

John Day River, Oregon

A launch permit is required to boat all river segments year-round on the mainstem downstream of Kimberly, and the North Fork downstream of Dale. Each permit is issued for a specific river segment and launch date.

Permits in Segments 2 (Clarno to Cottonwood) and 3 (Service Creek to Clarno) are limited from May 20 to July 10th. An unlimited number of on-line launch permits are available for trips launching before May 20 or after July 10, and all trips that do not travel any distance between Service Creek (River Mile 157) and Cottonwood Bridge (River Mile 40).

Permit Process:

Launch permits will be released online at <https://www.blm.gov/or/permit/index.php>.

Approximately one half of the launch permits available for each date during the primary boating season (May 20 to July 10) will be released on March 1 at 7am PST. The second half of the launch permits will be released on May 1 at 7am PST.

When all launch permits for a specific date have been issued, additional launch permits will become available when 1) a trip leader cancels a permit, 2) BLM cancels a permit that was obtained by fraudulent means, or 3) a permit is automatically re-deposited if not confirmed by the confirmation deadline; 10 days prior to the trip date.

Fees: Visit [John Day River Proposed Boater Permit Fee](#) to review options for the 2014 season.

Confirmation:

To reduce no-shows, a trip leader who reserves a launch permit will be required to return to the website to confirm their reservation between 30 and 10 days prior to their trip date. Reserved permits that are not confirmed by 10 days prior to the trip date will be re-deposited and made available for reservation by another boater. A confirmation reminder notice will be sent to the trip leader via email.

Additional Information:

The state of Oregon requires an Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permits for operators of canoes, kayaks, drift boats, inflatable rafts, and other manually powered boats 10 feet or longer. Permits are available at Oregon fishing license vendors or on the [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) website.

The new John Day River Recreation Guide (with floater's guide) is available for purchase. Pick one up at the Prineville District Office or order by phone (541) 416-6700. Cost is \$5.00 per book. Maximum group size is 16 persons.

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Websites: <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/johnday/boating-general.php> and <https://www.blm.gov/or/permit/index.php>