

Some Suggestions and Answers to Most-Asked Questions:

Do give trip payments to leaders in advance or pay online with the JoinGroup info. Do visit our website and print off the Release of Liability form. Sign it ahead of time saves time the day of the trip The safety video is online <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfMuJViVpec>

What to Bring: Tennis shoes or river shoes for river-NO BARE FEET-plus other shoes for ride home. Dress in layers for warmth; swim suit, light jacket, sun glasses, hat, suntan lotion, bug spray, cooler, drinks and snacks, heavy twine and trash bags to keep things dry in canoe; a towel and change of clothes to be left in car.

Bring your fishing pole and Virginia license. You can purchase a 5 day license at Walmart in Luray.

We canoe, kayak, raft & tube RAIN or SHINE.

We provide special menu items for vegetarians, etc. if notified by group leader one week in advance.

Dogs are welcome for canoeing, just realize they can turn your canoe over. (Please leash in campground.)

The Outfitters rents coolers (reserve in advance)

Do Not bring valuables on trip (jewelry, rings, money, etc.) Lock in car or better yet, **leave at home.**

Do not take anything on the river that you would hate to lose.

Weather: Check the internet. Our zipcode is 22835. The local TV website is <http://www.whsv.com/>

River water levels: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/va/nwis/uv?01629500>

Age limits: At the discretion of parents and Outfitters-subject to weather, river conditions and

experience. Ask us ahead of time if there is a question. Dogs are OK in canoes and kayaks; not tubes/rafts.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has a 'no drinking in public' law and has passed lower blood alcohol content laws for driving and boating. Alcohol and water activities do NOT mix and NO Drugs anytime or place. We reserve the right to check coolers.

Our tent campground (Camp OutBack) has HOT showers. Camp OutBack is a *Quiet Zone after 11 PM.*

Intoxication and loud noise will not be tolerated. The offender could be asked to leave without refund.

Please ask about other primitive camping areas if you plan to party. Camping here is to be fun for all!

Parking at the Outfitters: Upon arrival for your trip, unload river gear at Outfitters Store in 10 Minute parking area then move to parking lot. Follow road to Parking Lot 200 yards behind Store. Please only park in Lot. Other areas are National Forest or needed for canoe vehicles and trailers. **Leave car keys at Outfitters--not in the River!** (Locksmiths cost \$\$ and take hrs.)

Be Careful with GPS and MapQuest--they have been wrong--sending folks 1 hr out of the way or to the wrong place!

Directions from D.C. area: Out Rt 66 West to exit 43A at Gainesville(29 South) then to Warrenton, follow signs to 211 West then to Luray, crossing over the Skyline Drive and Shenandoah National Park, down into the Shenandoah Valley on 211 West. Stay on 211 West by-pass, exit on 340 South Business, go 100 yards, make first right onto Rt. 675- Mechanic Street crossing Hawksbill Creek-follow Rt 675 [Bixler's Ferry Road] for 4 miles, cross the Shenandoah River, turn right on Rt. 684 [South Page Valley Road], follow 6 miles to Outfitters on right. Approximately 90 miles for D.C. Beltway and takes a little less than two hours.

Watch for the Shenandoah River Outfitters signs!

From Richmond, Charlottesville: Follow Rt 64 to 29N to Ruckersville, take 33W to Elkton, turn north on 340 N. This deadends into 211--go East (app 6 mi) until Rainbow sign is on your right, Take next left (Rt 652) Airport Road. Follow to stop sign(app 2 mi) turn left on Rt 675 (Bixlers Ferry Rd) for 3 miles, cross the Shenandoah River, turn right on Rt. 684 [South Page Valley Road], then follow about 6 miles to Outfitters on right. App 125 miles from Richmond.

From Rt 81: Go East on 211 at New Market (over mountain) toward Luray until Rainbow sign is on right, take next left Airport Road (Rt 652) to stop sign, go left on Rt 675, cross river, turn right on Rt 684, go 6 miles to Outfitters store. App. 28 miles from New Market.