

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

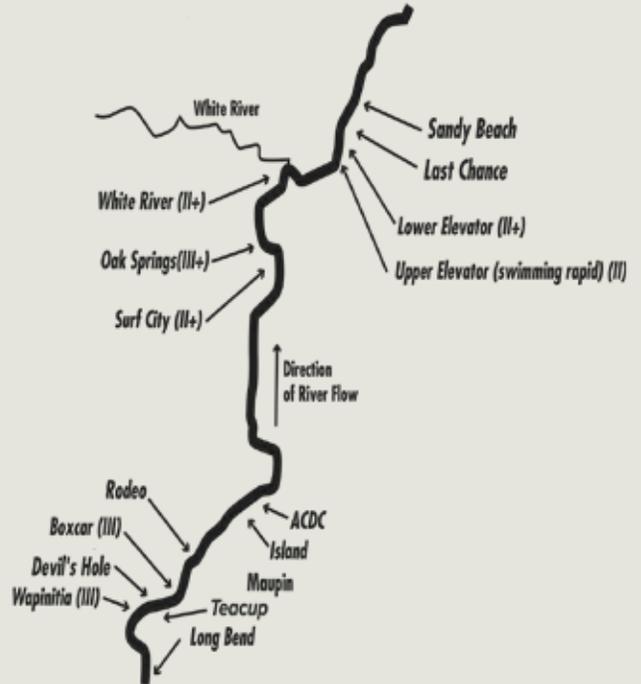
TRIP AT A GLANCE

Difficulty: Class II and III+

Length: 12 - 15 Miles / Full Day

Meeting Location: River Drifters Deschutes River Outpost
 600 Timber Lane, Maupin, OR 97037
 (Immediately next to 1399 North Hwy 197)

Getting Here: Maupin is about 100 miles by car from the Portland/Vancouver Area and about 90 miles from Bend. Please plan accordingly as we start on time.



SCHEDULE

FULL DAY TRIP	
9:30 AM - 9:55 AM	
CHECK IN: Arrive at the River Drifters Office in Maupin, Oregon. Go inside and check in. Change into river clothes, use the restroom, etc. You will be outfitted with a PFD and Splash jacket. Please be on time.	
10:00 AM	
SHUTTLE: Shuttle departs for the river put-in.	
10:15 AM	
Unload gear. Guides will give a safety talk & provide instructions for the basic paddle strokes you will need for a fun trip. Then, the group will put-in & start rafting.	
12:00 AM	
Stop mid-way and enjoy a BBQ lunch.	
3:30 PM	
Arrive at take-out at Sandy Beach & board shuttle back to Maupin.	
4:00 PM	
Arrive at River Drifters outpost in Maupin. You'll return your River Drifters gear before changing, checking out the trip photos & our merchandise.	



Please 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 & steelhead fishing, exciting history, & of course, spectacular whitewater. The Lower Deschutes section offers plenty of sunshine & is fun for beginners, families & 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 & Boxcar rapids (Class III). Then you'll float a mild section of the river, when you can enjoy the breathtaking scenery & 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, White River Rapid & The Elevators.



Weather

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

TRIP DETAILS

Our Guides

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



	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT
Avg Day	70°F	77°F	86°F	87°F	82°F
Avg 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 you check the forecast.

GEAR

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

RIVER DRIFTERS PROVIDES

2-3mil 'Farmer John' style Wetsuits (if needed)

Splash Jackets | PFD's | Helmets (if desired)

Shuttle to & from the river put-in & take-out.

Professional & Well Trained Guides

A Hearty Lunch

Guests are expected to bring the following:

- A pair of quick-drying shorts/bathing suit and a non-cotton shirt (wool/synthetic are best). This is to wear underneath your 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 have straps available at the outpost.
- Change of clothes for after the trip.
- Towel to dry off after the trip.

OPTIONAL:

- Bike Gloves to protect hands while paddling.
- Waterproof Camera
- Personal Snacks
- Personal Water bottle
- Small drybag

GEAR CHECK

- Keep in mind that you'll need just two sets of clothing: one for the river & one for camp
- Wear clothing that you don't mind getting wet & dirty.
- There is minimal cell service at the outpost & on the river. We encourage our guests to leave their cell phones/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 an 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. There is no ATM on site, please bring cash for tipping. Most of our guides will also have VENMO for accepting tips.

Is this Trip appropriate for Kids?

The Deschutes River full-day trip is appropriate for most kids age 6 and older. A child's maturity level and weight would also be a greater factor than their age. Please call us to discuss your situation.

Do you have and Lodging recommendations?

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

Do you have Camping recommendations?

- 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:

<https://riverdrifters.net/deschutes-river-rafting/>

Do you have Dining recommendations?

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

- Imperial River Company: 800-395-3903
- Deschutes Oasis Cafe: 541-395-2611

You can also ask your guide for suggestions for restaurants & must-see sites on your drive home.

Have other questions? Please feel free to contact our office at 1-800-972-0430. Once on the river, our experienced & 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 an even better one.

Start times may vary depending on water flows & 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 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 Outpost

From Portland/Vancouver: 2 Hours

From Tri-Cities: 2 Hours & 15 Minutes

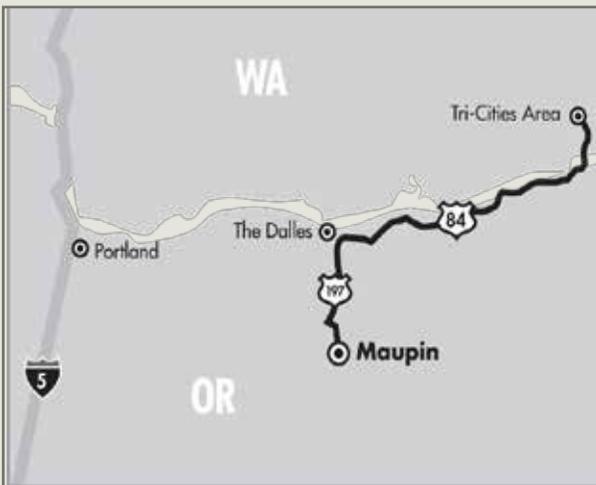
From Bend: 1.5 - 2 Hours



Driving Directions from the Portland/Vancouver Area

Access I-84 East toward The Dalles. Drive about 80 miles & take exit 87 to US-197 South 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.

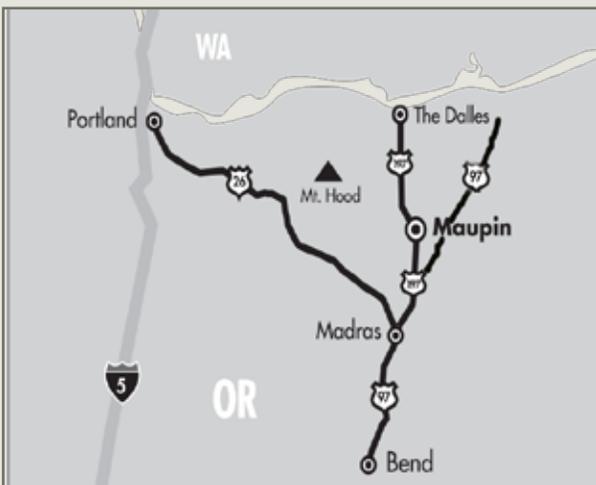
Alternative Route: If you're coming from south of Portland, drive on US-26 East. Travel through Government Camp. After you enter the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, turn left onto OR-216 East toward Maupin. Drive about 26 miles before turning right onto US-197 South. Just before you enter town, the 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 East and take exit 179 onto I-84 West. Once you reach The Dalles, take exit 87 going South on Highway 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.



Driving Directions from Central Oregon

Take US-97 North. Travel through Madras and veer right (immediately before McDonalds), staying on US-97.

Drive about 25 miles until you reach US-197 North.

Veer left and travel about 21 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.