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WHITEWATER FUN ON THE CLARK FORK RIVER THROUGH THE ALBERTON GORGE

Whitewater: If you're looking for a day of fun, excitement and relaxation, join us for whitewater thrills on the Clark Fork River. This is a big volume, big ride river with lots of roller coaster waves and fun class II-III (intermediate) rapids with names such as Boateater, Fang, Cliffside and Tumbleweed. Between the rapids are calm stretches where you may jump in for a swim, or sit back and relax to enjoy the spectacular scenery. Bring the whole family for a day of fun you'll never forget!

We use 13' paddle rafts so everyone is a participant. Each raft has a professional guide who teaches everyone how to paddle and as a team, you navigate the rapids. By request we can also bring an oar-powered raft along with room for 3-4 people who would rather let us do the rowing. For thrill-seekers, we have a limited number of "Daring Duckies" or inflatable kayaks available at an extra charge. These are one- or two-person craft that add plenty of excitement as you follow our paddle rafts down the river.

When to Go: Our season begins around the second week of July and goes until early September. Rafters as young as 5 are welcome (check with us about early July water levels as it might be best to wait till mid-July to take kids younger than 9.) First-time rafters are welcome and all participants should be in good health and comfortable in water.

The Alberton Gorge is well isolated from any roads with magnificent rock formations and dramatic rose-colored cliffs rising vertically on both sides of the river. You'll see dozens of birds, including osprey, mergansers and if lucky, some Harlequin Ducks. We may also see deer, elk and beaver. Along the way our guides will spin a few yarns about this magnificent river named after William Clark of Lewis & Clark. Its headwaters are in the Beaverhead and Rocky Mountains near Butte, Montana, where the Indians called it the 'Arrowhead' River due to a semi-transparent stone found near the river that was used to make arrowheads. When the Clark Fork leaves Montana, on its way to Lake Pend Oreille and the Columbia River, it carries more water than any river in Montana.

Where to Meet: We meet at <u>9:00am Pacific Time</u> the morning of the trip near Superior, Montana. (Montana is on Mountain Time, so **don't panic** when you arrive and the clocks are an hour later.) When you arrive, you'll exit the freeway at Superior (Exit #47). Turn south at the bottom of the off ramp (that's "right" if coming from Spokane, "left" if from Missoula). You'll come to a frontage road called "Diamond Road." Turn left (east) on Diamond and you'll pass a "Town Pump" gas station on your left. Proceed one (1) mile to Cedar Creek road. You'll see five or so large white propane tanks at this intersection. If you go over a bridge over Cedar Creek you went too far.

Turn RIGHT on Cedar Creek road and proceed 1.5 miles south.

Look for a drive way on the left by a blue house with white trim and a ROW sign. You will be greeted by our staff and will park your cars here for the day. We'll welcome you and have a brief orientation meeting. (Superior is due east of Spokane and Coeur d'Alene on I-90. It's 105 miles from Coeur d'Alene and takes a little under 2 hours. Allow 2 ½ hours from Spokane with no stops. Allow longer if you want to stop for breakfast and/or gas.

Please be prompt, as we can't wait for latecomers.)

From Superior we drive in our bus about 35 minutes to the put-in place, at Cyr, Montana. After a thorough safety talk, we'll board the rafts and be on our way. Along the way we will stop to enjoy a riverside lunch provided by ROW. Altogether we float between 12-16 miles, depending on the water level. We'll get you back to your car sometime around 5:00-5:30pm Pacific Time.

>>>>>>	ROW's Clark Fork Outpost phone number is 406-822-6001 <>>>>	
Our main office is 8	66-836-9340 or 208-770-2517. If you're running late it's best to call the Outpos	št

What to Bring: This list is based on years of experience. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT! Be sure all members of your group read this. Many days on the Clark Fork are hot and sunny and you'll simply need a swimsuit, T-shirt and tennis shoes. However, if the forecast is for cool weather in western Montana, you should try and bring a set of polypropylene underwear, a wool or nylon pile sweater and a raincoat. Our guides often find that polypro underwear with a pair of nylon shorts over the top is the perfect combination for cool days. If it gets even cooler, adding a nylon sweater and/or raincoat completes the outfit. Note that we do have a great rental kit including a nylon pile sweater, waterproof "splash jacket" (raincoat) and pile cap for just \$8 for the day. Avoid all cotton materials as cotton makes you colder when wet!

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For Warm Days:	
Sun screen and sun hat	Towel for end of day
Nylon shorts or swimsuit	Camera and film
Tennis shoes or sport sandals with straps	Headstrap for glasses
Personal water bottle - optional	
Windbreaker and/or raincoat in case of cloudy w	eather
For Cool Days:	
Polypropylene underwear is highly recommended	d
Wool sweater or synthetic pile top*	
Rain coat* (good waterproof kind - not nylon win	ndbreaker)
See other items under "For Warm Days" too	
*Items marked are available when you arrive in Sup	erior as a rental kit from ROW for \$4 each or \$8 for both.
** If it's really cool (or you're cold blooded) we also h	have wetsuits and booties available for rent for \$15 for the
set. The wetsuits we rent have full-length legs but no	sleeves and during mild weather are worn alone. On coo
or rainy days you should wear a wool sweater or synt.	hetic pile sweatshirt over the wetsuit. DO NOT bring
cotton sweatshirts to keep you warm. They just get we	et and make you cold! A good waterproof raincoat (NOT
a flimsy windbreaker) should be worn over the above.	Wetsuit booties are best worn with wool socks. AGAIN,
DO NOT BRING COTTON! Also, the weather in Mon	ntana may be different than Coeur d'Alene or Spokane, so
come prepared for a variety of conditions.	
Cameras: ROW sells waterproof mostly recyclal	ole cameras, available at our meeting point. We don't take
waterproof boxes for cameras, but you may bring a sn	nall camera in double Ziploc bag and give it to your guide
to carry in a dry bag.	

Accommodations: Try the Ghost Rails Inn in Alberton at 406-722-4990. In Superior, stay at the **Forest Grove Lodge** at 406-822-6637. The Lodge is a beautiful bed and breakfast suitable for adults and teens. You could also try the **Budget Host Big Sky Motel** at 406-822-4831. In St. Regis is the **Super 8 Motel** at 800-848-8888. 20 miles north of St. Regis on Hwy 135 is **Quinn's Hot Springs Resort** (406-826-3150) with cabins and hotel rooms. About 30 minutes east of Coeur d'Alene (1 1/2 hours west of St. Regis) is the **Kingston 5 Ranch**, a very nice Bed and Breakfast. Call 800-254-1852 or 208-682-4862. The **Black Diamond Guest Ranch** in DeBorgia has rustic cabins, horse rides and is family friendly. Call 406-678-4000. You might also consider spending the night in Wallace and taking in the dinner theatre there.

Camping: Just a few miles east of St. Regis take the "Sloway" exit and follow the signs to the "Sloway" Forest Service campground, nestled along the banks of the Clark Fork. About 10 miles west of St. Regis at the Camels Hump exit, is another Forest Service campground about 4 miles north of I-90. Both charge a nominal fee. There is also a private campground in St. Regis called **Campground St. Regis** at 888-247-8734.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: ROW has an excellent safety record, but you should know that whitewater rafting is inherently risky. You will be required to sign a "Release and Assumption of Risk" agreement prior to the trip, recognizing and accepting the risks involved. If you're interested in trip cancellation, travel or accident insurance, contact our office.

Transfer Possibility: Due to various water levels from year to year; we may have to transfer due to both high and high levels. Rather than cancel your trip, we have found that most people prefer to be transferred to a similar trip. We will try to contact you 12-48 hours prior to your trip if a transfer looks likely. **If you're going to be on the road during this period, please give us a contact number or Call us at 1-866-836-9340**