



We are thrilled you have chosen to raft the White Salmon 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 III - IV

Length: 8 Miles / Half Day

Meeting Location: River Drifters White Salmon River Outpost  
856 Highway 141, White Salmon WA 98672

Getting Here: Husum, WA is just 80 miles by car from the Portland/Vancouver Area and about 120 miles from the Tri-Cities area in Eastern Washington. Please plan accordingly as we start on time.

### SCHEDULE

MORNING TRIP	AFTERNOON TRIP
9:00-9:25 AM	2:00-2:25 PM
CHECK IN: Arrive at the River Drifters Office in Husum, Washington. Go inside and check in. Change into river clothes, use the restroom, etc. Please be on time.	
9:30 AM	2:30 PM
INTRODUCTION: Our trips start with a mandatory river safety speech. Then you will get outfitted with a wetsuit, PFD & neoprene booties (River Drifters to provide). Once dressed we will shuttle to the river put-in (two miles north of BZ Corner, WA). Your guides will give an additional safety talk and provide instructions for the basic paddle strokes that you will need for a fun trip. Once everyone is ready the group will go rafting! Please keep in mind that every trip is different, as the weather, water flow and group dynamics all influence the trip pace.	
12:45 PM	5:45 PM
Arrive at the take out and shuttle back to the to the outpost.	
1:00 PM	6:00 PM
Arrive at River Drifters outpost in Husum. You'll return your River Drifters gear & get changed into dry clothes. Then be sure to check out your trip photos & check out our River Drifters merchandise!	





### WHAT TO EXPECT

The White Salmon River offers spectacular world-class whitewater rafting & kayaking, breathtaking scenery, & dramatic basalt cliffs & waterfalls, making it one of the most beautiful & adventurous river day trips in the Western United States. Located just 80 miles from the Portland/Vancouver area in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, it's accessible to locals & visitors alike.

Nature lovers will appreciate the clear blue waters of this designated Wild & Scenic River fed by the glaciers of Mt. Adams. Salmon are returning to the White Salmon River after 100-year-old Condit Dam was removed in 2011...the largest dam removed in the U.S. at the time. Thrill-seekers will love running the big & numerous rapids & 10-foot-high Husum Falls\*. Husum Falls is the tallest commercially float-able waterfall in the U.S. Even beginners will embrace this rafting experience, as our knowledgeable guides teach the basic skills and paddle strokes needed to have a fun & memorable trip.

Thanks to a partnership with a local landowner, our trips start\* almost two miles upstream of BZ Corner, WA, which is the normal commercial put in for the trip, giving our customers an extra few miles of whitewater in a deep, craggy canyon. Triple Drop is the first rapid (Class IV) that you'll brave before heading downstream through 10 additional heart pumping Class III-IV rapids. Your trip will culminate\* with an electrifying drop (optional) over 10-foot-high Husum Falls, an experience you're likely to remember.

\*water level pending

### 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.



#### Weather

In the summertime the weather in the Columbia River Gorge is very warm & mostly dry. However, you must be prepared for rain & wind in every season. It's also important to note that the temperature of the glacially fed White Salmon rarely rises above 45°F.

	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT
Avg Day	69°F	74°F	82°F	82°F	76°F
Avg Night	45°F	51°F	55°F	54°F	46°F
Rainfall	1.3"	.87"	.28"	.31"	.92"

#### TRECHEROUS TERRAIN

There are a couple of spots along the route that require walking on sharp & slippery rocks - both at the river put-in & take-out as well as during the portages around BZ Falls. Our guides will spot you while helping you navigate obstacles. Click [HERE](#) to view the mandatory portage around BZ Falls.

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 (mandatory)

Splash Jackets | PFD's | Helmets | Neoprene Booties

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

Professional & Well Trained Guides

### 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.
- Change of clothes for after the trip.
- Towel to dry off after the trip.

### OPTIONAL:

- Bike Gloves to protect hands while paddling.
- Waterproof Camera
- Wetsuit/Drysuit if you have your own

#### GEAR CHECK

- 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.

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.

### 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 White Salmon half-day trip is appropriate for most kids age 10 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.

To ensure everyone's enjoyment, we ask that families follow our recommendations for bringing children on the White Salmon River.

#### *Do you have and Lodging recommendations?*

- Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, WA, 800-221-7117
- Rube June Inn, Husum, WA, 509-493-0517
- Hood River Inn @ Best Western  
Hood River, OR, 800-828-7873

#### *Do you have Camping recommendations?*

- Peterson Prairie Campground: 800-280-2267
- Memaloose State Park: 800-452-5687
- Home Valley Campground: 509-427-3980
- Viento State Park: 800-551-6949

#### *Do you have Dining recommendations?*

We highly recommend the following lunch & dinner spots, all of which are family-friendly. You can also check out the Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce for more ideas @ [mtadamschamber.com](http://mtadamschamber.com)

-Everybody's Brewing, White Salmon, WA | 509-637-2774

-Solstice Wood Fired Café, Hood River, OR | 541-436-0800

-Pfriem Family Brewers, Hood River, OR | 541-321-0490

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

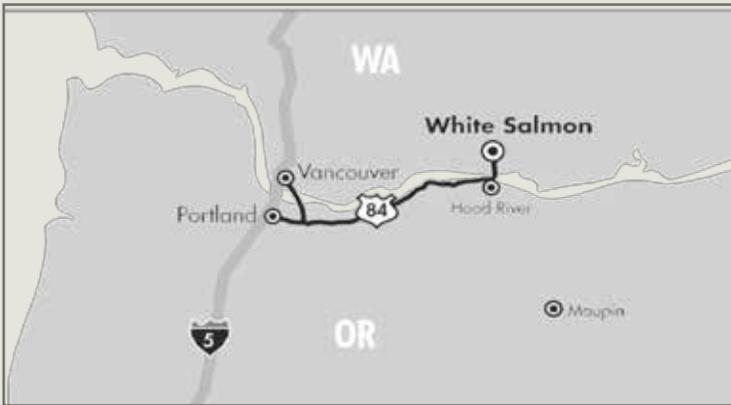
Have other questions? Please feel free to contact our office at 1-800-972-0430. Once on the river, our experienced & knowledgeable guides will be happy to answer any questions you have. We welcome suggestions about how we can make your next experience on the river an even better one.



### DRIVING DIRECTIONS

If lost or running late please call 1-800-972-0430

Approximate Travel Times to our White Salmon Outpost
From Portland/Vancouver: 1.5 Hours
From Tri-Cities: 2.5 Hours
From Seattle: 4.5 Hours



#### Driving Directions from the Portland/Vancouver Area

Access I-84 East toward The Dalles. Take exit 64 for White Salmon & turn left at the light to cross the Hood River Toll Bridge (\$2 CASH ONLY TOLL). Once across the bridge turn left at the light & drive 1.2 miles on WA-14 West. Just before you cross the White Salmon River turn right onto Alt. WA-141 North.

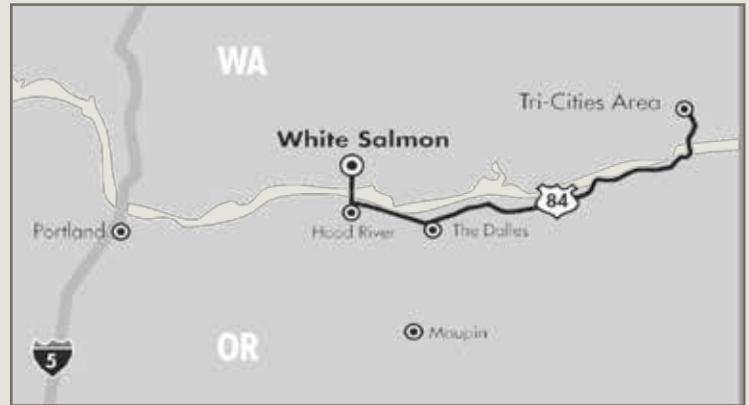
At the stop sign turn left onto WA-141 North and travel 4 miles. Look for the River Drifters Outpost & big red barn on the right-hand side of the road.

Note: If you ever cross the White Salmon River you've gone too far.

#### Alternate Route from the Vancouver Area

Take WA-14 East towards Camas. Once you cross the White Salmon River turn left onto Alt. WA-141 North. At the stop sign turn left onto WA-141 North and travel 4 miles. Look for the River Drifters Outpost & big red barn on the right-hand side of the road.

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#### Driving Directions from the Tri-Cities Area

Drive south on I-82 toward Umatilla/Hermiston. Take WA-14 West toward White Salmon/Vancouver. Drive about 115 miles. Roughly 3 miles west of the town of Bingen is the turn for Alt. WA-141 North. Turn right onto Alt. WA-141 North just before you cross the White Salmon River.

At the stop sign turn left onto WA-141 North and travel 4 miles. Look for the River Drifters Outpost & big red barn on the right-hand side of the road.

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#### Driving Directions from Seattle

Travel South on I-5 toward Portland. Then follow the directions from the Portland / Vancouver Area on the left side of this page.