

6 Day Wilderness Pack & Float Expedition

Although each wilderness trip is unique, the following sample itinerary should give you an idea of what to expect on a 6 day/5 night wilderness expedition. The actual itinerary will vary due to your preferences, scheduling, weather, river and forest conditions.

SATURDAY: Plan to spend the night in one of the Flathead Valley's local lodging facilities. There are several that provide complimentary ground transportation from the airport. Just give us a call and we'll be happy to make a recommendation based on your schedule and needs.

SUNDAY: Arrive at Spotted Bear Ranch around 8:30 am. We'll have coffee and a continental breakfast waiting for you. If you're driving yourself, it will take you about 2 1/2 hours from Kalispell or Whitefish, 2 hours from Hungry Horse. If you choose the pre-arranged shuttle service offered by Flathead-Glacier Transportation, your driver will pick you up at your hotel around 7:00 am. Upon your arrival, guides will be on hand to sort out your gear and send it off to the trail head where it will be loaded on mules by the packers. After breakfast, you'll make your way to Outfitters Roost, the gateway to your wilderness adventure (a 25 minute drive away). Here you'll depart on horseback for a 10 mile ride to Hodag or Damnation Creek, arriving just in time for some dry fly fishing and introductions to the native cutthroat population. You'll camp here overnight, under more stars than you've ever laid eyes on.

MONDAY: Awake to a gorgeous Rocky Mountain sunrise and enjoy a steaming cup of Joe. After a fortifying breakfast, pack up and horseback to the White River, 15 miles deeper into the back country. You'll fish throughout the late afternoon and evening, then enjoy supper around the campfire and a well-earned slumber...dreaming of fish no doubt.

TUESDAY: Rise and shine, enjoy another great breakfast, then hike and wade fish the South Fork, White River and nearby small streams. You won't need to pack up since you'll be spending another night here. Your home away, way, way from home.

WEDNESDAY: Today, after breakfast, we'll break camp and load up the rafts. Then, float and wade fish down to Little Salmon. You'll stop along the way to fish the best holes and stretches of water ever formed, enjoying a shore lunch along the way. The afternoon and evening includes more fly fishing, exploring, laughing, catching, releasing, and grinning. Make room for more memories.

THURSDAY: It's sun up again and the cowboy coffee is hot. Enjoy another hearty meal and gear up for more dry fly action on the South Fork. Today, we float and fish down stream to Kelly Point or so. Another hot lunch on shore, followed by more fishing, fun, and camp memories.

FRIDAY: Another beautiful morning as we float and fish through amazing stretches of the river to the take-out point. We'll pull out just above the Gorge around mid-afternoon. Our pack staff will meet you with necessary stock and you can ride or hike the 2 miles around the Gorge back to Outfitters Roost. Then, back to the Lodge to clean up (if you wish) and enjoy a western-style barbecue supper where you can tell tales of what you've seen and caught (all true, of course). After supper, make your way back to civilization -- drive, fly or shuttle.

SATURDAY: Depart the Flathead area for your next destination or stick around and visit other nearby attractions, such as Glacier National Park, Flathead Lake, and Whitefish Lake. The area abounds with great golfing, whitewater rafting, hiking, sightseeing, shopping and more.

