



Smith River Float Trip - Equipment List

First a few words of wisdom. “Having the right tool for the job” makes any task easier and more enjoyable. The same goes for preparing for a big trip. Start preparing and organizing now!

Your rain jacket and waders are absolutely the most critical gear for your trip. If you have not invested in quality outer gear yet, this is the year to do it. It only takes one day of cold rain in a cheap rain jacket or leaky waders to make you miserable. Simms and Patagonia are both great brands.

WARM LAYERS

- Long underwear
- 1 mid-weight top & bottom
- 1 light-weight top and bottom
- 1 pair polar fleece pants 1 fleece or “Windstopper” type vest
- 1 warm jacket (even in July)
- 3-5 pair warm socks, expedition weight, mid-weight, etc. (My feet are always cold. Polar fleece socks, wool socks, silk socks, whatever it takes for warm feet.)
- 1 fishing shirt mid-weight, long sleeve
- 1 pair pants (jeans, canvas, etc.) for camp wear
- 1 pair shorts (lightweight, quick drying, use for bath)
- 1 fleece or “Windstopper” type vest

OUTERWEAR

- 1 quality rain jacket (Gore-Tex)
- Gore-Tex waders
- 1 or 2 pair light-weight fishing pants
- 2 fishing shirts, light-weight, long sleeve
- 1 pair boots, wading (non-spike)
- 1 pair waterproof shoes or boots (camp)
- 1 pair sandals (for shower or river bathing)
- 1 pair gravel guards (optional)
- 1 wide brim hat, fishing
- 1 polar fleece / wool cap
- 1 pair gloves, cold weather
- 1 pair gloves, fingerless

GEAR

- Warm sleeping bag
- Small inflatable pillow
- Sport towel & wash cloth
- Lightweight duffel (A soft bag or duffel bag up to 12” around or loosely packed so that it can be stuffed into our dry bags).
- Day pack, waterproof for gear you might need on the river. (You will carry this with you each day.)
- Toilet kit (small)
- Flashlight or headlight with extra batteries
- Heavy drawstring trash bags (2)
- “Huggies” or other brand sanitary wipes. (great for the latrine or a quick “sponge bath”)
- Hand sanitizer
- Clothesline & pins (20’ of nylon cord and 10 clothes pins) (optional)
- Camera with extra battery (optional)
- Small binoculars (optional)
- Sunscreen, insect repellent, polarized sunglasses
- Personal spirits (beer and wine are provided)
- Fishing gear: The most versatile rod to use in Montana is a 9 foot 6-weight medium or fast action rod with a weight-forward or floating fly line. If you’d like to bring more rods, no problem. We also provide all the flies you will need for the river but you are more than welcome to bring your own selection.

Having listed all of the above, please try to keep as light and compact as possible due to limited space on the rafts.