

Smith River

Application Process: Applications for the regular Smith River Permit lottery are accepted January 2 – February 14. (How to apply details had been not updated as of mid-December 2018)

There are 3 ways you can apply:

- Fill-in and submit the application online through the [FWP Automated Licensing System](#).
- Download and print out a paper [application and instructions](#). Mail completed application to the address on the form. They MUST be postmarked on or before February 15.
- Pick up a paper application at any FWP office.

Permit results will be posted online March 4 at [MyFWP](#). Only successful applicants will be notified.

Unsuccessful applicants still have a chance to float the Smith River by calling the Smith River Reservation Line at (406) 454-5861 beginning March 11 (8am -12pm, Monday - Friday) to request any remaining launch dates or cancelled permits.

Super Permit Lottery: The opportunity to purchase chances for the Smith River "[Super Permit](#)" are available January 2 - March 15. Chances may be purchased online through the [FWP Automated Licensing System](#) and at any FWP regional office or license provider. The Super Permit drawing is March 18.

Application Fees: \$10 nonrefundable permit application fee. \$5 per Super Permit chance. The following float fees must be paid during the registration process at Camp Baker on the launch day.

Under 6 years (resident/non-resident)	FREE
6-12 years (resident/non-resident)	\$15
13 and older (resident)	\$25
13 and older (non-resident)	\$60

Cancellation Requirement: Permit holders must cancel their permit if they are not going to use their launch regardless of weather or water flows above 100 cfs. Failure to cancel a permit at least 2 days prior to your launch date, at flows above 100 cfs, will result in losing next years' privileges for the Smith River Permit drawing.

Additional Information: Typical float season is from mid-April through mid-July, occasionally with some floating in September and October.

May 15 - July 15 floaters can stay on the river a maximum of four nights.

Maximum size of floating party is 15.

A person applying for a Smith River permit must be a minimum of 12 years of age at the time they submit their permit application.

Contact: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

4600 Giant Springs Road

Great Falls, MT 59405

Telephone: (406) 454-5861 **Hours:** 8am – 12pm, Monday - Friday

Website: <http://stateparks.mt.gov/smith-river/>