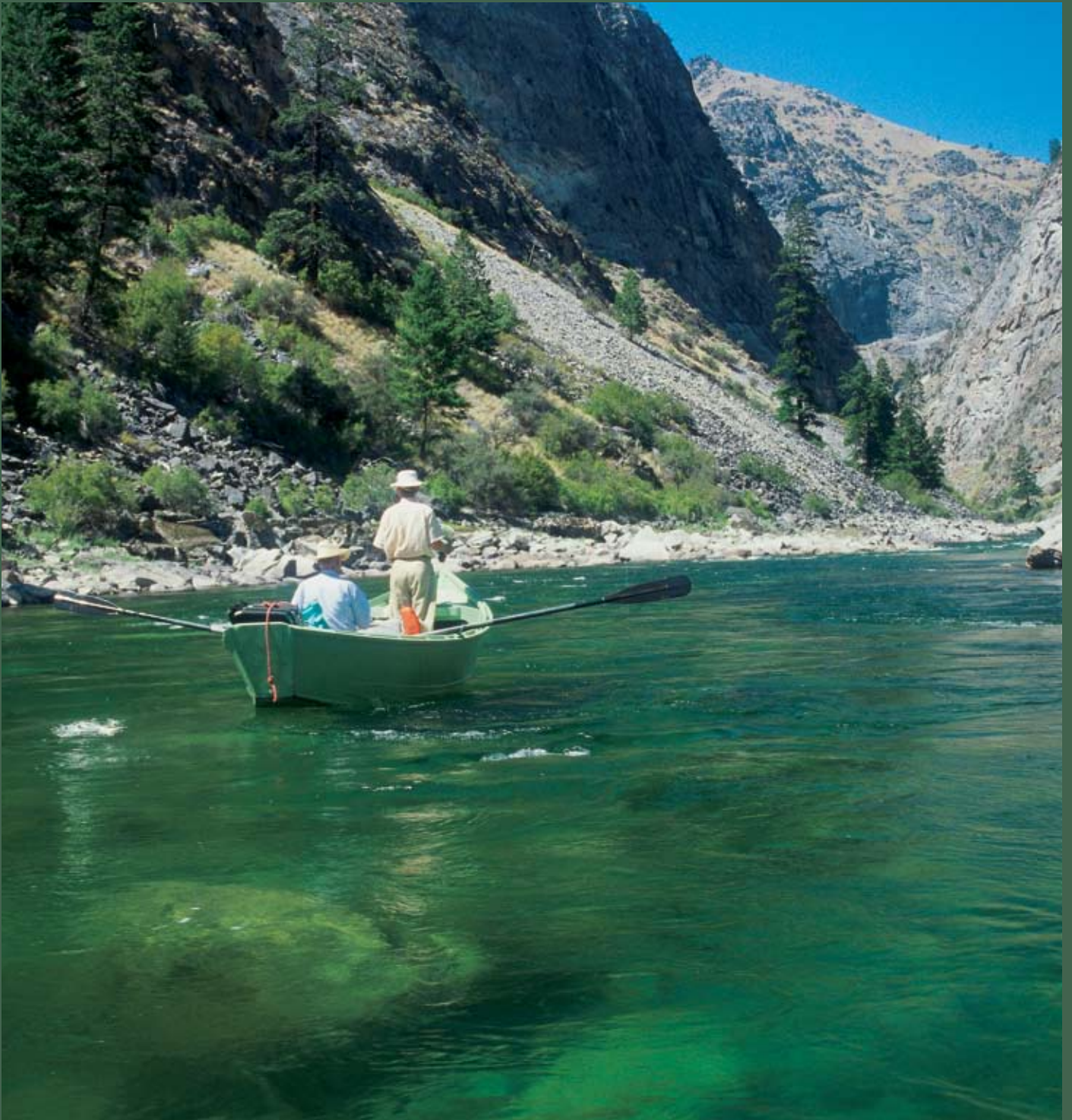


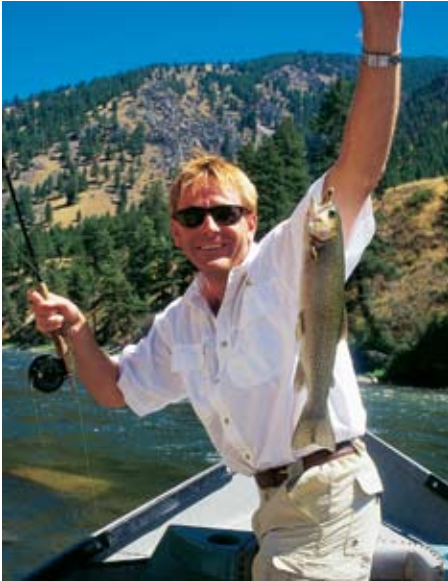
Helfrich River Outfitters, Inc.

# DELUXE WILDERNESS EXCURSIONS

Oregon • Idaho

Middle Fork Salmon River • Rogue River • Lower Main Salmon River





**Central Idaho  
June through August  
Six days**

The magic of the Middle Fork has no equal. The excitement of the whitewater, the breathtaking scenery, beautiful campsites, hot springs, hiking, abundant wildlife and fabulous fishing make this river trip unique. The crystal clear Middle Fork flows one hundred miles through the stunning “River of No Return” wilderness. Thrilling whitewater alternates with placid emerald green pools as you descend nearly 3,000 feet through forests of fir, spruce and ponderosa pine, ultimately entering Impassable Canyon with walls towering 1,000 feet overhead.

The geology and history of this special place are as unique as its beauty. Pre-batholithic rock dating over 100 million years and human artifacts dating over 8,000 years have been found. Our guides provide commentary to give you an appreciation of the river’s complex past, pointing out Native American pictographs decorating canyon walls and significant settings where events changed



*Wild cutthroat trout*

history.

Designated a Wild and Scenic river in 1968 and a catch and release stream in 1973, the translucent waters of the Middle Fork are teeming with willing cutthroat and rainbow

trout. With a trout population of over 2500 fish per mile, the river is a fly fishing paradise. Fishing from maneuverable driftboats allows easy access to many fishing areas. Our guides are excellent boatmen and skilled fishermen who will enhance your fishing experience with expert instruction.



*Bighorn sheep*

Most trips combine rafting and fishing with guests rotating between rafts and driftboats. Our rafts are top quality with custom designed frames for a comfortable and relaxing ride. Inflatable kayaks are also available. For serious fishermen, who prefer to fish the entire trip, we offer an exclusive driftboat-only option.

Deluxe riverside camps feature all the amenities: outdoor cooking at its finest, fresh fruits and vegetables, complete camp setup with spacious tents and cots, toilet, hot shower and washing facilities. Pontoon boats are used to carry equipment to the next camp leaving our rafts and driftboats uncluttered.

Join us on the magical Middle Fork for the ultimate fly fishing and whitewater experience. The Middle Fork is truly the trip of a lifetime – unparalleled and unforgettable.

## SUMMER FISHING AND RAFTING TRIPS MIDDLE FORK SALMON RIVER





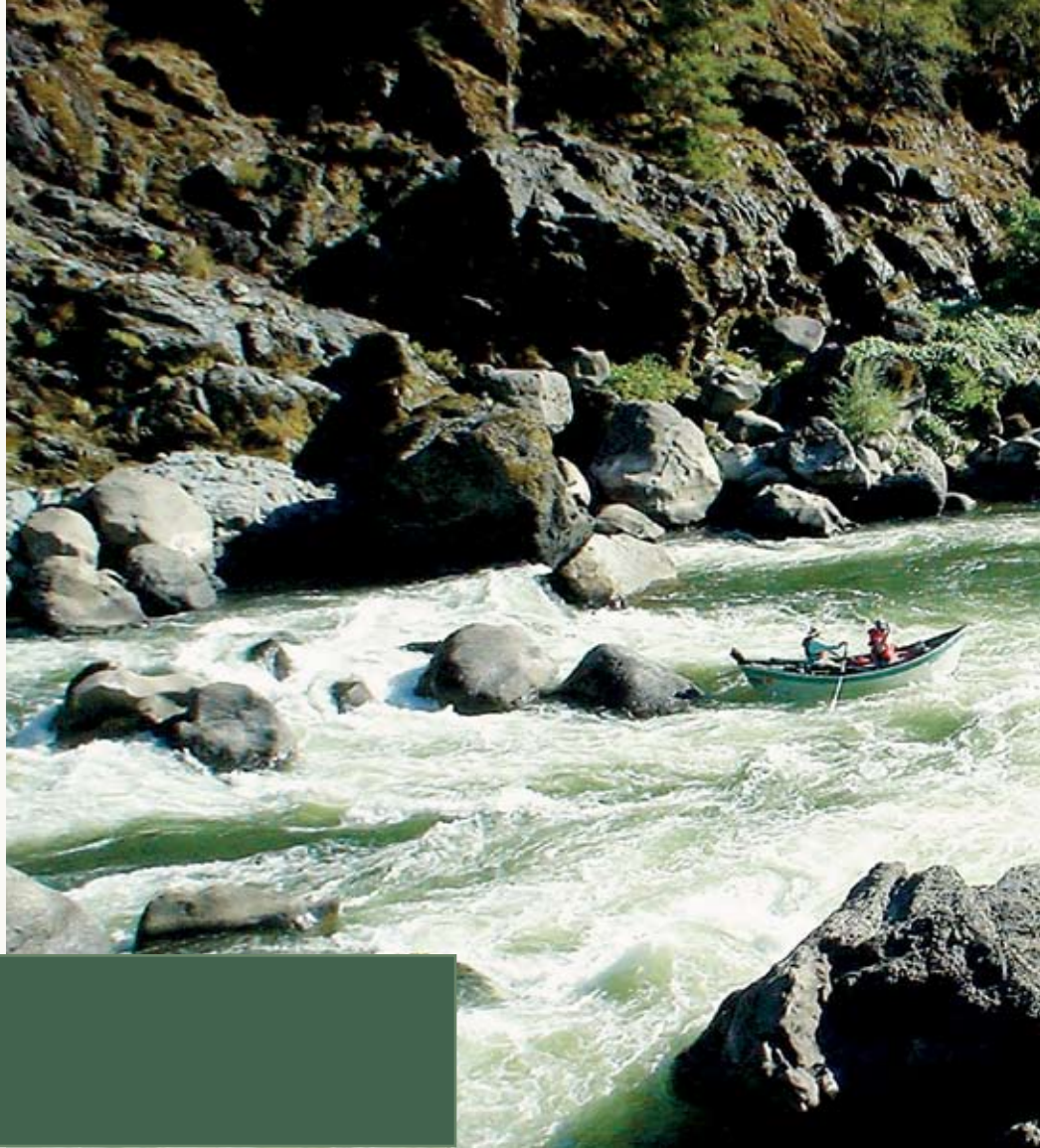
*Comfortable dining*



*Refreshing hot springs*



Southern Oregon  
 August through November  
 Three days  
 Lodge Accommodations



## FALL FISHING TRIPS ROGUE RIVER



*Driftboats in Mule Creek Canyon*

One of Oregon's most spectacular river experiences is another of the rivers aptly categorized as Wild and Scenic– the impressive Rogue River. Legendary for its combination of dramatic rapids and tranquil pools, fishing on the Rogue has been popular with guests of the Helfrich family since 1931 when Prince Helfrich first explored the canyon. His legacy continues as newcomers enjoy the same majestic old growth forests of Douglas fir and the twisted madrone along the river banks. Picturesque grassy pastures, wildflowers and wildlife are all part of this unspoiled wilderness. Deer, otter, black bear, blue herons, osprey and bald eagles call this paradise home.

And then, there are the fish! With two fishermen and one guide in each driftboat, you'll have a unique opportunity to catch fall run steelhead and salmon on lures and flies. Even the most experienced fishermen will be challenged by the great sport of landing these fighters on light tackle. This is a world-class fishing river and our guides serve as skilled fishing instructors and experienced



*Our guides are experienced boatmen and skilled fishermen*



*A tranquil moment*



boatmen. Their knowledge of the river and the maneuverability of the driftboats allow them to easily access the placid pools and rich holes where fishing is best.

Our trips begin at Argo Riffle near Galice and for three days and 36 miles we travel west in McKenzie River driftboats through the Coast Range to Foster Bar near Agness. You'll get a firsthand look at Rainie Falls, Zane Grey's cabin, Mule Creek Canyon and Blossom Bar rapid.

**N**ights are spent in comfortable wilderness lodges with private sleeping accommodations for couples or singles. Breakfasts and dinners are hearty family-style meals served by the guides and lodge staff. Each lodge offers its own distinct character which adds a memorable element to the trip. Shore lunch stops along the river allow time to relax and explore the area. We often barbecue or pan-fry any freshly-caught steelhead or salmon. Delicious! And no one goes away hungry.

The combination of incredible fishing experiences and driftboating through exciting whitewater make this outing on the Rogue more than just a fishing trip; it becomes an extraordinary adventure.



*Wilderness cabin lodging*



**Central Idaho**  
**August through October**  
**Five days**

The Salmon River in Idaho is the largest free-flowing river in the lower 48 states. Our trip takes us through one of the deepest river gorges in North America, traversing 73 miles and three states. We wind 55 miles through the rugged Lower Salmon River Gorge to join the Snake River in Hells Canyon. Our driftboat guides competently navigate “The Slide,” “Eye of the Needle” and “Bodacious Bounce”— whitewater rapids that characterize the wilder side of the Lower Salmon. From the confluence of these two majestic rivers – the Salmon and the Snake, we float the last 18 miles of our journey to our take-out.

Each day, our camp gear and luggage are taken ahead where camps are completely set up before our guests arrive late in the day. Tents, cots, and sleeping pads are provided, as well as a portable toilet, hot shower and washing facility. Dining tables and chairs are set up for meals and our guides double as chefs. They are as skillful using a Dutch oven and barbecue as they are in a driftboat. Meals are varied and delicious with a variety of meats, breads, fresh fruits and vegetables each day.

Our fall fishing and bird hunting trips on the Lower Main can definitely be described as action-packed. We break camp and hit the river early to take advantage of the consistently spectacular fishing for smallmouth bass, trout and steelhead. With two fishermen in each

driftboat, our guides travel through whitewater and into quality fishing spots. They are expert fishermen who provide equipment and helpful instruction along with a personal touch to make each boat ride fun and unique. The camaraderie between our guests and the guides that develops during these five days enhances the trip immeasurably.

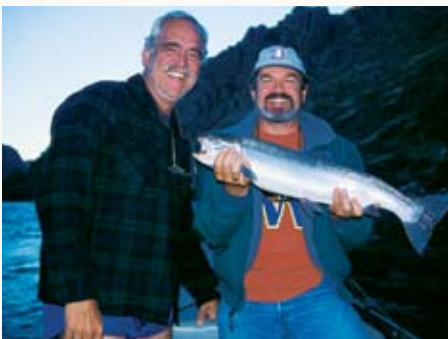
Bird hunting brings an additional dimension to this fishing trip. The Lower Main is known for healthy populations of chukar and Hungarian partridge. These fast-flying birds provide the ultimate challenge to upland bird hunters. Since the terrain can be rugged, driftboats provide ready access. Watching and listening for chukars and partridge as we float allows us to maximize the potential for a successful hunt. Hunting dogs assist in flushing and retrieving the birds. Often termed “cast and blast,” our combination fall fishing and bird hunting excursions provide not just variety, but an excellent opportunity to engage in two of your favorite pastimes during the same trip.

## FALL FISHING AND HUNTING TRIPS

# LOWER MAIN SALMON RIVER



*Smallmouth bass provide good action*



*Take fall steelhead on flies and lures*



*Chukar thrive in the rocky terrain*





**Southern Oregon**  
**August and September**  
**Three days**

With rapids named “Wildcat,” “Devil’s Staircase,” “Coffee Pot” and “Jaws” you know you’re going to have a great whitewater trip on the Rogue River. Our seasoned river guides expertly steer our rafts through 36 miles of gorgeous wilderness. Starting 30 miles west of Grants Pass, we go through the coastal range to Foster Bar near Agness. The pool and drop character of the Rogue offers everything from splashing falls to quiet riffles as we pass through areas of lush vegetation and vertical rock wall canyons. The challenges of the Rogue are what make the trip exciting.

Our baggage crew cares for the equipment and sets up campsites. Guests have time to swim, relax, and enjoy the daily hiking opportunities on the Rogue River trail. A portable toilet and washing facilities bring an additional measure of civilization. Delicious meals are prepared by our multi-talented guides who barbecue over open coals and bake in large Dutch ovens. Optional lodging accommodations are available on some trips.

Evening gives everyone a chance to reflect on the watery dramas of the day and anticipate the thrills in the days to come. Known for its beauty and its exceptional wildlife, the rugged Rogue is well-loved for many reasons.

## SUMMER RAFTING TRIPS

# ROGUE RIVER





Central Idaho  
July and August  
Four and five days

The 70 to 75 degree summer water temperatures of the Lower Main Salmon make this family rafting trip especially popular. The swimming, water games, beautiful long sand beaches and volleyball games incomparably enrich your experience.

Our family trips offer exciting whitewater with roller coaster rapids as well as relaxing flat stretches of water over the course of 73 river miles. Our guests may choose to travel in a paddle raft, an oar-powered raft or navigate an individual inflatable kayak. The level of adventure is up to you.

Spacious campsites are set up on pristine beaches and camp gear and luggage are sent ahead each day. The crew will set up the camp and tents for you, giving you time to relax, swim, pan for gold, or just enjoy each other's company. Our guides prepare all your meals, baking in large Dutch ovens and barbecue cooking over open coals. River menus feature western fare and provide a variety of meats, fresh breads, fruits and vegetables.

The Lower Salmon is an ideal venue for a family trip, providing each person the opportunity to experience the "great outdoors." Our professional guides are dedicated to helping each guest take full advantage of this amazing journey.

## SUMMER RAFTING TRIPS

# LOWER MAIN SALMON RIVER



*Inflatable kayaks provide an eye level view*



## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR GUESTS...

“Your confident assertion that I would thoroughly enjoy myself in Idaho was a serious understatement. My wife and I have never enjoyed ourselves more on a trip. It was all I anticipated and hoped it would be, with a lot of unexpected pleasant surprises thrown in. It is always a pleasure to be associated with professionals in any venture, and professional is the best description of Ken and his associates.”

– Emon A Mahony, Jr.

*Lower Main Salmon fall hunting trip*

“Our raft trip was given rave reviews by everyone who went! You did a great job of cooking, rowing and arranging for sunny days. I just want you to know your hard work and organization, as well as your good humor, was truly appreciated. Thanks so much for your expertise and hospitality.”

– Marcia Stout

*Rogue River rafting trip*

## MAKING MEMORIES:

# A TRIP OF A LIFETIME



“What a wonderful adventure we had with you on the Lower Main! Everything surpassed our expectations: the scenery, the fishing, and the food were all top-notch. No one can really appreciate such a special family experience without having it firsthand. You and your crew really know how to keep your guests satisfied and wanting to come back for more.”

– The Urman Family

*Lower Main Salmon rafting trip*



“We have taken fly fishing trips in various places throughout the world. Our trip down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River with Helfrich River Outfitters was truly a world-class experience. Each day of the float provided new topography, flora, fauna, as well as action packed fishing for gorgeous native trout. We loved this trip and plan to repeat it next year!”

– Jane and Kameron Maxwell

*Middle Fork of the Salmon trip*



Stanley, Idaho is the beginning of your adventure on the Middle Fork of the Salmon

## HOW DO WE GET THERE : BASIC TRAVEL INFORMATION

*Helfrich River Outfitters will provide you with detailed travel and packing information when you book your trip.*

### **Middle Fork of the Salmon River • Idaho**

You will begin your river adventure in the mountain town of Stanley, Idaho where you spend the night prior to your trip. You can drive, fly or come by charter bus. This six day trip ends with a busride to Salmon, Idaho.

### **Rogue River • Oregon**

Your trip on the Rogue River begins near the small resort town of Galice, Oregon, about 20 miles west of Grants Pass. You can drive or fly to one of two airports that service the area. The trip ends 40 miles upstream from Gold Beach near the town of Agness.

### **Lower Main Salmon River • Idaho**

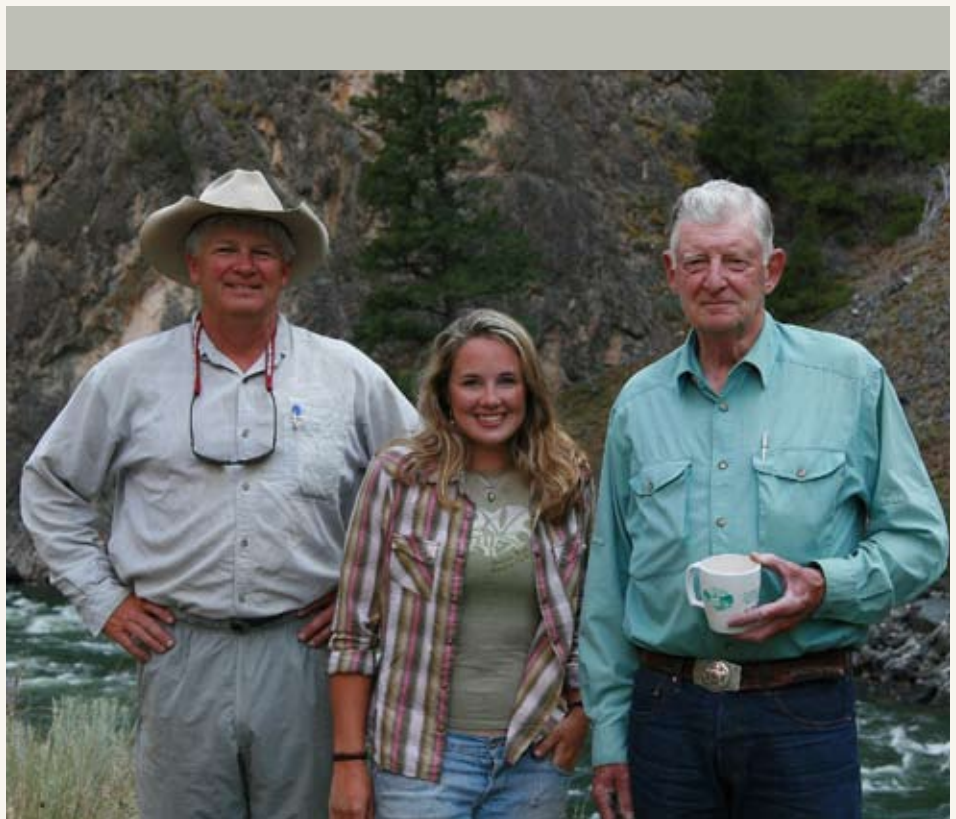
You can drive or fly to Lewiston, Idaho where you spend the night prior to your trip. On the morning your trip begins, you will travel by bus to the put-in near White Bird. At the end of your five day trip you will take a bus ride back to Lewiston.



*Helfrich River Outfitters invites you to experience the magic of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River*



Ken, Kelsey and Dave Helfrich  
carry on the family river guide legacy



## ESTABLISHED 1925: FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE HELFRICH LEGACY

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Prince 1966

important words because they represent much of what we stand for. The Helfrich name has been synonymous with river running since the mid 1920's when Prince Helfrich founded Helfrich river expeditions. In their small wooden boats, designed to be maneuverable on fast-running rivers, Prince and his pals and clients were the first to run many rivers in Oregon. Prince took the first commercial group down the Middle fork of the Salmon in 1940. Dave Helfrich began running rivers with his dad Prince, at the tender age of 12 and passed on the family passion for rivers through generations.

Today, we continue the commitment to excellent service and the safety of our guests. With state-of-the art equipment, freshly-prepared meals, and friendly professional staff, we are able to provide river experiences that are second to none. Ken and Kelsey now make up the third and fourth generations continuing to maintain the high standards begun so long ago. The rivers are a part of us. Whether you're looking for adventure, scenery, solitude or just plain fun, our trips offer it all. When it's time for you to choose a guide service for your river running vacation, remember the Helfrich tradition of experience and quality. See you on the river!



Kelsey 2006

"History" and "tradition" are words that have different meanings to different people. To us, at Helfrich River Outfitters, they are extremely