

2024 RMS NW Chapter
North Fork Nooksack River Day Float Trip Information



Dates of Trip: June 22nd, 2024

North Fork of the Nooksack River

Trip Leader: Chris Elder – rivershedspc@gmail.com or (360)840-3064

RSVP Required by texting or emailing the contact info above if you'd like to join on this float.

Day Trip Logistics:

LAUNCH LOCATION: Warnick Bridge – off of Mount Baker Hwy at Glacier ([48.904719, -121.992622](#))

TIME: **9:30am** – Meet at takeout, then carpool to Launch site

TAKE-OUT LOCATION: Welcome Bridge – Mosquito Lake ([48.837858, -122.153923](#))

<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3715/Welcome-Bridge-River-Access>

TIME: **3:00pm**

Is there a cost associated with this trip?

Trip is Free for RMS members, \$20 for non-members to cover chapter expenses.

Also – we want you to join!! Click here for info on how to join - <https://www.river-management.org/join>

Do I need to arrange my own shuttle? Yes ____ No ____

There will likely be room in cars left at the takeout to facilitate shuttling of drivers back to the put-in.

Notes about the river (rapids, difficulty, how many float miles, etc.): **This float is intermediate level difficulty. The rapids are relatively small though the logjams and meandering nature of the river make it challenging to navigate. Boat captains must be comfortable ‘threading the needle’ and avoiding hazards. This section of river is about 13 miles and will be a full day float, depending on water levels. Rafts, IK’s, packrafts, and kayaks are the preferred watercraft for this float. This float offers incredible scenery of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Mount Baker herself, and the temperate forest ecosystems of the Westside of the Cascade Mountains. The braided and complex river system has occasional sandstone boulder gardens, one good canyon, and offers a fairly remote experience. This trip will offer a good view of engineered logjams and salmon recovery efforts in the Nooksack River Basin.**

Participants should bring their own lunch, beverages and equipment needed for a day on the river. Contact the trip leader to RSVP or if you have any questions.

Chris, the trip leader, will meet at Welcome Bridge (takeout) site at 8:30am on the morning of June 22nd and we’ll head up to the put-in by 9:00am. Both the put-in and takeout are on/close to Mount Baker Highway. Camping is available at Doug Fir Campground, on National Forest Land, and there are also other camping options on Chris’s farm nearby.

The launch location has limited parking and involves navigating a narrow access road – so carpool and condense boats on trailers where feasible.

The North Fork Brewery is near the takeout and makes for a nice pizza and brew ending to the day!