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## **FISHING THE DESCHUTES**

The wild and scenic Deschutes has one of the most prolific fly hatches in the world. Match your wits **and hatches against the Red** Sides and feel the joy of duping and landing a 4 lb Wild Rainbow Trout on a 4 wt. fly rod. You'll find broad scenic vistas and cozy camp spots. There is ample opportunity for viewing a wide variety of wild life. Curious river otters, Osprey, Golden Eagles, deer, coyote, bobcats, skunk and Raccoon are all familiar creatures you may encounter. Occasionally, wild horses can be seen on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation

With a little luck and good timing, you can book a multi-day drift boating safari for the famous **Deschutes River Redsides** on Oregon's mighty desert river with Author Dan Alsup. (*Riverman Dan*) as your guide.

**Enjoy amazing springtime and summer catches** of the beautiful football shaped *Redside* variety of rainbow trout. **While we fish year round for Redsides, early April brings the onset of an amazing hatch of Salmon Flies which continues into late June. This is prime time for targeting those famous Red Sides. The competition for space on the boat becomes fierce so book early to secure your seat on the boat.**

During the later summer and fall months you can target the fierce fighting, aerobic metal heads. – ocean going Steelhead Trout

Enjoy gourmet riverside cooking, morning and night with a great deli style lunch when the sun is high. **Please be sure to let us know of any dietary restrictions or special meal or snack requests ahead of time so we can tailor make your fishing adventure as enjoyable as possible.**

**In the evening tip, a glass and enjoy tales, tall and true, of wild fish and wilder times. Times when railroads battled over fortunes still waiting to be made, while pioneers and settlers tested their mettle against the land, hostile natives, and even themselves.** Cattlemen and sheep herders, vigilantes and lynch mobs. **This is the land of Indian** raids, cattle rustling **and posses.** -- you will be right where it all happened. History, wild beauty, the mighty **Deschutes River** and, of course, the majesty of a beautiful *Redside* rising to morning flies.

Trips vary in length from a very long one day fishing adventure to a 7 day river safari. One day trips will include a deli lunch and extra flies and leader. **Deschutes River Trips will begin at the shop in Maupin with complete transportation to and from the river provided.**

**Your river trip will be either in a rowed raft or a McKenzie Riverboat. (a drift boat). For multi-day trips, a separate raft will transport our kitchen and your gear down stream wear it will be ready for you at the end of each day,**

### **Reservations, Deposits, and Refunds**

- Early reservations will allow us to operate more efficiently and to book the dates you desire.
- A 50% deposit is required to secure dates.
- Full payment for the reserved party size is due thirty (30) days before the trip.
- A valid Oregon Fishing License is mandatory as well as any required river permits.

**If fishing for Salmon or Steelhead a valid ODFW tag is also required**

- Deposits are non-refundable.
- Trips proceed regardless of weather conditions.

**Please carefully read the above Reservation, Deposit and Cancellation policy**

### What to Bring

For a one day fishing adventure you will need:

Flys for Red Sides: A good variety of Caddis (I like the elk **hair**), mayflies and of course in early season salmon flies are the hatch to match.

Nymphs are always good on the Deschutes. Hare's ear, prince and beaded prince nymphs are very productive as are Teeny nymphs.

Flys for Steelhead: Joes hopper, Green Butted Skunks, Mack's Canyon, Freight Train

Drifting nymphs for Steelhead can also be a very productive method of bringing metal heads into the bank.

**Waders, preferably the lightweight breathable type during the warmer months and neoprene in winter**

**BE SURE TO BRING A TIGHT BELT FOR YOUR WADERS**

**this will help keep water out if you should fall in.**

Wading boots or shoes

Your favorite fly pole

Your vest full of your favorites (We will have some winners on hand)

Wading staff  
Plastic water bottle or canteen (no glass please)  
Insect repellent (spring trips)  
Sunglasses  
Sun shade hat  
Sun Block  
A Warm shirt or jacket for cool early mornings and evenings  
A light rain jacket  
Field glasses.  
Insect repellent (spring trips)

Camera and plenty of film we do recommend water proof cameras as **there is no guarantee that your** camera will not get wet!  
Don't forget that Oregon Fishing License  
**A steelhead / salmon tag is required if you are fishing for them or you plan to keep one.**

We will take care of

- Class V Life Jackets which will be worn at all times on the river.**
- Helping you obtain Deschutes River Use Permits (fees already included!)**
- Fresh drinking water
- An outstanding Deli Lunch

**\*We will provide a cooler and ice for beverages.**

**\*\*\* Alcoholic beverages will be transported on the gear raft and are only allowed to be consumed while at camp**

## OVERNIGHT GEAR LIST

**1. Tent**

**2. Sleeping Bag and pillow**

**\*\*\* Tents and sleeping bags can be rented for your trip**

**\*\*\* If needed the charge is \$5 per item.**

**3. Air Mattress (sleeping pad)**

**4. Flashlight or Head Lamp with extra batteries**

**5. Shoes for camp**

**6. Personal care gear (toothbrushes, Aspirin, fem hygiene supplies etc**

**7. A small towel**

## **8. Clothing: Remember that space is very limited**

**A. a pair of stockings for each night on the river**

**B. a pair of sweats to wear in camp both pants and top. Even a hoody is good for a top. A nice fleec is perfect.**

**C. light weight pants (zip off pant legs are great) make sure they are the non-cotton type of fast drying material such as swim suits are made of.**

**D. light weight shirts of the same material are also very nice. T-shirts are also nice.**

**E. 1 nylon windbreaker jacket/pants**

**F. Books, Magazines, games, musical instruments**

**It is recommended that you bring a complete set of clothes for every two nights on the river including the set you start off wearing. I.e. 1-3 nights, one or two sets is enough. 4-5 nights, bring two or three sets. Just remember to have some fresh clothes in the car for your trip home.**

## **10. CLOSING THOUGHTS**

Remember that if you are only going for one or two nights, dry-bag space is limited. Please pack your gear in soft bags (no hard suitcases or anything of that type) and pack lightly. You are in the wilderness and not much is needed to have a great time out there! For those of you who choose a longer trip (5-7 days) We will have a checklist and itinerary designed to make longer trips easy and comfortable for you.

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