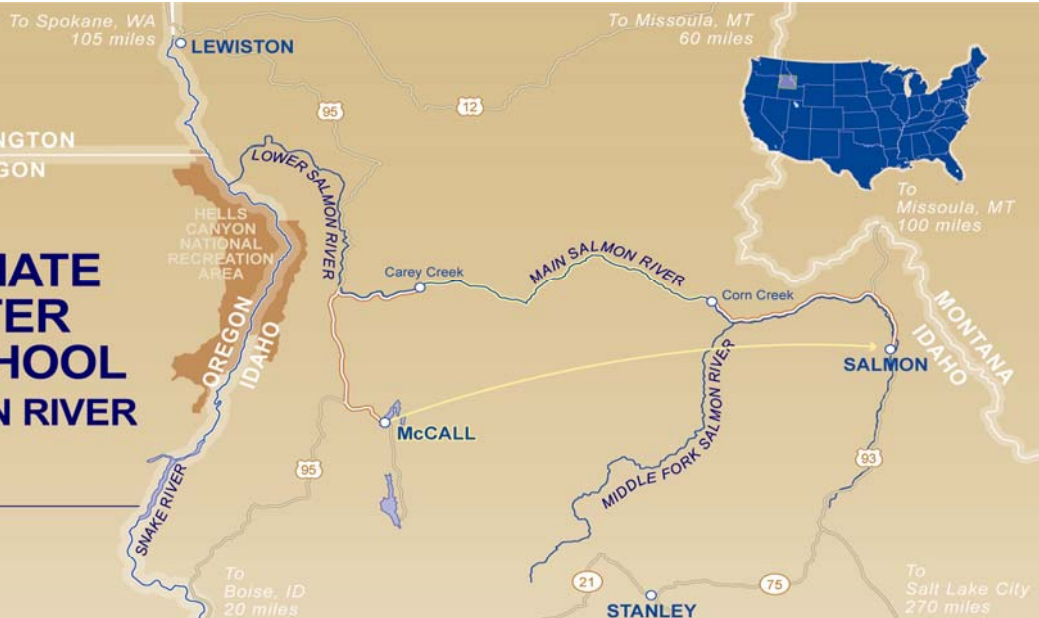




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INTERMEDIATE WHITEWATER KAYAK SCHOOL MAIN SALMON RIVER

Itinerary



MEETING PLACE:	Holiday Inn Express – the Hunt Lodge, McCall, Idaho
MEETING TIME:	8:00 PM, the evening before your trip
RETURN TIME:	Approximately 5:00 PM
RIVER RATING:	Class III
RIVER MILES:	81-92
PUT-IN:	Corn Creek
TAKE-OUT:	Carey Creek
AGE LIMIT:	Minimum age is 16 (younger children may be considered on an individual basis)
TRIP LENGTH:	6 Days / 5 Nights
BOAT TYPE:	Whitewater kayak

Early settlers along the Salmon called it the “River of No Return,” because it was believed that once you started down the Salmon, your chances of getting back were slim. Today, the opposite holds true. Once you have experienced it, you’ll want to return again and again. Your journey takes you along part of the wildest, most challenging, longest undammed river of the American West. Geared toward the more experienced paddler, this program will provide ample opportunity for intermediate growth. Students considering the intermediate class should have previous whitewater kayak (hard shell) experience, having mastered basic skills including a basic “combat roll.” Teaching will take place both on and off the water, while group tutorials and individual attention will facilitate advanced development. Our certified kayak instructors teach surfing, side surfing, Duffek, and draw strokes, as well as other techniques.

In addition to being an educational experience, this is a physically demanding class that can yield high rewards. You won’t have to be in perfect shape, but if you’re not currently active, you’ll want to prepare yourself with both aerobic and strength-building exercises.

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O.A.R.S. has been in business for over 40 years and that is no accident. Great trips on some of the world’s best rivers and coastlines are the recipe for this success. Always focused on our clients and their vacations, it is our genuine belief that river trips and nature-based adventures are extremely valuable life experiences. With that as our foundation, we have committed ourselves over the years to providing the best trips available, always with an eye on improvement.

WHITEWATER

- Few rivers offer whitewater excitement suitable for such a wide range of ages and experience levels as the Main Salmon. Its Class III rapids are a great whitewater introduction for the beginning rafter, yet challenging enough to inspire adrenaline in experienced river runners. The Main's water flows freely, without the obstruction of man-made dams, surging through a scenic river canyon in rolling wave trains and exciting drops, separated by lazy stretches during which you can sit back and relax, enjoying the company of your fellow river rats.

Sample Itinerary

We pride ourselves in running relaxed and flexible schedules. Every class varies a little because of the interests of the group, other people on the water, and sometimes the weather. The following is a sample itinerary to give you an idea of our Salmon River Kayak School.

The Day before Your Trip

- We'll meet at the Holiday Inn Express – the Hunt Lodge in McCall, Idaho, at 8:00 PM for a pre-trip orientation. We'll have a brief overview of the course, as well as introductions and a group discussion to determine goals for the week. We will pass out your waterproof river bags so that you can pack your belongings that evening. Gear will be distributed and fitted. We will also reconfirm the meeting time for tomorrow morning.

Day 1

- We'll depart McCall for a scenic flight to Salmon (approximately 55 minutes). Upon arrival, we will drive approximately 2-hours to our put-in at Corn Creek. There will be a quick stop at the North Fork Store for personal odds and ends that you may have forgotten. Whitewater action begins soon after we launch, with Killum and Gunbarrel Rapids. You'll have ample opportunities to perfect your combat roll and your instructors will observe and evaluate your skill level. Support rafts carry our gear, giving us the advantage of kayaks unencumbered by additional weight.

Day 2

- Highlights for today include Salmon Falls, Lantz, and Hancock rapids. The adventurous may decide to try their hand at side surfing and hole riding. A visit to Barth hot springs warms us up afterward; a short hike up the creek brings us to a 3-foot deep pool large enough for 10.

Days 3-5

- You're simply an extension of your boat and you are loving it! Aside from boating, you may learn about Jim Moore's historical site (maybe you'll discover the fortune he buried in the hillside), hike to Rabbit Point (for the aggressive hiker, but well worth it for the view), or check out Buckskin Bill's former homestead (a history lesson in itself). Big Mallard, Elkhorn, Growler, and Ludwig rapids deliver our whitewater thrills.

Day 6

- Today, as the Salmon River begins to parallel the forest service road, we say farewell to the river and our guides and travel by van from the take-out back to McCall, about 1 ½ hrs, arriving at approximately 5:00 PM. It may be possible to catch a flight to Boise this evening, however, we recommend staying overnight in McCall and flying out the next morning. McCall Aviation offers return flights from McCall to Boise.

What's Included?

- 6 days of kayak instruction with skilled professional ACA (American Canoe Association) certified instructors
- 5 nights catered camping

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- Meals from lunch on day 1 through lunch on the last day, with limited beer and wine at dinner
- Expedition equipment including 2-person shared tent, sleeping bag with liner, ground tarp, sleeping pad, pillow with pillowcase, paddle jacket, and dry bags
- High quality kayaks and related equipment including paddle, helmet, personal flotation device (PFD), and spray skirt
- Raft support on the river
- Scenic flight from McCall to Salmon
- Transfer from Salmon to the river and from the river back to McCall
- Round-trip transfers between McCall airport or local hotels when flying with McCall Aviation

What's Not Included?

- Flights or transportation to McCall and back from McCall, Idaho
- Pre- and post-trip accommodations and meals
- Single supplement tent (\$30 plus tax)
- Insurance of any kind, including travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature (an equipment list will be provided)
- Gratuities

SOMETHING VOLUNTARY

- In reviewing your statement, you'll notice a \$1/person/day donation to Idaho Rivers United, a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to protecting Idaho's clean water, wild rivers and fish, and the communities that depend on them. One-hundred percent of these funds go directly to Idaho Rivers United and your contribution is tax-deductible. This donation is voluntary and may be removed from your invoice if you choose not to participate. *Please notify our office to delete the donation from your balance.*
- The O.A.R.S. Foundation is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization with the express goal of providing opportunities for young people to experience the magic of a river trip. Visit www.oarsfoundation.org to learn more about how your tax deductible donation can change young lives for the better.

Terms & Conditions

Reservations and Deposits

- A \$250/person deposit is required at the time of reservation. The balance is due 60 days prior to departure.

Cancellations and Refunds

- If you find it necessary to cancel your trip, please notify us as soon as possible. The cancellation fee after you've made your deposit can range up to the entire trip cost, based upon the number of days prior to your trip that we receive your cancellation notice. We regret we cannot make exceptions for personal emergencies. For this reason, **we strongly urge you to investigate trip insurance** (see Insurance).
- Cancellations 60 days or more prior to your trip earn a full refund less a \$100/person fee. Cancellations 59 days or less prior to your trip are not refundable.
- If you transfer from one trip to another, there is a \$50/person charge up until 60 days before the trip. Transfers made after this time will be treated as cancellations.

Medical

- Under most circumstances, if you are of an adventurous spirit and in reasonably good health, you should have no problem enjoying an O.A.R.S. trip. People with medical conditions, including pregnancy, should have a physician's approval before taking an adventure travel trip.

Insurance

- Although every effort is made to insure a safe trip for all, we strongly recommend that you protect yourself, your belongings, and your vacation through the purchase of a short-term traveler's policy. A trip cancellation policy covers your non-refundable payments in most cases, should you have to cancel your trip at the last minute due to illness or injury. Trip participants should realize that in the event of illness or injury on an adventure travel trip, evacuation can be prolonged, difficult and expensive. Personal belongings and cameras are carried entirely at the owner's risk, and O.A.R.S. accepts no responsibility for lost, damaged, delayed or stolen property.

Liability Waiver

- Everyone is required to sign a standard release form before the trip, acknowledging awareness that some risks are associated with the trip. Safety is of the utmost concern on our trips. However, due to the nature of the activities, a condition of your participation is that you will sign this form and return it to our office before the trip begins. Anyone who refuses to sign the form will not be allowed to participate, and consistent with O.A.R.S. cancellation policy, there will be no refund of the trip fees at that time.

Responsibility – An Important Notice

- O.A.R.S. Dories, Inc. and cooperating agencies act only in the capacity of agent for the participants in all matters relating to transportation and/or all other related travel services, and assume no responsibility however caused for injury, loss or damage to person or property in connection with any service, including but not limited to that resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, detention, annoyance, delays and expenses arising from quarantine, strikes, theft, pilferage, force majeure, failure of any means of conveyance to arrive or depart as scheduled, civil disturbances, government restrictions or regulations, and discrepancies or change in transit over which it has no control. Reasonable changes in itinerary may be made where deemed advisable for the comfort and well being of the participants, including cancellation due to water fluctuation, insufficient bookings, (this trip requires a minimum of 4 guests), and other factors. There is risk in whitewater rafting, particularly during high-water conditions. Rafts, dories and kayaks do capsize. You could be swept overboard. Your guide will make every attempt to assist, but you must be strong and agile enough to "self-help" and "float-it-out" without further endangering yourself or others. We reserve the right not to accept passengers weighing more than 260 pounds or with a waist/chest size exceeding 56 inches. We may decide, at any time, to exclude any person or group for any reason we feel is related to the safety of our trips. We are experienced at accommodating people with various disabilities. Please give us an opportunity to make you feel welcome. We need to discuss any special requirements ahead of time. On advancement of deposit the depositor agrees to be bound by the above recited terms and conditions. Prices subject to change without notice.

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