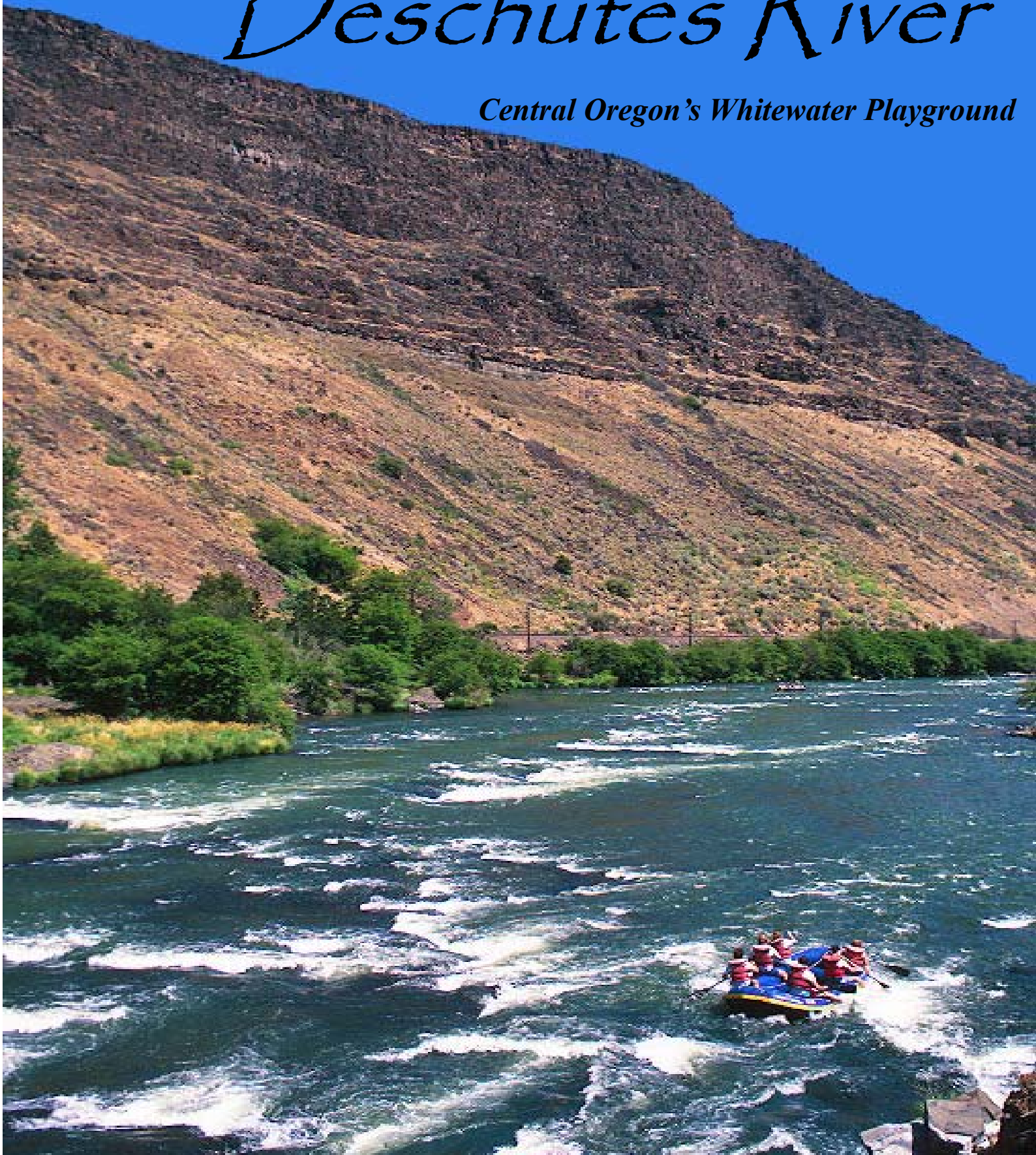


Deschutes River

Central Oregon's Whitewater Playground



Ouzel Outfitters

*One, two and three-day river rafting trips on
Oregon's most popular whitewater playground.*



Recreation Mecca

The Deschutes River begins its journey in the Cascade Mountains of Central Oregon creating a diverse and scenic riverway as it travels north through the high desert sunshine of Central Oregon to its final destination in the Columbia River Gorge. As the life-blood of Central Oregon recreation, the Deschutes offers everything from fly fishing to scenic hiking and mountain biking, flat-water canoeing, wildlife viewing and whitewater rafting through alpine forests, desert flatlands and rocky gorges. Whitewater rafting is at its best on the last 100 miles of its northward journey, offering a variety of well-defined sections delivering moderate, but big and splashy rapids with numerous options for one, two or three day rafting trips.

Moderate Whitewater

With enough whitewater to deliver fun and excitement for all, the Deschutes is also a perfect ego builder for the beginning rafter. Rapids on the Deschutes deliver big splashy waves, but are generally “forgiving” and relatively easy to navigate. As a result, the river is popular with private rafters and those with a do-it-yourself attitude who rent their own rafting equipment from Ouzel Outfitters. Close to Portland and Bend with easy access, dependable water flows and constant summer sunshine, the Deschutes is the most popularly rafted river in Oregon, especially in and around the town of Maupin where many thousands of people enjoy one-day trips every summer. Two and three-day rafting excursions explore the canyons sections upriver and downriver from Maupin, avoiding the crowds and offering excellent opportunities for camping. Hiking, world famous fishing, bird watching and swimming are just a few of the activities you can enjoy along the way. With party size limited to 13 on the overnight sections, many groups choose the Deschutes for specially chartered, private trips. Whether you choose a one, two or three-day adventure or a special charter trip designed just for your group, you can count on Ouzel Outfitters to deliver the highest quality, fully-outfitted river trip available.



“The Ouzel alone of all birds dares to enter a white tor-

Natural History

The Lower Deschutes was designated an Oregon Scenic Waterway in 1970 and a Federal Wild and Scenic River in 1988. Within this canyon, you will experience an incredible geologic and cultural history, a diverse community of fish, wildlife and vegetation, and an abundance of recreational opportunities.

Scientific evidence indicates that the region has alternately been covered by shallow seas and reshaped by volcanic episodes. Vast amounts of lava flow have layered the area forming what is known as the Central Oregon Plateau. The river has carved through sedimentary and igneous rock ranging in age from more than 65 million years old to as young as 1,300 years old. The vast majority of these rocks are volcanic in origin. Most of the dark colored cliff walls consist of basalt from the large scale Columbia basin basalt flows (14 to 17 million years ago) and younger more localized Deschutes and Dalles formation (6 to 10 million years ago). The Deschutes canyon formed 1 to 4 million years ago through a series of volcanic, tectonic and erosional processes. The legendary Missoula floods as well as periodic flooding and erosional processes also influenced the current appearance of the canyon during glacial periods. The combination of these events that scoured and gouged the land, reveal the pages that time has written during the last 65 million years.

Large scale flooding created many of the major rapids, including White River, Harris, Washout and Colorado. The event that created Washout rapids in 1995 was an intense, isolated thunderstorm that washed debris from a small tributary stream into the river.

Transportation

If flying, make connections to Redmond or rent a car in Portland and drive to the Bend area. Rental cars are available at the Redmond airport, or call our office for other transportation options.

To Bend: Portland – 3 hours; The Dalles – 2.5 hours

To Maupin: Bend – 1.75 hours; The Dalles – 1 hour; Portland—2 hours

One day trips meet in Maupin or include round trip transportation from Bend. 2 & 3 day trips meet at a variety of locations North of Bend and includes having your vehicle shuttled from our meeting location to our take-out location.



Human History

For thousands of years Indian people of the Central Oregon area have had a tie to the land that has kept their spirituality intact. The early inhabitants were mobile foragers, hunting herds of large mammals that grazed the vast tundra grasslands. Eventually, as the Indian people began to set up permanent villages, their economy diversified. They seasonally harvested salmon, waterfowl, culturally important plants, and constructed more permanent dwellings. By 1855, increasing pressure from white settlers resulted in a treaty in which the Indian people of the Deschutes and John Day Basins ceded much of their homelands. The lands now known as the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon were reserved for their exclusive use. Members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs retain the right to fish seasonally along the Deschutes River as part of their cultural heritage. Today, tribal members can be seen dip-net fishing below Sherars Falls for large fall Chinook and steelhead.

White explorers saw the Deschutes River for the first time on October 22, 1805. Lewis and Clark stopped at the mouth of the river while exploring the Columbia. They referred to this tributary of the Columbia River by its Indian name "Towornehiooks." The first white men to actually explore the Deschutes River were trappers from the Hudson Bay Company twenty years later. In 1825, a group of trappers led by Peter Skene Ogden ascended the Deschutes from the Columbia River and gave the river the name that is used today. They referred to the river as the Rivière Des Chutes, which is French for "river of the falls." Although the area was not settled until years later, hundreds of settlers crossed the river on the Oregon Trail as they traveled west to the Willamette Valley to homestead or headed east to supply miners or graze

Trip Options

One-Day: Our one day trip challenges the big waves at Boxcar and Oak Springs rapids on the popular Maupin section. This trip includes transportation from Bend, a deli lunch and swimming the natural chutes at White River or body surfing the fun waves at Elevator Rapid.

Two-Day Trip: Our 2-Day trip begins at Trout Creek and ends at Maupin, exploring the most scenic sections of the river. The days are fairly easy with moderate rapids and plenty of opportunities to test your paddling skills in an inflatable kayak. Riverside camping affords time to swim, hike, fish or just sit by the river and enjoy a good book while your guides set up camp and prepare delicious meals.

Three-Day Trip: Our three day trip launches at Warm Springs, adding 10 miles of the best bird watching on the river and ends in Maupin. The first day provides easy floating and plenty of "warm-up" rapids before exciting Whitehorse and Buckskin Mary rapids the following day. Two nights of camping under the stars allows more time to enjoy the scenery and play on the river.

Other Options: Two and three-day trips are also conducted in the 40-mile canyon section below Maupin and ending at the Columbia River. Just as scenic, but with slightly fewer rapids and motor boat access this section is more popular with fisherman. Trips are run here by request and are scheduled on weekends when no motor boats are allowed. Please call for details.

Lodging

CAMPING

Trout Creek (2-Day Launch Site): Tent camping, pit toilets, No services.

Deschutes Canyon Campground (Near 3-day launch.. Tent, RV, Store. 541-553-1011.

LODGING

Hoffy's Motel (Madras) 800-227-6865

Best Western (Madras) 800-528-1234

Oasis Café (Maupin) (One day trips meet here) Cabins, Café, Store. 541-395-2611

The Shilo Inn (Bend) 800-222-2244

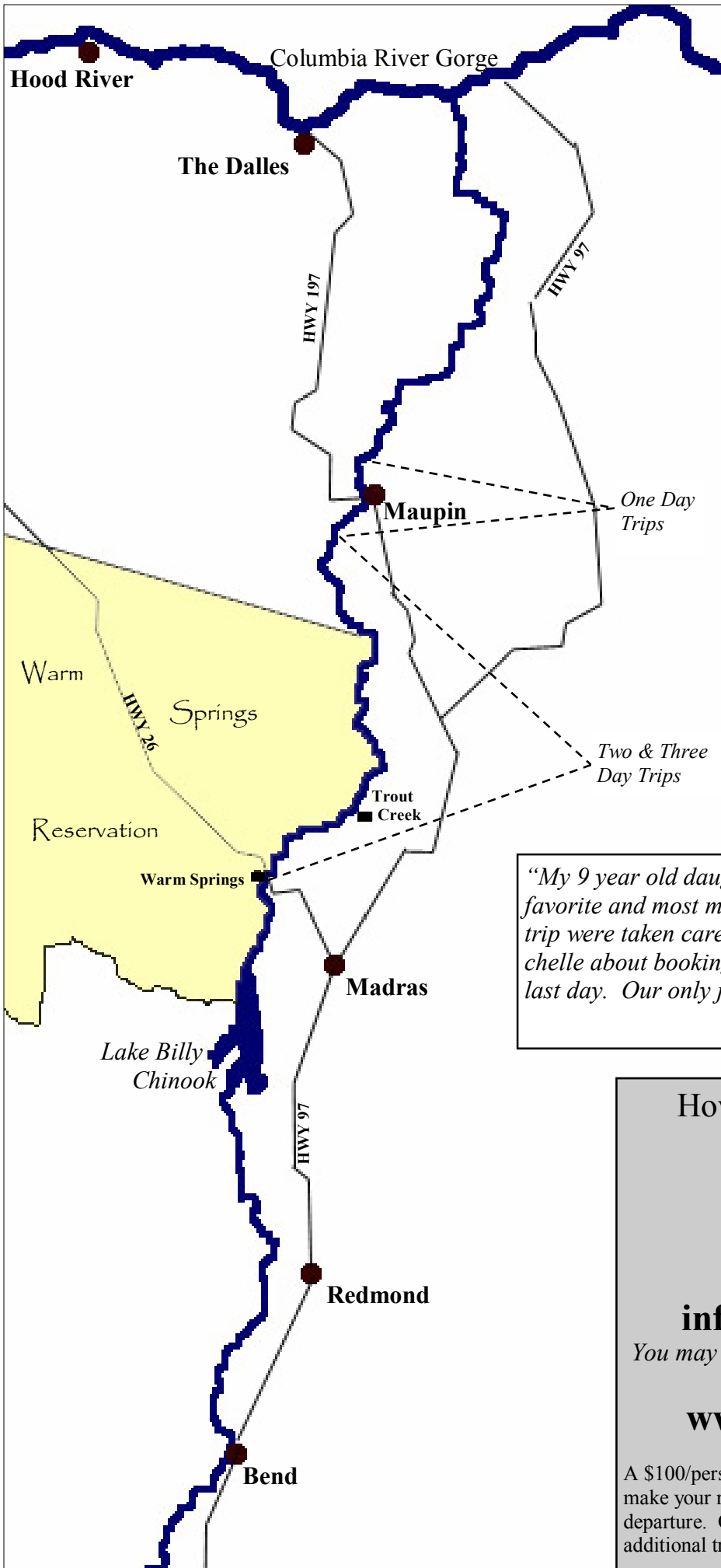
Other Resorts: There are a number of resorts in Central Oregon that offer a wide range of activities including golf, pools and spas. We are happy to help you with accommodations.



What's Included (camping trips)

- Personal vehicle shuttle (your vehicle will be waiting for you at the take-out)
- Experienced and knowledgeable guides
- Hearty and delicious meals (special dietary requests are easily accommodated)
- Comfortable Camp Chairs
- Professionally laundered sleeping bags
- Thick pads for sleeping
- Outfitter tent (sleeps two) Family-sized tents available on request (sleeps 4-6)
- Complimentary t-shirt & Nalgene water bottle
- Waterproof bags & boxes for your belongings
- Splash tops & pants in case of cold weather
- Assistance with pre & post accommodations and arrangements for other area activities

Deschutes River, Oregon



"My 9 year old daughter & I recently returned from one of our favorite and most memorable vacations. All of the details of the trip were taken care of for us from the first time we talked to Michelle about booking the trip until we got off the raft trip on our last day. Our only job was to have fun! And we did!"

Kathy Weiner

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You can sign up
for a trip by phone or email
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800-788-7238
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info@OregonRafting.com
You may also find more information and make your
reservation securely on line at
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A \$100/person non-refundable deposit is due 7 days after you make your reservation. The balance is due 30 days prior to departure. Once you've made your reservation we'll send you additional trip information including a personal packing list.