

Rogue Kayaking TRIP DETAILS

Thank you for choosing to join Indigo Creek Outfitters on a Rogue River multi-day trip. Please reach out to us with any questions as you prepare for your trip.

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In 1968, Congress designated and protected the Rogue River as one of the initial rivers of the "Wild and Scenic Rivers Act." The Rogue is magnificent with lively rapids, deep forests and dramatic canyon views. Trips here are a blend of fun whitewater and relaxation. Campsites are comfortable, wildlife abundant and the scenery spectacular.

Our Rogue River trips are designed so that planning is easy and hassle free. From the time that we meet you at the Galice Resort until your return after the trip, we supply everything that you'll need to enjoy your Rogue River vacation.

PRE-TRIP MEETING

On the morning of your trip, our lead guide will meet you and other guests at the Galice Resort & General Store at 8:00 A.M.

8:00 a.m. Trip Meet Time

Galice Resort
11744 Galice Road
Merlin, OR 97532

Our meeting place is on the north, or riverside of Galice Road, about a 40-minute drive from Grants Pass. From Grants Pass, take Interstate 5 north about 1-1/2 miles to the Merlin exit (Exit #61). Follow the Merlin-Galice Road west through the town of Merlin to Galice. Galice Resort has a small store for last minute needs. Please be ready by our 8:00 a.m. meet time.

In 2021, Galice Resort's restaurant was lost in a fire. While they occasionally have food trucks on site, you should consider having breakfast at a different location.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The Rogue is a day drive from the San Francisco Bay Area, Portland, or Seattle. The most direct route is driving north or south on I-5 to Grants Pass and then to Galice that day or the next morning.

Medford is the nearest airport. Plan on arriving the day before your trip departs. The Galice Resort is about a 1 hour and 15 minute drive from the airport. Shuttles to and from the airport are available through various transportation companies such as Uber, Lyft, and local taxi services. These shuttles are not included in the price of your trip.

On the last day of your trip, we will transport you back to Galice. This shuttle takes about two hours and we usually arrive at Galice by 4:30 P.M. Although you may be able to arrange a flight home from Medford after 7:00 P.M. that evening, we urge you to fly out the next day.

PRIVATE VEHICLE SHUTTLES

Although we provide transportation back to Galice at the end of the trip, some guests prefer to have their car driven to our take-out at Foster Bar. This makes sense if you would like to tour the Oregon Coast or visit Redwood National Park in California. Arrangements for this vehicle shuttle can be made through Whitewater Cowboys in Merlin. Please make your shuttle arrangements ahead of time. Guests are responsible for paying the private vehicle shuttle fee.

If you plan to have your car shuttled, please make sure that you have a full tank of gas and two sets of keys. Let our lead guide know about your plans at the pre-trip meeting.



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LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

We recommend that you stay at our meeting place, the Galice Resort, the night before your trip departs. This makes meeting easier on the morning of your trip. Galice's phone number is (541) 476-3818. Galice has rustic cabins and rooms available.

In 2021, Galice Resort's restaurant was lost in a fire. While they occasionally have food trucks on site, you should consider bringing your own food (most of their lodging options include a kitchen) or plan to eat elsewhere.

In Grants Pass (40-minute drive from Galice) there are numerous motels available including the Holiday Inn Express, (541) 471-6144; Shilo Inn, (541) 479-8391; and the Riverside Inn, (541) 476-6873.

The best camping facility nearby is Indian Mary Campground, a few miles before Galice. It is operated by Josephine County. A few miles beyond Galice is another campground, Almeda Bar.

ON THE RIVER & RIVER SAFETY

On your trip we'll float about 40 miles and run some outstanding whitewater. Typically, we'll have breakfast around 8:00 A.M. each day and try to be on the water by 10:00 A.M. We paddle about 6 hours every day with a break for lunch early in the afternoon. When we arrive at camp you'll have time to relax, swim or sit back with a good book.

Safety on your trip is our primary concern and probably yours as well. You will be traveling in a remote area and doing something that is quite a bit different from your everyday routine. The primary elements for a safe, healthy trip are to ALWAYS wear a lifevest on water, be diligent about hand washing and to follow the directions of our guides. Guests and guides wear lifevests whenever we're on river. There are lodges and access points along the river in the unlikely event that an evacuation is needed.

Our guides are trained in First Aid and river rescue techniques. We have special safety procedures at Rainie Falls, Mule Creek Canyon, and Blossom Bar Rapids. These procedures will be explained by our guides.

THE INDIGO CREEK TEAM

We have a great crew that represent a broad spectrum of backgrounds. Our guides are bright, fun people and you will enjoy spending time with them. Because many of our guests book as families, we take a professional approach when it comes to staff conduct and appearance. Our crew follows careful sanitation and food handling practices. The guides do all of the camp cooking and clean up on the trip, although you are welcome to help with camp chores if interested.

RIVER TIME

Our Rogue trips are long enough to begin to forget the time and day of the week. We affectionately refer to this feeling as "river time." So much of our lives are run by the calendar and time of day that it's nice to enjoy the experience of time not mattering. To that end, you might want to leave your watch in your vehicle for the duration of your trip.

FOOD AND DRINK

All on-river meals are provided, beginning with lunch the first day and ending with lunch the last. The food is fresh and hearty and our guides will prepare it. With advance notice, we can accommodate special diet requests.

We carry ample supplies of juices, coffee, tea and hot chocolate, as well as a limited supply of soda, beer and dinner wine. We plan on providing 1-2 sodas and beers per guest, per day. In addition to our supply, you are welcome to bring your own beverages on the trip. Canned soda and beer works best for packing, but bottled wine is fine to bring as well.

CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

To protect the canyon, we carry out all trash, separate recyclables, and use no soap in the river. Guides will instruct you in simple procedures that minimize the impact of our group's trip.

Camp toilets are either a BLM three-sided pit toilet with seat and lid, or our own heavy duty, porta potties with seats that seal tightly for transport. Our crew sets them up in private places away from our camping

and eating areas. We place a paddle next to the hand-wash set up down the trail, away from the toilet to alert others that the toilet is in use. A hand wash system is always available at both the toilet and in the kitchen area.

GRATUITIES

Guests sometimes ask whether gratuities are appropriate. If you enjoyed your trip, please feel free to leave a tip with the lead guide at the end of the trip. Typically, tips range between 10-15% of the trip fare. Gratuities will be shared among all the guides.

YOUR HEALTH

Our Rogue River trips are relaxing, but they are a dramatic change in routine for most people. To participate, you should be in good health. You may also need to perform certain physical activities. These include basic swimming, hiking in rugged or uneven terrain, climbing in and out of rafts and assisting in your rescue, if that becomes necessary. Please let us know when you return your Release Agreement, if you have any health or dietary restrictions. We'll gladly accommodate reasonable dietary restrictions with advanced notice.

RESPONSIBILITY

Trip participants should understand that river trips involve known and unknown risks. Indigo Creek Outfitters assumes no responsibility for injuries, death, or loss/damage to client's property while on the river. All clients must sign a Release and Waiver Agreement expressly acknowledging these points. Indigo Creek Outfitters assumes no responsibility for vehicles and/or the contents of vehicles parked during the trip. Because of the risks associated with river trips, including personal injury, death, property loss or damage or financial loss in the event of trip cancellation, we urge all trip participants to supplement their own insurance with vacation insurance.

Please read and provide the personal information requested on our Guest Information Form and submit it at least two weeks prior to your trip.

AGE LIMITS

The minimum age on our Rogue River trips is six years old. Our trips in June, July and August are best suited for children. This age limit is in place for the safety of your child, the safety of our other guests and our guides.

TRAVEL PROTECTION

We recommend that you supplement personal insurance with travel insurance. Policies that include accident, cancellation, and baggage protection are available through our website, as well as most travel agents. Cancellation initiated by you may result in substantial loss of fees paid. Available insurance protects against the loss of deposits in the event you must cancel because of unforeseen circumstances.

PERFORMANCE

It is sometimes necessary to cancel or modify a trip because of unusual circumstances. We reserve the right to cancel or modify any trip due to weather or water conditions or other circumstances beyond our control. In such cases, we cannot be responsible for expenses other than refunding all or part of fees paid to Indigo Creek Outfitters.

The determination of refunds (if any) will be made after reviewing trip details. Guides and other on-river personnel are not authorized to make or promise trip refunds or credits. Such determinations can only be made by company officers.

CANCELLATIONS

If you must cancel your reservation, you may be eligible for a partial refund. Our cancellation policy is firm. We operate under stringent federal regulations, which restrict the number of guests per trip and the number of trips per season. We incur substantial expenses before each trip departs and, in the event of late cancellations cannot recover costs, nor can we make refunds. If you must cancel at the last minute and do not have travel insurance; try to find a friend to take your place.

Indigo Creek Outfitters requires a non-refundable deposit of 20% of the trip cost

to confirm a reservation. The balance of the trip fee is due no later than 60 days prior to departure. If the balance is not paid within our terms, the reservation is assumed to be canceled and the deposit forfeited.

All payments are final and there are no refunds or credits.

PERMITS

We operate under Special Use Permit from the Bureau of Land Management, Medford District, and the U.S. Forest Service. The Oregon State Marine Board licenses our activities. Our permit and license are your assurance that Indigo Creek Outfitters is legally outfitting on the river. Our operations and facilities are operated on a non-discriminatory basis. Because the Rogue is in the mountain west and summer weather is usually dry, the managing agencies sometimes ban open fires during the summer. In this case, we use propane stoves for cooking and are unable to light a campfire at night.

QUESTIONS?

Please reach out to us anytime for help planning your visit to Southern Oregon. Call 541-282-4535 or email us at info@indigocreekoutfitters.com.