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Trip Report: Veteran's Day Rogue River

February 13-15, 2010 • Submitted by Ernie eichorn

We did it again – another successful President's Day float down the Rogue River. We had nine kayakers, 25 rafters and one brave soul in an inflatable kayak.

The group consisted of members from OKCC and OWA plus a few folks wanting to join.

Most of us spent Friday night at Galice Lodge. We enjoyed great company and a warm fire. We awoke to Marylou's coffee and hot breakfast. We launched Saturday morning with a flow of 8300 CFS. We had a dry day with temps in the mid 50s. Most of us ran the fish ladder, one brave soul in the middle chute (backwards) and with Mike Kirwan running the falls, uneventfully. Our first night was Horseshoe Bend with folks arriving midday. We all enjoyed a rain-free afternoon with some folks going for a hike.

A pasta dinner Saturday night was prepared by Dick Sisson and was served up by a bunch of kayakers. It was a great meal with all of the trimmings, including wine. Dessert was homemade cookies by Erik. Where he found the Costco boxes to put them in, I don't know. We had a roaring fire with four fire pans going. The rain started around midnight and let up

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 10, 2010
at 7:00 PM

Round Table Pizza
10070 S.W. Barbur Blvd.
503.245.2211

RIVER TIP

Submitted by Tom Hanson

For hiking side trips, include a fanny pack, canteen and hiking shoes with your rafting gear. And stay together for safety, especially in steep country.



Oregon Whitewater Association is dedicated to preserving, protecting and promoting Oregon's rivers for the safe enjoyment of both public and private non-motorized boating, now and in the future. We advocate fairness in accessibility to river resources and provide a voice for responding to river issues and management concerns.

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Two-Day Swiftwater Rescue Workshop

April 17-18, 2010 • Submitted by Brenda Bunce

When you are planning events for 2010, be sure to include this invaluable course taught by eNRG Kayaking instructor, Sam Drevo.

Sam has many certifications including Advanced Whitewater Instructor, Rescue III Advanced swift water rescue technician/instructor and Red Cross Lifeguard instructor. Sam has boated all over the world and will also be our speaker for our January meeting.

The course includes rescue training, basic hydrology/hazards, review of knots, throw rope practice, foot entrapment and swimming in rapids, REACH system, shallow water crossings,

anchor review, mechanical advantage and different rescue scenarios to name a few topics. Training will include some classroom time and in the water on the Sandy river.

The OWA board has agreed to sponsor this class with a \$ 50 per member discount. Space is limited to 12 people and the total cost of the class is \$ 250 (with a 10% discount if we have 10



or more people attend) minus the \$ 50 paid by OWA.

We think this class is so invaluable to anyone running rivers that the board has also agreed to pay an additional 15 % towards anyone who signs up by March 1st, 2010.

People who have attended this class before pay half price at \$ 125.00 to keep their skills honed. You will need to send in a \$50 deposit to secure your spot. The balance must be received 30 days in advance of the course.

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OWA 2010 TRIP CALENDAR

Submitted by Josephine Denison

4.10 Sat	Deschutes River	III/IV	Tom Hanson	TJHrafter@earthlink.net	503.201.4428
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
This is a day float on the middle Deschutes. The river is free of other boaters at this time, so join us for a pleasant day on the Deschutes. We will shuttle the vehicles down to Sandy Beach starting at 10:00AM sharp. This will put us back at Harpham Flat for a 11:00AM launch. Bring your lunch since we will be stopping along the way to enjoy the bright sunny day and have a bite to eat. This is a class IV river with Wapanitia, Boxcar and Oak Springs providing some big water.					
4.17-4.18 Sat-Sun	North Umpqua River	II-III	Brenda Bunce	brenda.bunce@gmail.com	360.931.4224
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
Idleyld Park to Winchester (25 miles). This is a joint club trip with the Roseberg chapter of NWRA. Trip leaders will be Brenda Bunce and Walt Bammann. We will camp at Whistler's Bend camp and share a potluck dinner Saturday night. Option for day trip only by taking out or joining us at the Whistler's Bend camp boat ramp on April 18.					
5.1-5.2 Sat-Sun	Clackamas Raft Camp	III/IV	Dan Alsup	rivermandan2698@yahoo.com	503.888.0569
5.7-5.9 Fri-Sun	Grande Ronde River	II/III	Eric and Candace Ball	balle@pocketinet.com	509.525.6134
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
Put in at Minam and take out at Heller Bar, 90 miles in three days. We cover a lot of ground, so be prepared to row. Rewards include great scenery, good company, and an opportunity for a burger and shake for lunch on day 2. Not bad for a Wild and Scenic River. This section is Class II with one Class III.					
5.21-5.24 Fri-Mon	Rogue River	III/IV	Van McKay	vanm1@aol.com	360.737.3148
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
You are invited to join us for our annual (30 yrs.+) friends and family trip. We are experience rafters that float the wild and scenic section from Graves Creek to Foster Bar and stay in the lodges. The cost is \$435 per person and includes permit, food and lodging after put-in.					
5.29-5.30 Sat-Sun	Lochsa River	IV/V	Steve Herring	stevenh@Tektronix.com	www.europa.com/~layport/lochsa/index.html
6.5-6.6 Sat-Sun	North Umpqua River	II-III	Brenda Bunce	brenda.bunce@gmail.com	360.931.4224
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
Boulder Flat to Gravel Bin. This is a joint club trip with the Roseberg chapter of NWRA. Trip leaders will be Brenda Bunce and Walt Bammann. This is a day trip. Car/tent camping will be at Horseshoe bend with Potluck Saturday night. Camping is also available on June 4.					
Mid June TBD	John Day River	II	Scott Ogren	scott@scottogren.com	503.267.9785
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
Trip will take place in mid June; dates are to be determined based on when Portland Public Schools are out for the summer. Float will be from Service Creek to Clarno; plan for four days and three nights.					
6.12-6.13 Sat	Klickitat	III+	Doug Smith	doug@davidsmithmapping.com	503.232.5285

OWA 2010 TRIP CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

We have a cabin with plenty of camping available about 10 miles from the put-in. Meet there at 10 am Sat. to do shuttle, etc. We'll have a potluck dinner Saturday night. The run is from the gauging station raft put-in to Leidl Bridge, 19 miles. The first 10 miles are continuous Class III/III+, but should be considered IV because of the continuous nature and tree hazards. The Klickitat is a cold river deep in a canyon and wet suits are advised even on nice, sunny days. If enough interest, will do a float on Sunday as well.

6.18-6.20 Fri-Sun	Deschutes River	III	Carol Beatty	caroldon1@comcast.net	503.816.6172
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ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

The annual OWA Women's trip is back for 2010! Put in at Buck Hollow and run to Heritage Landing; 42 river miles.

7.3-7.5 Sat-Mon	Lower Salmon River	III/IV	Eric and Candace Ball	balle@pocketinet.com	509.525.6134
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ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Run from Hammer Creek to Heller Bar in 3 days slower flow; 73 river miles. A perennial favorite. High flows flush us down the river in 3 days. A nice mix of fun rapids, nice beach camping, and a little history. This trip cancels if the flow rate is predicted to be above 20,000 cfs on Slide Rapid day.

7.23-7.24 Sat-Sun	McKenzie River	II-III	Rick Carman	frederickcarman@comcast.net	503.642.9347
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ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Join us for an OWA Board-sponsored weekend of rafting on the McKenzie River. (OWA will pay for the camping and much of the potluck main dishes) We're going to be camping at the Belknap Hot Springs Resort located at the McKenzie Bridge. We have group campsite reservations, which is equipped with toilets and showers. Staying at Belknap will give us full use of the hot springs pool at the resort. The McKenzie River is a beautiful Class III river. We have a choice of separate runs rated 2+ to 3 between Ollalie Campground and Ben and Kay Dorris State Park. There are hot springs located in the area as well as hiking trails. This is an excellent family float. Our plan is to arrive Friday evening, and we will raft Saturday and/or Sunday. A group potluck will be planned for Saturday evening.

8.21-8.22 Sat-Sun	Yakima River	II	Vance Cordell	pyloris58@yahoo.com	360.253.3013
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ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

We will run from the Ringer Loop Road Ramp to the Big Pines Campground on Hwy 821. This is a family float with absolutely beautiful scenery. Vance will try to secure several camp sites at Big Pines for Friday and Saturday nights with a weenie roast scheduled for Saturday night. Try to get there Friday night so we can get started on our float at 10:00 AM Saturday as it is a 14 mile float.

9.11-9.13 Sat-Mon	Hell's Canyon	II/IV	Mike Moses	mtymo_@hotmail.com	509.529.8603
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9.17- 9.19 Fri-Sun	Tieton River	III	Brent Davis	bdavis599@yahoo.com	503.239.0948
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10.16 Sat	North Santiam River	II/III	Josie Denison	josephinedenison@hotmail.com	503.851.9326
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ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Run from Packsaddle Park to Fisherman's Bend Park.

11.6-11.7 Sat-Sun	Great Wolf Lodge Family Trip	NA	Angie Evans	rvrrunners@gmail.com	503.851.9326
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11.13-11.15 Sat-Mon	Rogue River	III/IV	Scott Ogren	scott@scottogren.com	503.267.9785
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ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Graves Creek to Foster Bar. Staying at Galice Lodge on Friday, November 12.

President 's Day on the Rogue River

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just in time for breakfast.

Breakfast Sunday morning was served up by Brenda Bunce and her meal team. Breakfast burritos were on the menu. And, yes, Brent Davis was up early to brew us all a great cup of

joe. A hot meal and coffee, it doesn't get any better than that. Our destination on Sunday was Tacoma, and we arrived by 3:00 to a sunny afternoon after it rained on and off all day.

Several of us ran the left

side of Blossom Bar. Yes, over the picket fence. One unnamed rafter lost his wife and broke an oar while running the center of Blossom Bar. The truth is that he gave a ride to an "unnamed" kayaker, and the "unnamed" kayaker pushed his poor, helpless, innocent wife overboard, so the story goes. She was back in the boat quick enough, though.

Sunday night, Scott Ogren once again impressed all of us with his famous and delicious chili and cornbread. Dinner was preceded by the Summers' made-to-order homemade quesadillas. We again enjoyed a round of Fireball by a two fire-pan fire. Monday, we awoke to Brent's fresh brewed cup of joe, followed by french toast and sausages prepared by Tom Riggs and Meaghan. What a treat!

The float out was dry and fast. It was just a fabulous time on a fabulous river with a fabulous bunch of kayakers and rafters. If you weren't there, you missed out!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BRENDA BUNCE

Hello fellow club members,

Join us March 10th at our next Round Table meeting for a wonderful presentation of river wildlife. Suzi Cloutier is a wildlife biologist who works for the Northwest Service Academy on the environmental field team. She will be giving a presentation on our riparian fish, birds, native and non-native plants and restoration projects.

Do you have a favorite river? Consider sharing it with our club members and become a trip leader.

Get your First Aid and CPR certification on March 6th. The cost is \$ 30.00
Contact Dan Alsup to reserve your place now. OREGON EMS, 503-888-0569 or email at oreems@yahoo.com

There is room for only a couple more students for the two day Swift water rescue workshop on April 17th and 18th. The extra discount of 15% only applies through the end of March....Don't delay, limited spaces. See details in the ad on following pages.

Thanks to all the trip leaders for coming forward to share our wonderful rivers. Our 2010 trip calendar is looking great....lots of adventures to come.

Happy and Safe boating,
Brenda

Boundaries don't
protect rivers,
people do.

~Aristotle



Oregon Whitewater Association

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