

Clearwater River Company LLC *Suggested Clothing and Packing List*

The proper clothing can make or break a trip. To make the best of your Clearwater River Company guided trip the right clothing and equipment is essential. The length of your trip and the type of weather that is encountered will determine what you need to bring.

Month	Avg Max Temp	Avg Min Temp	Avg Total Precipitation	Average SnowFall
Jan	37.6	24	3.11	12
Feb	46.9	28.9	2.39	3.9
Mar	54.6	31.4	2.32	1.3
Apr	64.7	36.9	2.16	0.1
May	74.1	43.7	2.18	0
Jun	81.8	49.9	1.96	0
Jul	91.8	53.6	0.66	0
Aug	90.5	52.7	0.87	0
Sep	80.6	45.4	1.19	0
Oct	64.1	37.6	2.1	0
Nov	48	32	2.88	1.3
Dec	40	27.7	3.48	7.9

Table: Orofino Idaho Monthly Temperatures and Precipitation.

Space Limitations –

Due to space limitations on the boats, Clearwater River Company requests that you only bring one standard sized backpack per person and one group backpack. It is advisable to bring a waterproof bag to keep all your gear dry.

Friendly Notes –

Summer trips:

- 1) Always bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, lip balm and bug repellent.
- 2) Conversion pants are great for the summer. They allow you to stay warm in the morning, then zip off the bottoms and turn them into shorts in the afternoon heat.
- 3) Wear clothes that dry fast, a sudden thundershower can liven things up and will definitely get you wet.
- 4) Aggressive wading shoes work great for river trips.

Fall, winter and spring trips:

- 1) It is always better to plan for cold, wet and windy weather, so pack accordingly.
- 2) In the event that you do get wet, remember that all clothing does not dry in a single night, so it is often wise to bring at least one spare set of outer layer clothing.
- 3) Wait until you are ready to start the trip to bundle up.
- 4) Always bring a hat, bandana or scarf, and sunglasses.

Dressing Tips –

- 1) Avoid cotton and jeans! These do not offer any warmth when wet and take a long time to dry. Dress in layers. You may be hot when moving, but cool down when things slow down or the sun disappears behind some clouds.
- 2) During the summer Nylon, Polyamide and Polyesters fibers work the best. These fabrics dry incredibly fast and keep you cool. A light fleece jacket and pants can help keep you warm on those cool mornings.
- 3) Polyester, Polypropylene, wool, fleece and smart wool clothing are going to keep you dry, warm and comfortable during the cold, wet winter months. You can adjust your body temperatures easily by removing or adding layers.
- 4) An outer Gortex shell is useful year round. Gortex is breathable and water/wind resistant. If unfavorable weather hits during the summer or winter a high quality outer shell will be invaluable.

Cold Weather Layering –

- 1) The first layer (next to your skin) absorbs perspiration to keep you warm and dry. Polyester long underwear is our first choice; followed up by Polypropylene long underwear.

- 2) The second layer provides insulation. By trapping air next to your body you are able to retain your body heat. Fleece is the most comfortable, but doesn't match the insulation quality of natural wool. Our recommendation is to wear fleece since wool causes most people to itch.
- 3) The third layer offers protection from the wind. Gortex, tight nylon or 60/40 cotton/nylon blend shells provide good wind blockage. Keep in mind the more wind proof a garment is, the less breathable it will be.
- 4) The fourth layer offers the most insulation and is worn when you are inactive. We highly recommend a heavy wool sweater and heavy wool pants.
- 5) The outer shell will protect you from cutting winds and pelting rain. A Gortex liner protected by a waterproof nylon shell will make you as conformable as sitting in front of your fire place at home.
- 6) Wool Gloves and waterproof/insulated boots are a must for winter trips.
- 7) Neoprene waders are recommended for winter wading trips. Waders will take place of the outer shell on the lower part of the body.

Recommended Clothing for warm weather –

- 1) Brimmed Hat
- 2) Bandana
- 3) Conversion pants or shorts
- 4) Long sleeve or short sleeve synthetic shirt
- 5) River sandals or aggressive wading shoes
- 6) Synthetic socks to wear with wading shoes
- 7) Gortex jacket and pants or comparable rain gear
- 8) Waders for wading trips
- 9) Wader boots for wading trips

Recommended Clothing for cold weather –

- 1) Polypropylene long underwear
- 2) Fleece Pull over
- 3) Fleece Pants
- 4) Fleece Socks
- 5) Gortex breathable wind breaker
- 6) Heavy wool sweater
- 7) Heavy wool pants
- 8) Rain gear top and bottom
- 9) Wool Hat
- 10) Wool Gloves
- 11) Insulated/Waterproof boots
- 12) Neoprene waders for wading trips
- 13) Wading shoes for wading trips