitement that the river offers. Early season trips are scheduled for 5 days because the water is high and fast, enabling us to cover more miles each day without losing any off-river time for exploration. Later in the summer the river is a bit tamer, warmer, and slower, and 6 days are needed to enjoy the entire canyon. A late July or August Main Salmon trip is one of the greatest family vacation trips available.



Meeting Time and Place:

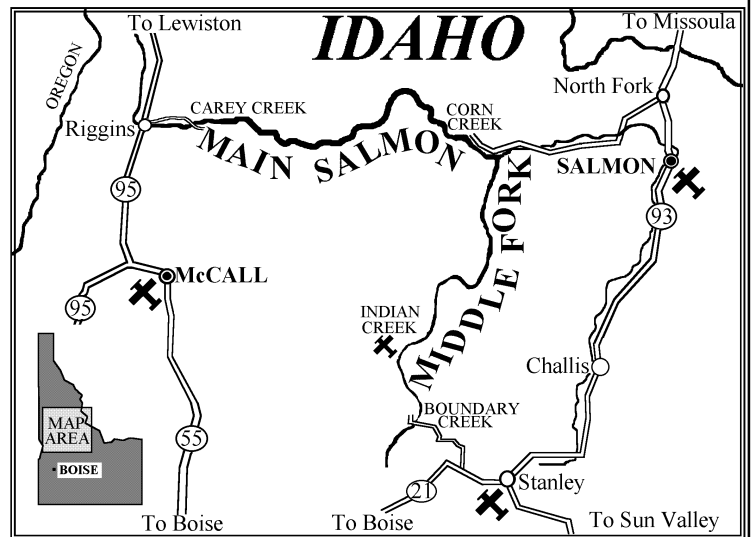
All trip members will meet at 8:00 pm **the evening before the trip begins** at the Stagecoach Inn (208/756-4251) on Highway 93, in Salmon, Idaho. The Stagecoach is located at the north end of town, just across the bridge over the Salmon River. At the pre-trip meeting the trip leader will distribute waterproof dunnage bags, give trip and shuttle information and answer any last-minute questions.

Transportation:

Main Salmon trips begin in Salmon and end in McCall. A separate Transportation insert detailing the various options should be included with your reservation information. Please call our office if you do not have one.

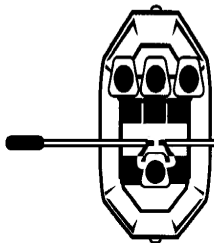
Accommodations:

Lodging before the trip is good at the Stagecoach Inn (208/756-4251), Super 8 (208/756-8880) or at the Motel DeLuxe (208/756-2231). After the trip, lodging is available in McCall at the Western Mountain Lodge, (208/634-6300), or Hotel McCall (good downtown location, 208/634-8105). For those returning to Boise the evening the trip concludes, accommodations are good at the Best Western Vista Inn (800/528-1234) which is by the airport. Pre- and post- trip accommodations are not included in the trip and all reservations should be made well in advance.

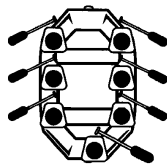


Types of boats:

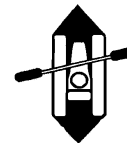
On the Main Salmon we offer three types of boats in which to ride:



Oar rafts are 18 feet long, carry all of the overnight gear and up to 5 guests. They are rowed by a guide using oars attached to a metal frame. Guests ride in the front, hang on through the rapids and relax in the calm stretches.



Paddle rafts are 14 feet long and carry 6 paddlers who actively paddle through the rapids and down the river. Everyone has a paddle, sits on the outer tube of the raft and follows the commands of the paddle guide who sits in the rear.



Inflatable kayaks are 10 - 12 feet long and are paddled by 1 or 2 people using double-bladed paddles. They are fairly stable, require no previous experience and allow you to feel the thrill of independently paddling the river.

Please note that we do not guarantee space in paddle rafts or inflatable kayaks. If there are more people who wish to ride in these boats than there are spaces, we will rotate so that everyone gets a chance to participate. Also, inflatable kayaks may not be available during the June high water period.

Equipment List:

A separate Equipment List and Packing Guide should be included with your reservations information. Please call our office if you do not have one.



