

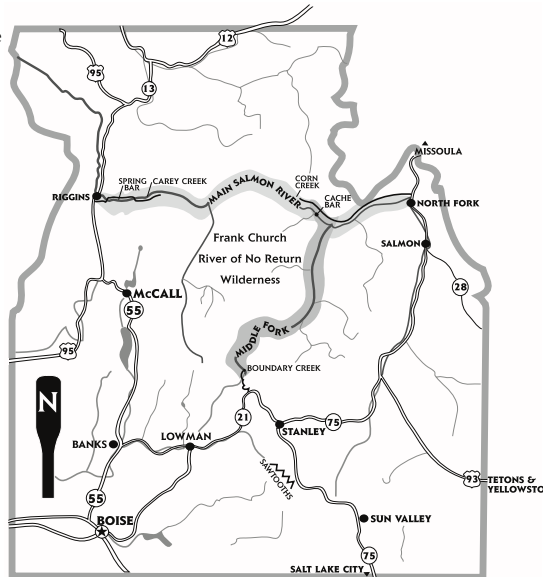
PLANNING YOUR TRIP WITHOUT FLIGHTS; DRIVING TO THE RIVER

Please call us at Canyons to tell us your plans or to ask questions. If a car shuttle is required, you need to make those arrangements prior to the trip.

We recommend River Shuttles at 800-831-8942.

MIDDLE FORK

1. Stanley ~ Salmon Plan: Meet the Harlows (our ground transportation provider) bus at the Mountain Village Lodge in Stanley, Idaho at 7:00 AM on the day of your launch. They will transport you to the put-in at Boundary Creek. Arrange for your car shuttle prior to your trip and allow time to do your paperwork at the Mountain Village Lodge before you depart. Have your vehicle shuttled to the Salmon Airport. To reach Stanley from Boise, take Highway 55 north to Banks, Idaho. Turn east (right) on a county road that indicates "Garden Valley, Lowman." In Lowman, turn north (left) on Highway 21. The drive from Boise to Stanley takes about 3 hours. On the day of your take-out, our Harlows bus will have you in Salmon around 3:30 PM. It's about a six hour drive from Salmon to Boise. Boats are not allowed on the buses for safety reasons.



2. Boundary Creek ~ Confluence Plan: This plan is necessary for those who are bringing their own boats. It is a longer and more expensive shuttle than the Stanley - Salmon plan. Meet us at Boundary Creek put-in by 10 AM on the launch day and have your car shuttled from there to the confluence of the Middle Fork and Main Salmon (your take-out). A USFS pay campground is available at Boundary Creek. Water is available, but garbage service is not. You will need to arrange for your shuttle driver to dispose of your garbage.

MIDDLE FORK NOTE ~ Depending on snow pack levels, extreme water levels can cause the Middle Fork put-in to change from Boundary Creek to Indian Creek at mile 25. High water can happen during the first two weeks of June, and low water can occur at any point in late July or August. The Indian Creek launch site is accessible only by air. You can fly in from Stanley for an additional cost and can pay the air service directly. If you are bringing your own boat, you will need to call us to discuss options for getting your boat to Indian Creek. We will notify you if a change in your put-in might affect your travel plans. If you expect to be away from a phone before your trip you will need to stay in touch with us, as this change of put-in decision can be made only days before the launch.

MAIN SALMON

1. Salmon ~ McCall Plan: Meet us at the McCall Aviation hangar at the Salmon Airport at 8:30 AM on the day of your launch. Prior to your trip, contact River Shuttles (800-831-8942) to make arrangements for your car to be shuttled to the McCall airport. The paperwork is done at the McCall Aviation office at the Salmon airport, located about five miles south of town on the east side of Highway 93. Salmon is located about six hours driving time from Boise. At the end of your river trip, we'll bring you by bus to the McCall Airport, arriving there about 3:30 PM. From McCall it's a two and a half hour drive to Boise.

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MAIN SALMON

2. Corn Creek ~ Carey Creek Plan: Use this plan if you are travelling with your own boat. This is a longer and more expensive shuttle than the Salmon - McCall shuttle plan. Meet us at Corn Creek by 11 AM on the day of your launch and have your car shuttled to the Carey Creek take-out. Corn Creek is reached by taking Highway 93 north out of Salmon for about 24 miles to North Fork, Idaho and turning left at the North Fork Store. This is a Forest Service road marked "River Road, Corn Creek". It is about a two and half hour drive from Salmon to Corn Creek. You can camp at Corn Creek for a fee. Water and toilets are available at the campground, but garbage service is not. Be prepared to leave any garbage behind in your vehicle and make arrangements with your shuttle driver to dispose of it. Canyons guides rig at Cache Bar (four miles upstream of Corn Creek) between approximately 3 and 5 PM the day before the launch. You may drop personal boats with them, then drive back to Salmon for the night if you prefer not to camp. You will get to your car at the Carey Creek take-out around noon on the last day of your trip. Driving time between Carey Creek and Boise is about four and a half hours.

MIDDLE FORK OR MAIN SALMON OPTIONS FOR TRANSPORTING PERSONAL BOATS

DRIVE YOUR BOAT TO THE PUT-IN: Use the second plan under Middle Fork and Main Salmon above, if you are transporting your own boat to and from the river.

McCALL KAYAK/CANOE DROP OFF OPTION: Deliver your boat to Canyons warehouse in McCall by 10 AM one day prior to your Middle Fork trip, or two days before your Main Salmon launch. Then you can do our trip with flights from either Boise or McCall. Our warehouse is located at 160 Commerce Street in McCall, Idaho, about two and a half hours driving time from Boise. When coming north on Highway 55, turn right at the first light in McCall (the airport is on the left), go one block, then turn right onto Commerce Street. Our warehouse is in the middle of the block, on the right with a green roof and wood siding. After a Middle Fork trip, the Canyons truck will have your boat back to the warehouse a full day after the take-out. Following a Main Salmon trip, the Canyons truck will have your boat back to McCall around 5 PM on the take-out day.

KAYAK/CANOE TRUCK FREIGHT OPTION: It is possible to motor freight your personal boat to Canyons at 160 Commerce Street, McCall, ID 83638. We must have boats at our warehouse for Middle Fork trips by 8 AM the day before the launch, and by 8 AM two days prior to launch for Main Salmon trips. Contact your local trucking service for pricing, packaging requirements, and schedules. Please notify Canyons if we should expect your boat to arrive by truck.

KAYAK FLIGHT OPTION: It is possible to fly kayaks as checked baggage on commercial airliners. This should be cleared with the airlines prior to flying. You cannot fly your kayak from Boise to the river with our regular transfer flights. A special charter flight for you and your kayak can be arranged, but it is very expensive. Most guests who fly with their kayak rent a car and drive it to McCall prior to the trip. Major car rental companies are located at the Boise Airport, but do not offer drop-off service in McCall. Request a vehicle with racks.

LODGING

We recommend these hotels. Call us, or local Chambers of Commerce, if you prefer a different type of accommodation, like a Bed and Breakfast or lakeside cabin.

Stanley - Mountain Village Lodge, 800-843-5475; Chamber of Commerce, 800-878-7950

Salmon - Stagecoach Inn, 208-756-4251; Chamber of Commerce, 208-756-2100

McCall - Super 8, 800-800-8000; Chamber of Commerce, 208-634-7631