

General Rules - Selway River

Permits

- Permit holder must be 18 years old.
- Permits are not required outside of control season, but if on the river pre-season, you must be off the river by midnight, May 14.
- Control season is May 15 – July 31; No more than 1 party is allowed to launch each day.
- Outside of control season, August 1 to May 14 - unlimited number of launches per day.
- There is a \$10.00 non-refundable application fee for all river reservations.
- Permits are not transferable for any reason.
- Permit holder must contact the West Fork Ranger 14 days prior to launch date to make arrangements to pick up their permit. (406) 821-3269.
- Permits must be cancelled at recreation.gov 15 days prior to your launch date to avoid a late cancellation penalty.
- Late cancellation and no show penalties prevent you from holding a permit on this river for 1 year.
- When water levels exceed 5' at the Paradise gauge or snow is blocking the road to the Paradise launch site, penalties will be waived.

Recreation Fees

- There are no per person user fees for the Selway River.

Group Size

- During the lottery season, maximum party size is 16, but maximum trip duration can vary.
- Outside the lottery season, maximum party size is 20.

Recommended Equipment

- Porta potty (preferably washable) toilet with appropriate capacity
- Fire pan (3 inch sides)
- Ash container (preferably metal)
- Strainer
- Shovel
- Bucket
- Photo ID-permit holder

Camp Sanitation

- All dish/waste water must be strained and water broadcast above high water mark
- All human and pet feces should be packed out in porta-potty
- Absolutely nothing but human/pet waste in porta-potty, no sanitary wipes, tampons, sticks etc. Foreign objects aren't compatible with RV dump stations.
- All fire ash should be packed out in ash container.
- All urination can be above the high water mark.
- No soaps, even biodegradable, in any streams, river or water source.
- Camp on already hardened sites, avoid packing vegetation down.
- All litter, food particles, including micro-trash must be packed out.
- **LEAVE NO TRACE camping techniques are required.**

Campsites

- All members of group must camp together.
- Please plan lay-over days in less used sites.
- Camps at Moose Creek may need to be shared with other groups.

Camp Etiquette

- Use only dead and downed wood or charcoal for fire. Please do NOT build fire rings. DO NOT BURN GARBAGE. Pack it in – Pack it out.
- Return any rocks to where found if used for tent, tarp, or boat anchors.
- Leave beaches unmarked, smooth disturbed surfaces.
- Do not disturb or harass wildlife.
- Leave camp in a pristine state.

Heritage Resources

- Do not touch, remove or damage any heritage resources (e.g. historic cabins, pictographs, artifacts, etc.) Oils from fingers can contribute to deterioration of pictographs.

Miscellaneous Information

- Permit holder signs the permit and becomes responsible for the entire group and must be present and accompany group at all times while on the river.
- Observe all local, State and Federal laws and regulations.
- Idaho Invasive Species stickers are required – please check <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/activities/boating>
- Carry and display permit upon request of any Forest Officer.
- Public nudity is discouraged.
- Respect private property, do not enter unless acknowledged or invited, contain dogs at boat or on leash.
- Be courteous and efficient at put-in and take-out sites, no camping at boat ramp, or leaving parked vehicles there. Paradise Campground is approximately ¼ mile from the launch site.
- Call ahead on road conditions and campfire restrictions.