

John Day River, Oregon

An online launch permit is required year-round and to boat all sections of the Mainstem downstream of Spray. Permits to boat upstream of Spray are encouraged and available online and at launch points.

Launch permits are reserved online at <https://www.blm.gov/or/permit>.

Fees:

A non-refundable launch fee is due when a permit reservation is made for trips entering the Wild and Scenic River section (Service Creek to Tumwater Falls; Segments 1-3) between May 20 and July 10

Confirmation:

The Trip Leader is required to confirm their reservation on-line between 10 and 30 days prior to the launch date. Reserved permits that are not confirmed by 10 days prior to the trip date will be canceled. A confirmation deadline reminder notice will be sent to the trip leader via email.

Additional Information:

The state of Oregon requires an Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permits for operators of canoes, kayaks, drift boats, inflatable rafts, and other manually powered boats 10 feet or longer. Permits are available at Oregon fishing license vendors or on the [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) website.

The new John Day River Recreation Guide (with floater's guide) is available for purchase at the Prineville District Office or by phone (541) 416-6700. Cost is \$5.00 per book.

Maximum group size is 16 persons.

Contact:

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