



Tight Lines Heading to the Deschutes!



Tight Lines is very excited to announce that our shop manager, Charlie Piette, will be hosting a summer run steelhead trip on the Deschutes River this fall. We will be fishing with one of the absolute best outfitters of the Pacific Northwest; Larimer Outfitters. Tom Larimer (owner) and his crew are the *ONLY* fly fishing guides offering camp trips on the lower 20 miles of the Deschutes. The trip will consist of 4 nights camping and 5 days fishing. This particular stretch of water is one of those “must see” places for anglers that enjoy pursuing steelhead.



About Tom Larimer and Larimer Outfitters



Tom Larimer has been a fly fishing guide for the past 13 years. Born and raised in Milwaukee, Tom has guided in the Midwest, Alaska, and Oregon. When the opportunity arose to purchase an Oregon Outfitter’s License, he seized the chance and started Larimer Outfitters. After guiding steelhead in the west for the last several years, Tom and his staff have developed an excellent reputation in the fly fishing industry. They are known namely for their skill in two-handed casting instruction and have worked to develop a few of the modern spey lines that so many now enjoy. Those looking to get into spey casting, or simply learn more about swinging flies with a single-hand rod will be hard-pressed to find better instructors anywhere. Though Tom and his guides do work on other rivers, they call the Deschutes home from July to November.



The Deschutes Steelhead Fishery

Many serious steelhead anglers consider the Deschutes River to be the finest summer run river in the world, and for good reason. It sees a massive run of fish! Aside from the fish that are native to the river, thousands of other steelhead destined for rivers further inland end up moonlighting in the lower Deschutes when the Columbia is warm. The runs on the lower river contain some beautiful holding water that is perfect for swinging flies. Small wet flies just below the surface are the norm for morning and evening with dry fly fishing being a strong possibility if conditions are right. Larger flies on sink tips are the main producers during the day when the sun is on the water.

Aside from the quality of the steelhead fishing, the Deschutes canyon is a wonderful place to spend time. The gorge cut by the river is absolutely massive to the point that pictures do not do it justice. The rugged, dry, mountainous terrain provides for a spectacular and unique type of beauty. Local waterfowl, raptors, and reptiles (yes, including rattlesnakes) are more than enough to keep the natural eye appeased. The lower Deschutes is truly a place any outdoorsman can enjoy.





Trip Details

Dates: September 12th-18th

Cost: \$2,495.00

- **This cost includes:** Transportation to and from the airport (PDX). Hotel lodging in Hood River Sunday, September 12th. Hotel lodging near PDX Friday, September 17th. Guided fishing and camping with Larimer Outfitters September 13-17. All meals and non-alcoholic beverages while fishing with Larimer Outfitters.
- **This cost DOES NOT include:** Meals while in transit to and from the river. Alcohol. Guide Gratuity. Oregon fishing license. BLM boater's pass (required by all people using the river in boats at this time of year).
- **Deposit:** Just like Tight Lines, Larimer Outfitters requires \$100 per person per day of fishing. A \$500 deposit is required when you sign up for the trip.



Gear to bring

Larimer Outfitters specializes in fishing steelhead with two handed rods. This will be the perfect opportunity to learn from some of the very best instructors in the Northwest. These guys teach tons of beginners each season, so the novice will be in great hands. Spey rods in the 13 to 14 foot 7 or 8 weight range are appropriate. If spey casting isn't your game, 7 and 8 weight rods with floating and sink-tip setups will fit the bill. Rods are available upon request. The guides will provide the flies and terminal tackle, but if you would like to tie for the trip, Charlie would be happy to discuss flies over the phone or through e-mail. Waders and studded boots are essential. It is illegal to fish this river while in a boat, so all fishing will be done wading.

We will be camping, but don't get the impression that we will be roughing it. We'll be staying in outfitter's tents with cots and sleeping pads. There is a camp host that does all the setting up and cooking. Our camp will be within easy reach of one of the Deschutes' dry outhouses. There will also be a solar shower for cleaning up. All you really need for camp is a pillow, sleeping bag, and toiletries.

Clothing is the only tricky part of what you need to pack. September weather in Central Oregon can vary quite a bit in 24 hours. Temps can be in the upper thirties at night and in the upper eighties or more during the day. On an average day, you will start fishing in warm fleece and a stocking hat in the morning and be down to a t-shirt by 10:00 am. Be prepared for warm and cold weather and potential rain. Bring fleece pants both for wading and sleeping.



Trip Itinerary

September 12th: Rally at PDX in Portland. Drive to Hood River where we will stay in a hotel. Relax and have dinner.

September 13th: Have breakfast. Drive to Heritage Landing and meet our guides. Load up the boats and head to camp. Get settled in at camp and then fish the remainder of the day.

September 14th -16th: Fish. Enjoy camp.

September 17th: Fish half the day. Pack up and boat back down to the landing. Drive back to Portland. Stay in a hotel that night.

September 18th: Fly home.



If you have any questions, feel free to contact Charlie at Tight Lines. We look forward to bringing you a trip unlike any we have done before.

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