



LOGISTICS [getting there and back]

Here you will find all the pre and post-trip details you'll need to make sure everything goes smoothly when you're not on the river! We'll cover where and when you'll need to meet us prior to departure, how to arrange getting there and getting back once the trip ends, plus lodging and area information.

TRIP STARTS IN | Stanley, Idaho

WHEN TO ARRIVE | 6pm the night before your trip departure date at the Mountain Village Lodge in Stanley

PRE-TRIP ITINERARY

○ **1-2 days before trip departure:** Fly into Boise if you're not driving. Depending on your arrival time, you may need to find overnight lodging. If you wish to rent a car at the airport and drive to Stanley, some other airport options are Missoula, Salt Lake City, and Idaho Falls.

○ **The day before:** Arrange for a flight from Boise to Stanley via [Gem Air](#) (208.756.7382). Plan to arrive with enough time to ensure you make orientation at 6pm.

There is plenty to do in the area if you wish to arrive early. Charter vans can sometimes be arranged for groups of five or more (ontact us if you're interested in this option).

○ **The night before:** Plan to stay at the [Mountain Village Lodge](#) (800.843.5475). Reservations should be made as soon as possible as they fill up fast in the summer. The Lodge has an airport shuttle that can pick you up in Stanley if you call ahead.

○ **6pm:** Orientation will be held on the Mountain Village back lawn. We will go over trip details, answer last-minute questions, and hand out hydroflasks and waterproof bags for you to repack your gear into.

○ **8am the next morning:** WRO will provide transportation to the Boundary Creek river put-in, leaving from the Mountain Village parking lot.

GETTING TO STANLEY

FLYING | Boise is the nearest airport with charter flight service to/from Stanley and Salmon.

DRIVING | If you will be driving to Stanley, you will need to arrange to have your car shuttled to Salmon by [River Shuttles](#) while we are on the river. There are no rental car services nearby.

TRIP ENDS IN | Salmon, Idaho

WHEN | Approximately 4pm the final day of your trip

POST-TRIP ITINERARY

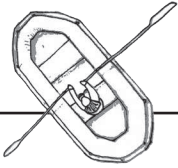
○ **Mid-day on your trip's last day:** We generally arrive at the Cache Bar river takeout around lunchtime. After lunch, we will depart for Salmon (about a 2 hour drive, transportation provided by WRO). The bus will drop everyone off at the Stagecoach Inn.

○ **That evening:** There will be an optional group dinner in Salmon depending on everyone's schedules. Those who are driving are welcome to continue on their way. If you are flying, we recommend making plans to stay at the [Stagecoach Inn](#) (208.756.2919) or other nearby lodging to leave a cushion for any timeline variability.

○ **The following day:** Arrange your Gem Air charter from Salmon back to Boise in time to make your flight home. The Stagecoach has an airport shuttle that can drop you off if you let them know ahead of time.

your logistics TO DO LIST

Here's a summary of the important stuff you'll need to take care of. Details will depend on your mode of transportation and specific itinerary.



» **BUY AIRLINE TICKETS:** to/from Boise.

» **CHARTER GEM AIR FLIGHTS:** Boise-Stanley the day before your trip begins and Salmon-Boise the day after your trip ends (they offer Middle Fork Salmon [flight packages](#)).

» **MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** One at the [Mountain Village Lodge](#) in Stanley the night before trip departure, and if you are flying, the [Stagecoach Inn](#) in Salmon the night of your trip's final date.

» **ARRANGE YOUR VEHICLE SHUTTLE (IF DRIVING):** You will need to have your vehicle shuttled from Stanley to the Stagecoach Inn in Salmon during your trip. This can be done through local company [River Shuttles](#). The Mountain Village charges a daily fee for leaving a vehicle parked in their lot. This service is free at the Stagecoach.

LODGING & TRANSPORTATION CONTACT DETAILS

SALMON LODGING

The Stagecoach Inn (recommended)
stagecoachinnmotel.com
208.756.2919

Super 8
wyndhamhotels.com
208.756.8880

Skylight Vacation Rental
[Airbnb Listing](#)

River Station Cabins
[Airbnb Cabin 1](#)
[Airbnb Cabin 2](#)
[Airbnb Cabin 3](#)

Broadway Bungalow
[Airbnb Listing](#)

STANLEY LODGING

The Mountain Village (recommended)
mountainvillage.com
800.843.5475

Stanley High Country Inn
stanleyinn.com
208.774.7000

TRANSPORTATION/SHUTTLE SERVICE

Gem Air
gemairflights.com
208.756.7382

River Shuttles
rivershuttles.com
208.756.4188

AREA INFORMATION

SALMON, IDAHO

This small, historic ranching and river town has a handful of restaurants and bars, two museums, and many opportunities for outdoor recreation; fishing, hiking, boating, biking, and hot springs among them. Stop in at the Salmon River Fly Box for gear and local fishing recommendations. Mountain bikes can be rented at The Hub to explore the single-track trails at Discovery Hill. Try a sandwich or pastry at Oddfellows Bakery - you won't be disappointed. The Salmon Valley Chamber of Commerce has an excellent webpage listing activities and local businesses: [Salmon Valley Chamber of Commerce: What to do in Salmon](#). You can download their visitor's guide here: [Visitor's Guide and Map](#). We've included a selection of local businesses and activities below.

FOOD

Mountain Harvest

Small organic grocery store on main street. Opened 2020!

Oddfellows Bakery

Breakfast and lunch on main street. Sourdough breads baked in a wood-fired oven, house-raosted coffee and espresso, and handmade pastries, muffins, and sandwiches.

The Pork Peddler

Barbeque joint with beer on tap, patio seating, and great weekly specials. Wednesday trivia nights.

Junkyard Grill

Lunch and dinner spot on main street with an eclectic menu. Beer on tap and outdoor seating.

The Shady Nook

Restaurant and bar serving classic American fare. Open for dinner.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

The Hub

Mountain bike rentals and local trail information.

ridesalmon.com/the-hub

Salmon River Fly Box

Fly shop downtown with a great selection of fishing gear. Excellent source for local fishing conditions and information.

salmonriverflybox.com

Discovery Hill Bike Trails

System of single-track bike trails right outside of Salmon.

blm.gov/discoverytrails

Sharkey Hot Springs

Developed pool south of town.

blm.gov/sharkeyhotsprings

Goldbug Hot Springs

Well-known natural hot springs requiring a 30-minute drive and 5-mile (round trip) hike.

blm.gov/goldbughotsprings

CULTURAL

Sacajewea Center

Educational center with exhibits on Native Americans and other local history. System of walking trails out back. Check their schedule of events.

sacajeweacenter.org

Lemhi County Historical Museum

Local museum on main street with exhibits on river running, ranching, mining history, and more.

lemhicountymuseum.org

STANLEY, IDAHO

This tiny community at the base of the stunning Sawtooth Mountains is quiet in the winter and bustling in the summer, as outdoor recreationists arrive to boat, hike, fish, and camp. There are spectacular hiking opportunities in the area and a collection of local hot springs. Try one of the Stanley Baking Company's tasty breakfast options and check out scenic Redfish Lake for a swim or a paddle (boats and stand-up paddle-boards can be rented at Redfish lodge). If you hit the schedule right, you might be able to catch some live music at the Mountain Village or the K Club downtown. Check out the Stanley Chamber of Commerce Visitor's guide here: [Things to do in Stanley](#).

FOOD

Papa Bruneé's

Excellent local pizza and Italian-American food.

Sawtooth Hotel

Dinner menu with delicious appetizers, entrees, and desserts served in this historic hotel's dining room.

Stanley Baking Company

Breakfast/brunch spot with coffee and espresso and patio seating.

Stanley Supper Club

Small, curated dinner and drinks menu.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Riverwear

Selection of outdoor gear, clothing, and local goods for sale. Mountain bikes, boats, and other outdoor equipment available to rent.

riverwear.com

Stanley Fly Shop

Fly shop downtown offering rod rentals and one-day guided fishing trips.

stanleyflyshop.com

Local Hot Springs

Check out the link below for a list of local hot springs.

stanleycc.com/relax

CULTURAL

Stanley Museum

Small local museum with artifacts and photographs depicting early pioneer life in the Sawtooth Valley.

discoversawtooth.org