

Aug. 31 – Sep. 2, 2023

RMS NORTHWEST CHAPTER

# SNAKE RIVER

## Wyoming

The Wild and Scenic Snake River flows through multiple federal lands, as well as a small portion through state and private lands.

Join us for 1-3 days of your choice to learn more about management of this iconic river.

River Management Society, Grand Teton National Park,  
Bridger-Teton National Forest



The River Management Society Northwest Chapter, in partnership with Grand Teton National Park and Bridger-Teton National Forest, is hosting an Aug - Sep. river trip on the Snake River just outside of Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The Snake River begins in Yellowstone National Park and flows into the Pacific Ocean as one of the largest tributaries to the Columbia River. Around Jackson Hole, the river flows within the largest intact ecosystem in the contiguous United States, the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. The river not only provides critical habitat to native flora and fauna, but also offers world-class recreational opportunities through an iconic landscape of stunning canyons, open meadows, broad vistas, striking mountains, glacial lakes, and sage flats. These elements combine to offer a landscape character that is unforgettable on a scale that draws visitors worldwide.

Since there are few float-in campsites along the river, this trip will be divided into 3 separate day trips. Participants can join for any combination of these day trips:

**Thursday August 31, 2023:** Pacific Creek to Deadman's Bar in Grand Teton National Park (10 miles, Class I-II). Float through scenic, braided channels and spot abundant wildlife such as bald eagles, moose, elk, and beavers. Meet with Grand Teton National Park Snake River Rangers and park hydrologists to learn about new boat launches, regulated flows, and visitor use management. Rafts recommended.

**Friday September 1, 2023:** Wilson to South Park (13 miles, Class I-II). Meet with Teton County planners and Snake River Fund to learn about community stewardship, education, and outreach. Rafts recommended.

**Saturday September 2, 2023:** West Table to Sheep Gulch (8 miles, Class III). Paddle Alpine Canyon, the classic whitewater section of the Snake River near Jackson. Hear from Bridger-Teton National Forest River Rangers about visitor use management in this highly popular stretch. Rafts, kayak, and inflatable kayaks recommended.

**Saturday evening:** BBQ at Bridger Teton National Forest Wild & Scenic River Coordinator & Ranger David Cernicek's home in Jackson, WY.

Free camping accommodations are available at the US Forest Service Cottonwood Work Center, ~20 miles south of Jackson. Shuttles will be arranged day-of each trip. All meals, except the Saturday BBQ, will be on your own.

## LOGISTICS

**Registration:** The trip is open to RMS members only. If you're not already a member, we encourage you to learn about the benefits of membership and join online at <https://www.river-management.org/join>. Registration is first-come, first-served and is limited to 30 participants per day.

Registration will open from now until Aug. 15, 2023. Registration will close on August 15 or when 30 people have registered, whichever comes first. A waitlist will be maintained in case of cancellations. The cost for the trip \$10 per day you participate, and all proceeds will go directly to the RMS NW Chapter. Either **REGISTER ONLINE** (<https://rms.memberclicks.net/2023-snake-river#!/>) or send the registration form below with a check payable to "Martin Hudson" to:

Martin Hudson  
PO Box 92  
Pinedale, WY 82941

## Floating Logistics:

Date	Logistics	Speakers
<b>Thursday, August 31</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8 AM:</b> Meet in parking lot of Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center at Grand Teton National Park (1 Teton Park Rd, Moose, WY 83012). Arrange shuttles, vehicles, boats, etc.</li> <li>• Put-in at Pacific Creek Landing, take-out at Deadman's Bar</li> <li>• Bring your own lunch, lunch stop on the river</li> <li>• Expected float time: 4-5 hours</li> </ul>	<p>Speakers: Brad Griest, Lead Snake River Ranger, Grand Teton National Park</p> <p>Simeon Caskey, Physical Science Branch Chief, Grand Teton National Park</p>
<b>Friday, September 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8 AM:</b> Meet at South Park Landing (just off of US Highway 89, downstream of bridge). Arrange shuttles, vehicles, boats, etc.</li> <li>• Put-in at Wilson Bridge, take-out at South Park Landing</li> <li>• Bring your own lunch, lunch stop on the river</li> <li>• Expected float time: 5-7 hours</li> </ul>	<p>Speakers: Andy Erskine, Cody Daigle, Teton County Parks and Recreation Program</p> <p>Orion Hatch, Snake River Fund</p>
<b>Saturday, September 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8 AM:</b> Meet at West Table Boat Ramp. Arrange shuttles, vehicles, boats, etc.</li> <li>• Put-in at West Table Boat Ramp, take-out at Sheep Gulch Boat Ramp</li> <li>• Bring your own lunch, lunch stop on the river</li> <li>• Expected float time: 5-7 hours</li> <li>• <b>7 PM:</b> BBQ at David Cernicek's home in Jackson, WY</li> </ul>	<p>Speakers:</p> <p>David Cernicek, Wild &amp; Scenic River Coordinator &amp; Ranger, Bridger-Teton National Forest</p> <p>Todd Stiles, District Ranger, Bridger-Teton National Forest</p>

**Meals:** Participants are expected to prepare their own meals this trip, except for the Saturday evening BBQ, where dinner will be provided. With close proximity to the town of Jackson, participants have access to several grocery stores (Albertsons, Smiths, and Whole Foods) as well as a variety of restaurants and cafes.

**Shuttles:** Shuttles will be arranged at the beginning of each day.

**Weather and Gear:** September in Jackson Hole has average temperatures between 50-70°F. However, temperature and weather can vary widely: we may experience warmer temperatures (~70-80°F) but also could experience early-season snowfall. Participants should check weather in advance of the trip and anticipate a variety of conditions.

**Accommodations:** Participants may seek their own accommodations in the Jackson Hole area or camp for free at the US Forest Service Cottonwood Work Center in Hoback.

Basic driving instructions from Hoback Junction: proceed south on HWY 89 along the Snake River. After 3ish miles you will see a boat ramp on the left and a red one-lane bridge just after it spanning the river to a new multi-million dollar subdivision. Keep going down the highway! About a half mile further you will be on a straight-away with cottonwoods lining both sides of the road and there will be a passing lane. Turn on your right blinker because the next asphalt right turn is yours.

The turn will be to the right! Road is called Wilson-Fall Creek Road. It will connect to the highway as an asphalt road. Immediately after turning right, the pavement will end. Stay on it! The right turn leads to an administrative compound called "Cottonwood Work Center." Staying left on the dirt Wilson-Fall Creek Road you will come to where there is an open area on the right with the back of a green warehouse. The general camping area is across the road from the warehouse compound along Pritchard Creek. General plan is to set up some communal stuff there like a general use kitchen and big fire pit. All are welcome to camp there or folks can proceed further up the road if they like things more secluded and private. The warehouse has two bathrooms with showers and folks are welcome to use them.



43°17'36.36"N

110°47'55.46"W

**Other Information:**

If you have other questions, please feel free to contact NW Chapter Vice President Martin Hudson at [53silvercreek@gmail.com](mailto:53silvercreek@gmail.com).



2023 NW Chapter Snake River Float Registration Form  
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[REGISTER ONLINE](#) or by completing the form below:

Trip sign up is first-come, first-served. You must be a current RMS member to participate. **Registration will be open from now until August 15, 2023.** The trip cost is \$10 per day per participant. If registering using this paper form, please send a check payable to “Martin Hudson” with your form:

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**Pinedale, WY 82941**

Trip slots will be filled in the order that registration is received.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Which days will you participate?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday August 31 (Pacific Creek to Deadman’s Bar, Grand Teton NP)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Friday September 1 (Wilson to South Park)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday September 1 (West Table to Sheep Gulch, Bridger-Teton NF)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday September 2 evening BBQ

If attending the BBQ, do you have specific dietary requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you planning to bring a boat and what type? (Circle one).    Yes    No

If yes, type of boat: \_\_\_\_\_

How many passengers can you take if you are bringing a boat? \_\_\_\_\_

If *no*, we will have a few open spaces on NPS and USFS rafts.

Do you have any medical conditions/allergies the group leader should know about?

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Will you be staying at the US Forest Service Cottonwood Work Center? (Circle one).    Yes    No

For more information, contact Martin Hudson at [53silvercreek@gmail.com](mailto:53silvercreek@gmail.com).