

We are thrilled you have chosen to raft the Deschutes with River Drifters! Please plan ahead and bring a sense of adventure and discovery to ensure a wonderful trip.

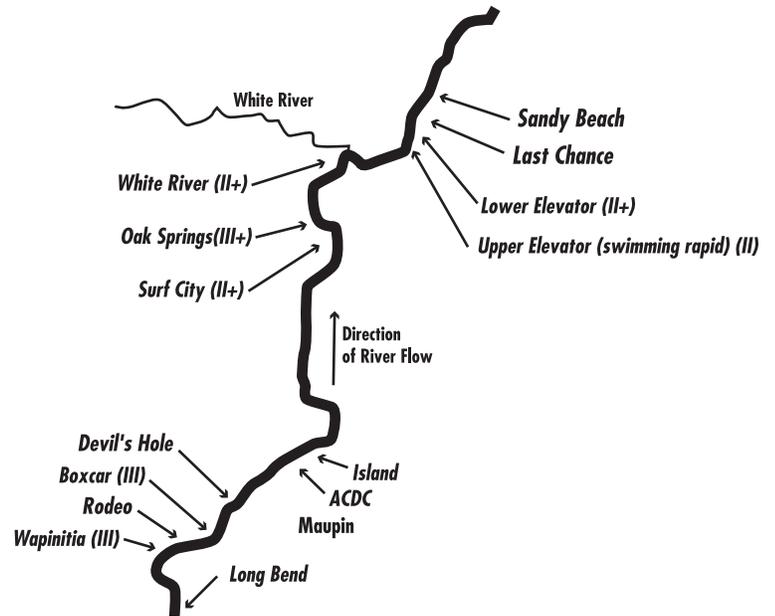
TRIP AT A GLANCE

Difficulty: Class II and III+

Length: 12-15 miles/full day

Meeting Location: River Drifters Office,
600 Timber Lane, Maupin, Oregon 97037

Getting Here: Maupin is about 100 miles from Portland and 90 miles from Bend. Please see our website (riverdrifters.net) for a detailed map and directions.



SCHEDULE

9:45am– Arrive at the River Drifters Office in Maupin, Oregon. Change into river clothes, get outfitted with a PDF and splash jacket (River Drifters to provide), use the restroom, etc. Please avoid arriving more than 30 minutes prior to your trip meeting time. If you think you are going to arrive late, please call our office at 1-800-972-0430.

10:00am– Shuttle departs for the river put-in.

10:15am– Unload gear. Guides will give a safety talk and provide instructions for the basic paddle strokes you will need for a safe and fun trip. Then, the group will put-in and start rafting!

3:30pm– Arrive at take-out at Sandy Beach and board shuttle back to Maupin.

4:00pm– Arrive at River Drifters office in Maupin. You'll return your River Drifters gear before changing, checking out the trip photos and heading home.

Keep in mind that every trip is different, as the weather, water flow and group dynamics all influence the trip pace.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The Deschutes River Scenic Waterway offers spectacular basalt cliffs, bighorn sheep, wild trout and steelhead fishing, exciting history, and of course, spectacular whitewater. The Lower Deschutes section offers plenty of sunshine and is fun for beginners, families and experienced boaters alike, making it one of the most frequently rafted rivers in Oregon.

Soon after launching onto the river, you're sure to get wet when dropping down Wapinita and Boxcar rapids (Class III). Then you'll float a mild section of the river, when you can enjoy the breathtaking scenery and maybe take a swim break. Around noon, we'll stop for a healthy, delicious BBQ lunch at a local park. And, then it's back on the river where you'll experience numerous rapids, including Surf City, Oak Springs and White River and the Elevators.

TRIP DETAILS

OUR GUIDES

Our guides are accomplished in outdoor skills, trained in first aid, CPR and river rescue, and knowledgeable about the natural and cultural history of the area. They are fun, interesting people who have a passion for rivers and guiding. If you have questions about rafting or the unique features of the Deschutes River, ask and they will be happy to share what they know.

WEATHER

During the summertime, the weather in Eastern Oregon is very warm and mostly dry. However, you must be prepared for rain and wind in every season. Below is a chart of average temperatures and rainfall in Eastern Oregon during the rafting season.

	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Avg Temp Day	70°F	77°F	86°F	87°F	82°F
Avg Temp Night	46°F	53°F	59°F	55°F	50°F
Rainfall	1"	.75"	.5"	.15"	.25"

Prior to packing for your trip, we recommend that you check the forecast at: riverdrifters.net/deschutes/.



GEAR

Your safety and comfort is our top priority. River Drifters provides all necessary rafting and safety gear, and makes sure that you have professional, experienced and well-trained guides. If you have any questions about the gear list, please call our office at 1-800-972-0430.

RIVER DRIFTERS PROVIDES:

- Rafting gear.
- 2-3 mil "farmer John"-style wetsuits or splash jackets *(if needed) & PDFs.
- Shuttle to and from the river put-in and take-out.
- Professional, well-trained guides.

GUESTS ARE EXPECTED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- A pair of quick-drying shorts and t-shirt (wool or synthetic are best. Do NOT wear cotton), or a bathing suit to wear under wetsuit.
- Long-sleeved synthetic shirt or fleece (NO cotton) for extra warmth when outdoor temperatures are colder than 80°F.
- Waterproof sunscreen
- Hat for sun protection
- Old pair of tennis shoes, neoprene booties with soles or sandals (closed-toed, such as Keen, are recommended).
- Sunglasses and/or prescription eyeglasses or contacts.
- Sunglass strap for both sunglasses and prescription eyeglasses (we sell these in our shop).
- Change of clothes for drive home.

OPTIONAL

- Bike gloves to protect hands while paddling.
- Waterproof camera.
- Small daypack.
- Personal snacks.
- Personal water bottle.

Gear Check

- Wear clothing that you don't mind getting wet and dirty.
- As there is no cell service on the river, we encourage guests to leave their cell phones and smartphones in their cars to avoid water damage or loss.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is tipping appropriate?

Our guides work very hard throughout the season to ensure that guests have a safe and enjoyable trip. As such, tips are very much appreciated by our guides. Tips normally range from 10% of the trip cost. How much you tip should depend on your satisfaction with your trip and your financial means. Most people tip the lead guide, who will split the money equally among the crew.

Is this trip appropriate for kids?

The Deschutes River full-day trip is safe for most kids age 4 and older. A child's maturity level and weight are just as important as their age. If you have any concerns, please call us to discuss your situation.

Do you have lodging recommendations?

We recommend the following:

- Riverrun Lodge (877) 335-8867
- Imperial Lodge (541) 395-2404
- The Oasis Resort (541) 395-2611
- Deschutes Motel (541) 395-2626

Local Camping:

- Maupin City Park: (541) 395-2252
- Riverview Campground: (541) 395-2611
- There is camping along the Deschutes River, available on a first come, first serve basis.
- You may also choose to stay in Hood River, which is about an hour from our Maupin office.

For an updated list of local accommodations, please visit: www.riverdrifters.net/deschutes/camping-lodging.htm

Do you have dining recommendations?

We highly recommend the following lunch and dinner spots in Maupin, all of which are family-friendly.

- Imperial River Company: (800) 395-3903
- Deschutes Oasis Café: (541) 395-2611

You can also ask your guide for other suggestions for restaurants and must-see sites on your ride home.

Have other questions? Please feel free to contact our office at 1-800-972-0430. Once on the river, our experienced and knowledgeable guides will be happy to answer any questions you have. We welcome suggestions about how we can make your next experience on the river and even better one!

Fine Print: Start times may vary depending on water flows and the day's events. We appreciate your flexibility to compensate for any unforeseen changes to the itinerary.

River Drifters reserves the right to re-schedule and/or cancel a trip due to unfavorable water levels, weather and/or an inadequate number of participants.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS We Have **MOVED!**

If lost or running late, please call
1.800.972.0430

Approximate Travel Times to Our Maupin Office

From Portland/Vancouver area: 2 hours

From Tri-Cities: 2 hours, 15 minutes

From Bend: 1.5 – 2 hours

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM THE PORTLAND/VANCOUVER AREA

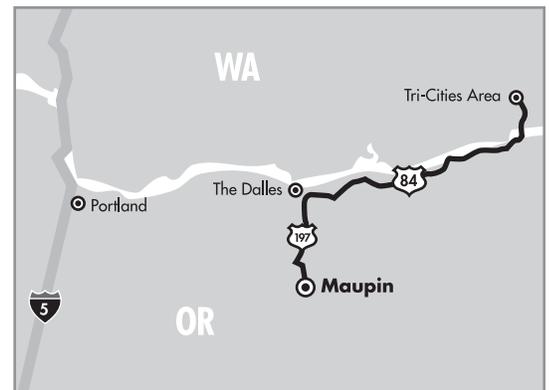
Take I-84 E toward The Dalles. Follow I-84 E for about 80 miles. In The Dalles, take exit 87 to US-197 S toward Dufur/Bend. Drive about 40 miles until you reach Maupin. The River Drifters office is located at **600 Timber Lane**, next to the **Deschutes Motel**.

Alternate Route: If you're coming from south of Portland, drive on US-26 E. Travel through Government Camp. After you enter the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, turn left onto OR-216 E toward Maupin. Drive about 30 miles before turning right onto US-197 S. **Just before you enter town, the River Drifters Office is located on the RIGHT-hand side of the road next to the Deschutes Motel.**



DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM THE TRI-CITIES AREA

Drive on I-82 E and take exit 179 onto I-84 W. Once you reach The Dalles, take exit 87 going south on Hwy. 197 S toward Dufur/Bend. Drive about 40 miles towards Maupin. **Just before you enter town, the River Drifters Office is located on the RIGHT-hand side of the road next to the Deschutes Motel.**



DIRECTIONS FROM CENTRAL OREGON

Take US-97 N. Travel through Madras and veer right (immediately after McDonalds), staying on US-97. Drive about 25 miles until you reach US-197 N. Veer left and travel about 22 miles to Maupin. Follow the highway across the bridge and up the hill, **through downtown and up the hill again. Just after you exit town, the River Drifters Office is located on the LEFT-hand side of the road next to the Deschutes Motel.**

