

Smith River, MT

Application Process: Applications for the regular Smith River Permit lottery are accepted January 3 – February 15. See: <https://fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/smith-river>. In 2022, permit results will be available after February 22. Successful applicants will be notified by email. Only successful applicants will be notified. Those who did not get permits are not notified. Lottery results will also be available at www.myfwp.mt.gov.

Those who receive a permit will be contacted by phone two days prior to their launch date to complete the registration process, which includes scheduling boat camps and paying fees.

Unsuccessful applicants still have a chance to float the Smith River by calling the Smith River Reservation Line at (406) 454-5861 a week following the initial lottery results. At that time one may request any remaining launch dates or cancelled permits.

Super Permit Lottery: In addition to the permit lottery, the public may purchase as many \$5 Super Permit Chances as they choose. Each year, one Super Permit is issued through a separate lottery. The recipient of the Super Permit will be allowed to launch on any date of their choosing for that float season.

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 year's 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/>