



## Drift Boat and Framed Fishing Raft - Rental Confirmation Letter -

**Safety and Equipment Loss Disclaimer:** The renter is solely responsible for the safety of themselves and passengers. Renters are FULLY responsible for loss of any equipment; this includes the anchor, oars, life jackets, and the boat itself if serious damage is incurred.

Our shop typically opens at 8:00 AM and we will be able to get you set up anything you might need on the morning of your float regarding flies, tackle, etc.

**PAYMENT METHOD AND CANCELLATION POLICY:** Payment is taken in full at time of booking, and is refundable if cancelled outside of 48 hours prior to the designated start time. If you wish to split the payment with another person, arrangements must be made at time of booking. If conditions are adverse and we recommend against floating, payment will be refunded or held for future use.

**The Launch:** When you arrive at the shop just pay the balance due for the boat rental (most of you will have already paid in full). Our shop staff can advise you on fly selection, float length, location, strategy, and outfit you with any gear you might need or want to purchase.

- You will either begin or end your float at Red's.

After you are settled up and signed our waivers, one of our staff members will take your group to the boat launch of your choice in a Red's Fly Shop vehicle and launch the boat. Most guests prefer to float back down to Red's Fly Shop but you are welcome to float other sections as you prefer.

**End of Day Procedure:** Boats should be securely tied using the anchor rope to one of the posts at the Red's boat launch. Oars should be put away in the boat so that there is no risk of a random current or another party bumping them.

**Driving Directions From Seattle and Spokane:** From Interstate 90 near Ellensburg, Washington; take Exit 109 (Canyon Road Exit) and head south on Canyon Road which is the main road you will intersect at the off ramp. Red's Fly Shop and Canyon River Ranch Lodge are located near Mile Marker 15 on Hwy 821 (Canyon Road). It is 13 scenic miles South of Ellensburg in heart of the canyon. Driving time from Seattle is about 2 hours and 15 minutes. From Spokane it is about 3 hours.

**Driving Directions From Portland and Tri Cities:** From Interstate 82 near Selah, Washington take Exit 26 (Canyon Road Exit) and go north on Hwy 821 (Canyon Road). Red's Fly Shop and Canyon River Ranch Lodge are located 15 miles from the Interstate. From Portland the drive is about 3.5 hours, and from Tri Cities it is about 1 hour 45 minutes.

## Warnings and Reminders

**REMINDER:** - Renter is personally responsible and is assuming all risk for the safety of all passengers and the equipment.

### Tips

Here is a video with some basic tips. This isn't designed to "train" you, it is just some friendly advice. [https://youtu.be/wn\\_LZ7DZBbU](https://youtu.be/wn_LZ7DZBbU)

- Concern for safety is more important than concern for fishing. Spend the first part of your float learning the nuances of the boat and currents. Staying away from the shoreline and any hazards is the #1 priority. Make sure that you have control of the boat before you even think about fishing.
- Wear lifejackets. Although its not legally required for adults, we strongly suggest wearing lifejackets.

### Procedures and Warnings

- If starting at Ringer Road avoid the left bank below the takeout. Move into mid-channel IMMEDIATELY.
- Shorelines offer the most significant hazards. Avoid any contact with the shoreline.
- Anchor only water walking speed or slower.
- Do not let the oars hang or dangle over the side while floating.
- Let out plenty of anchor rope and be absolutely sure the boat is secure before exiting.
- If you are taking out downstream of Red's, call (509) 933-2300 upon arrival and we will come to retrieve you as soon as possible.

### Procedure for Securing Boat at Red's

- Let out about 15' of anchor rope. Wrap the rope around one of the "hitching" posts several times.
- Secure the oars inside the boat.
- Let the shop know the boat is back, or leave a voicemail at (509) 933-2300 verifying the boat is back safe with all equipment accounted for. If you do lose an oar, anchor, or have a mishap let us know immediately.
- Thank you! We hope you have or had a great float and we appreciate your business.

**Good Luck and Safe Drifting!**

# Yakima River & Canyon

## Legend

-  Private Access
-  WDFW Access
-  BLM Access
-  Mile Marker

