

Salmon River (Main)

Application Process: Lottery applications are accepted December 1 through January 31 annually. Launch reservations for June 20 - September 7 (lottery control season) are assigned by the Four Rivers Lottery System at www.recreation.gov. Successful applicants must confirm their reservation and pay part of their recreation fees by March 15. After the lottery, cancelled Lottery Control Season launch dates are released from 11:00am ET to 12:00pm ET daily. Pre- and post-season launches may be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis on the website or by calling (877) 444-6777 beginning October 1 at 8am MST. Permits are required year-round on the Main Salmon.

Fees: Application \$6.00 non-refundable.

Recreation Fee: \$4.00 per person per day (or any part of a day) or be a valid Middle Fork/Main Salmon Rivers Season Pass holder (see below). Permit holders will be responsible for submitting complete and final payment of fees for their entire group at [online](#) at least three days prior to the actual launch date. Payments for recreation fees will not be accepted at the launch sites.

Season Passes: \$40 and are available for purchase from the Middle Fork and North Fork offices. This pass entitles the holder only (not other members of their party) to float the Middle Fork and/or Main Salmon Rivers without further payment of Recreation Fees within one year from the date of purchase.

Federal Park Passes - A fee reduction of 50% is available to Senior or Access Pass holders.

Season pass holders and persons using a Senior or Access Pass for a fee discount must present their pass, along with their photo ID, to the launch personnel issuing the permit.

Cancellations: If you cannot make the trip, you must cancel your reservation; no exceptions. Cancellations should be made at www.recreation.gov as soon as possible, but have to be submitted no later than 21 days prior to your launch date to avoid a penalty of non-participation in the control season lottery for the Main Salmon for 3 years. If you need to cancel your launch reservation after payment of fees has been made, your recreation fees will be refunded.

Additional Information: Anyone who wants to launch a boat on Idaho waters will have to buy and display an [Idaho Invasive Species Fund sticker](#). (Inflatable, non-motorized vessels less than 10 feet long are exempt). For more information and purchase options call (800) 247-6332.

During the Lottery Control Season, (June 20–September 7) group size determines trip length:

21-30 people, up to 6 days-5 nights

11-20 people, up to 7 days-6 nights

1-10 people, up to 8 days-7 nights

Pre- and post-season: the maximum group size is 30 and the maximum trip length is 10 days.

Contact:

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North Fork Ranger District

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Websites: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/scnf/recreation/wateractivities/?cid=stelprdb5303132> and [Four Rivers Lottery Information](#) and [FAQs](#)