

POWERBOAT GUIDE SUMMARY

- **THE PRIMARY SEASON** extends from the Friday preceding Memorial Day through September 10th each year. In 2016 this will be May 27th through September 10th. Permits are required year round however, **reservations are only required during the primary season** and can **ONLY** be reserved by going to www.recreation.gov or by calling 877-550-6777.

The opening day to make a reservation begins March 1st at 7 AM PTS each year.

The site is available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Reservations can also be made by calling the TOLL FREE telephone (1-877-444-6777) or TDD (1-877-TDD-6777).

Call Center hours are: 10:00 am (EST) to Midnight (EST) - March 1st through October 31st 10:00 am (EST) to 10:00 pm

- **THE SECONDARY SEASON** extends from September 11th through the Thursday before Memorial Day the following year. Self issue permits are accepted during the Secondary season as well as Monday –Thursday in the Scenic section during the Primary season.
- **The available river reservation sections are as follows:**

SCENIC: These permits allow **Scenic river** access from the Cache Creek through Pittsburg Landing portals. Permits are only required Friday through Sunday, and holidays. There are 18 available permits per day.

WILD: These permits encompass the entire river corridor all of the **Wild river** section of the river. The wild segment of the river is from Pittsburg Launch to Hells Canyon Dam. These permits are required 7 days a week, with 6 permits available per day.

SALMON ACCESS-DAY USE: These permits allow access to the **Salmon river** by way of the Cache Creek portal and are for **day use only**. Boaters can use the permits to pass through to and from their trip to the Salmon river, however no overnight use is allowed on the Snake River. Permits are required Friday through Sunday, and holidays. There are 5 available permits per day.

LIMITED WILD RIVER NORTH: These permits allow limited **WILD RIVER** access during the non-motorized period from the northern end of the river. Motorized craft is **not permitted** in the wild river segment between Kirkwood Historic Ranch and Wild Sheep rapids. There are 5 available permits per day from either Pittsburg or the Cache Creek portal.

LIMITED WILD RIVER SOUTH: These permits allow limited **WILD RIVER** access during the non-motorized period from the southern end of the river. Motorized craft is **not permitted** in the wild river segment between the top of Wild Sheep rapids to Kirkwood Historic Ranch. There are 2 available permits on these days.

- **NON-MOTORIZED DAYS** are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday every other week beginning the first week in June and continuing through the last week in August. **In 2016, the first non-motorized period will be June 6, 7, and 8th.** If the 4th of July holiday falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday that week will be skipped and the non-motorized periods will continue the following week and every other week thereafter. **The non-motorized section of the wild river is from Kirkwood Historic Ranch to Wild Sheep Rapids. The [2016 Non-motorized calendar](#) is now available.**
- **The total amount of reservations** a user can reserve are unlimited through out the season

However, like the previous reservation process, the on line system will only allow for **3 reservations** to held by a user at one time. The new system will not allow the permit to be printed until 14 days (or less) prior to the launch.

- **The NO SHOW policy is as follows:** When a reservation is not canceled the penalty is the trip leader will be unable to place reservations for the remainder of the season and unable to make reservations the following season. If there is an unavoidable emergency that may cause a “no-show” or not allow a cancelation within the 7 day policy, please contact the USFS Snake River Administrative Office @ 509-758-0616.
- **A powerboat permit allows up to 14 consecutive days of use.** However, there are overnight campsite restrictions. During the **primary season**, stay lengths of three days and two nights per campsite in the **wild section**, and four days and three nights per campsite in the **scenic section**, will be permitted within ¼ mile of the high watermark. Once the permitted boat is withdrawn from the water, the permit for that period ends.
- **Each trip leader must reserve their own reservations and cannot make reservations for other trip leaders.** In order to secure a reservation, the online system requires a specific user account which is associated to a user profile and email address. Therefor, each trip leader must reserve their own reservations and cannot make reservations for other trip leaders.
- **Permits cannot be issued at some portals**, except during self issue periods. Since the remote launches/entry points do not have telephone or internet capabilities, obtaining a permit on site will not be possible. In addition they will not be able to make reservations for you or process the reservation fee except at **Hells Canyon Creek Launch**, where electricity is available.
- **MAXIMUM PARTY SIZE** is 24 persons, including overnight use at river campsites. Multiple parties (float and/or power) may camp together as long as the maximum party size is not exceeded.
- **OVERNIGHT CAMPING** is prohibited at the Hells Canyon Creek Recreation Site, Pittsburg Administrative Areas, Cache Creek Administrative Site and those areas under Special Use Permit -- Sheep Creek and Temperance Creek.
- **CAMPING** for one night only is permitted at either one of the Granite Creek sites, Saddle Creek or Oregon Hole during the primary season. All other sites have a two night stay limit in the Wild River and a three night stay limit in the Scenic River during the primary season. No camping is allowed in the non-motorized section during non-motorized days.
- **Boating parties must carry porta-potties** with sufficient capacity to carry out all human waste for their group. Compact dry toilet systems (waste alleviation and gelling) are acceptable as long as they meet EPA Group II waste standard and bags can be disposed of in landfills. These systems must be accompanied by waterproof, hard-shell containers able to hold waste bags. This equipment is required year round as a condition of use for a river permit. Be prepared to have your human waste carryout equipment inspected at the portals or on the river.
- **The burning of wood in firepans is prohibited in the river corridor from July 1 through September 15 each year.** Gas stoves and charcoal in a firepan or barbeque are acceptable. Firepans are required yearlong and open campfires are no longer allowed. All firewood for camp use must be packed in. The use of chainsaws is prohibited.
- **Fireworks are prohibited year long.**
- **All garbage and trash must be packed out.**
- **Cultural Resources** are protected by law from vandalism, destruction or theft. Collection of historic and prehistoric artifacts is prohibited.
- **Trip leaders are responsible** for the conduct of the members of their party during the entire trip. Inappropriate behavior resulting in complaints from other river users can result in loss of access to the permit system.

