

One-Day trip Gear-

Although Bearpaw River Expeditions will supply all of your essential rafting gear, there are certain "extras" that will increase your comfort. We want you to be comfortable and secure so that you can fully enjoy your Lochsa experience. Bearpaw will provide each paddler with a helmet, a personal floatation device (life jacket), a splash jacket, a fleece pullover, a neoprene wetsuit, and neoprene booties. Please consult the following list of optional additional gear that you can bring to enhance your comfort and enjoyment:

- Long underwear (made of polypropylene, wool, silk, or any other water wicking material) to be worn under your wetsuit if it is a cold day. This may not be necessary on warm weather trips- on warm weather trips, a swim suit is a good choice to wear under your wetsuit.
- Thick wool socks (or any other water wicking sock material) to wear under your booties.
- A warm sweater to wear under your splash jacket if it is a cold day.
- Paddling gloves- not necessary but if you get cold hand easily, it is a good idea to have gloves.
- Water bottle with a retaining system (if you want it in the boat).
- Sunglasses with a retaining strap – you don't want to lose your shades!
- A waterproof camera.
- Trunks to wear over your wetsuit- simply a "style" thing.
- Sunscreen.
- Ball cap with a brim to wear under your helmet – provides you with a brim to shield the sun and water.

River Knowledge: it is better to have too much gear rather than not enough."

Note: Cotton should NEVER be worn on a Lochsa trip. Cotton holds water against your skin and makes it difficult to stay warm. The previously mentioned materials are much better to wear on your trip."

Multi-Day trip Gear-

Gear provided by Bearpaw River Expeditions

- Helmet.
- Personal floatation device (life jacket).
- Splash Jacket.
- A fleece pullover.
- A neoprene wetsuit.
- Neoprene booties.
- Eating utensils, plates, and cups.
- Complete and nourishing meals (1st day lunch to lunch on second day).
- Waterproof bag (15" diameter by 24" high).
- Drinks- water, juice, and a popular variety of sodas.
- A sleeping bag and pillow (upon request).
- A ground cloth and tent.
- Sleeping pad.

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Camp gear you should bring

- Swim suit
- T-shirt
- Shorts- quick drying
- Long pants
- Shoes- for walking in camp and maybe hiking
- Socks for camp use (cotton okay)
- Ball cap
- Stocking cap
- Rain gear
- Jacket

Optional additional gear you could bring

- Lotion
- Toothbrush and toothpaste (please do!).
- Comb and brush.
- Towel.
- Biodegradable soap.
- Lip balm.
- Stuff sack- to keep clothes separated.
- Disposable cameras- waterproof is good.
- Flashlight.
- Fishing gear and a valid fishing license.
- Extra Beverages- (minimal glass please) Liquor, wine, beer, specialty soda, etc.

Additional information: Cotton is a non-water wicking material and should never be worn on the river. Polypropylene, fleece, pile, bunting, capeline, ect, are a few examples of the trade names for a class of synthetic materials that retain their ability to insulate when wet.

There is a greater chance of inclement weather on trips in April and May. On mid to late season trips (June and July), you will probably never need to use several items on the previous lists. However, it is a good idea to be prepared for changing weather conditions.

For comfort and warmth we urge you to be properly prepared.

The Lochsa is an extremely exciting river and there will be little time for anything other than paddling while on the boat. Because of this, expensive cameras, binoculars, fishing equipment, etc, will be for camp use only. Please keep your river gear as light and compact as possible. There is a lot to be said about the merits of keeping your gear simple yet thorough.

If you have ANY questions please do not hesitate to contact us!