

Welcome!

The Rogue River is born on the slopes of the Klamath Mountains surrounding Crater Lake. It flows west past the towns of Medford and Grants Pass before carving a wild and remote canyon through the coastal range of the Siskiyou Mountains. It is here, in the beautiful, heavily forested, "Wild Rogue" canyon, that our trips take place.

The canyon slopes are blanketed with stands of Douglas fir, ponderosa pine, madrone, and numerous varieties of oak. Ferns, wildflowers, and blackberries flourish up the many side streams. Abundant wildlife inhabits the canyon and we commonly see deer, otter, osprey, bald eagles, and an occasional black bear.

The river itself follows a diverse course, alternately crashing over abrupt ledges, flattening into shallow expanses, and squeezing between house-sized boulders or through narrow gorges. There are rapids every day with highlights at Mule Creek Canyon and Blossom Bar on day 3 or 4.

There are also numerous sites of historical interest along the way. While the original inhabitants, the Siletz Indians, left little behind, a decaying legacy of the miners, homesteaders, and hermits who followed still remains. Old miners' shacks, historical ranches and even Zane Grey's fishing cabin provide a glimpse into the region's past.

In 1968, the Rogue was one of the first rivers to be declared a National Wild and Scenic River, protecting its wild beauty for future generations, such as ours, to enjoy.

Meeting Time and Place:

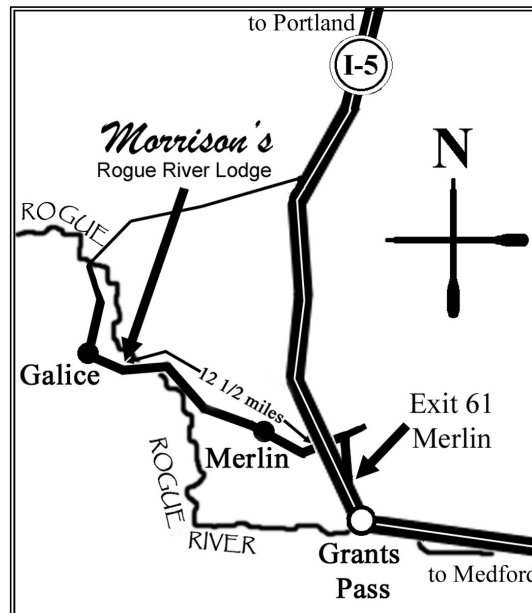
All trip members will meet at **8:30 pm the evening before the trip begins** on the lawn overlooking the Rogue River at Morrison's Lodge in Merlin, OR (800/826-1963; www.morrisonlodge.com). At the pre-trip meeting your trip leader will distribute dunnage bags, go over final trip logistics and answer any last minute questions. Cars will be left at Morrison's during the trip. If you are planning to tour the Oregon coastline after the trip, consider having your vehicle shuttled to our take-out point which is 35 miles from Gold Beach and the Pacific Ocean. The cost is about \$110 per vehicle and arrangements can be made at the pre-trip meeting.

Transportation/Directions:

We will meet you at Morrison's Lodge 8500 Galice Rd. Merlin, OR 97532.

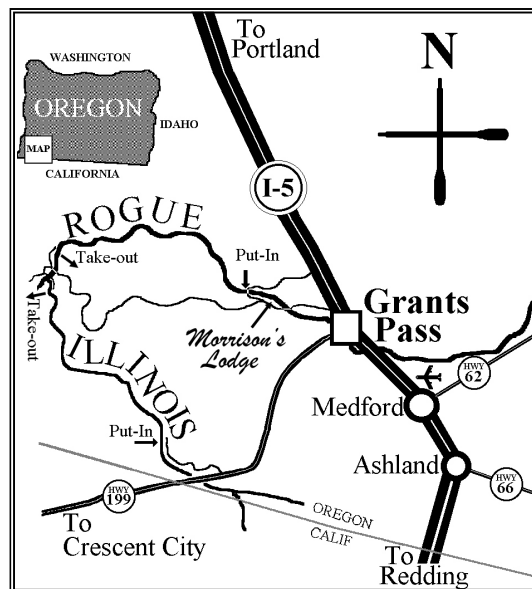
Driving: Morrison's is located on the Rogue River just west of Galice, Oregon, about 60 miles north of the Oregon-California border; 6-7 hours from San Francisco, and 4 - 5 hours from Portland. To get to Morrison's, take Exit 61 off of I-5, turn left on Galice Road (under the freeway) and continue straight 12 1/2 miles (through the small town of Merlin) to Morrison's Lodge (on the right).

Flying: Alaska, Delta and United serve Medford, Oregon, about 30 miles southeast of Grants Pass. For transportation from the Medford airport to Morrison's, contact Galice Resort, 541/476-3818 or Affordable Shuttles, 866/484-4467. Due to potential delays, we do not recommend flying out of Medford the evening that the trip ends.



Accommodations:

Morrison's is a wonderful place to stay before and after your trip. Right on the river, they offer a variety of lodging options from cozy rooms in the main lodge to private cabins overlooking the river to secluded cottages with kitchens on a quiet creek. The property is very relaxing and comfortable and the room rates are reasonable. Alternative accommodations are available 5 miles further down river at the Galice Resort (541/476-3818, www.galice.com). Both locations serve meals on a deck overlooking the river. If you prefer gourmet meals and linen, you'll enjoy Morrison's; if you prefer hamburgers and picnic tables, you'll prefer Galice. Reservations should be made well in advance. There are also numerous chain motels 30 minutes from Morrison's in Grants Pass.



Before you get to Morrison's:

Morrison's and Galice are isolated, self-contained establishments and once you are there, you won't want to leave. Both places carry a limited assortment of everything you might need for your trip, but you may prefer to purchase last minute items (snacks, drinks, batteries, etc) or even eat in Grants Pass (The Laughing Clam or Summer Joe's, 30 minutes away) or Merlin (Baldini's, 15 minutes away) before you arrive. If your pre-trip accommodations have kitchen facilities, you can get groceries at Ray's Market near the freeway on Galice Road.



River Otter

