

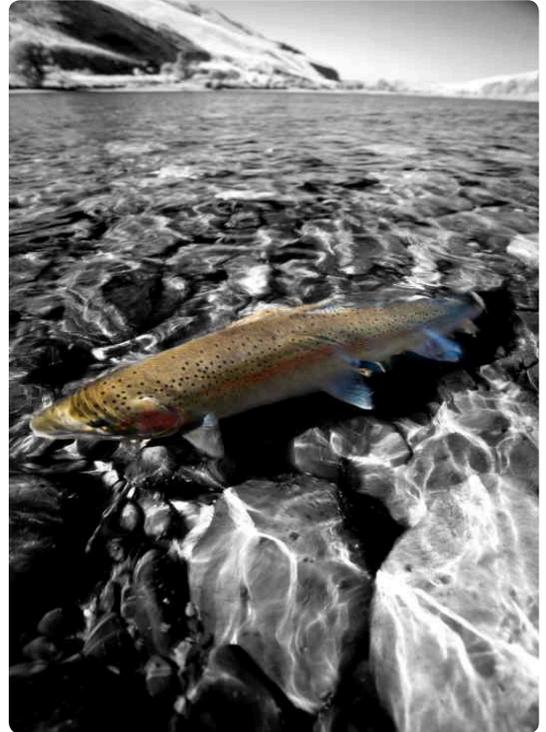
CLEARWATER STEELHEAD SYNDICATE

WHY CLEARWATER

For many, fishing for steelhead is an obsession, for me obsessed is an understatement. I live and breathe for the experience of walking onto that perfect run early in the morning as the fog lifts - step in, strip, cast, and swing. The anticipation of that fish moving to my fly on the next cast is life. One of the most wonderful things about steelhead fishing is the environments and nature in which you fish for them. From rain forest to desert, they inhabit our earth's most pristine lands. Of all the rivers to swing a fly, the Clearwater is special beyond all others.

Though Clearwater fish are all summer run fish, they are twice to three times larger than their western slope cousins. In fact, Clearwater fish rival the size of western winter run native fish and can be much larger on average. Making things even more special is the fact that Clearwater fish are very aggressive and love to move to fly presented in the upper portion of the water column.

So, imagine standing in a crystal clear river with the sun glistening in front of golden hills in the background and orange pines standing tall. Now, imagine casting a floating line and swinging in the upper film of the water column. And finally, conclude this dream by feeling the pull of a 20 pound steelhead tug, then race back to the ocean with your reel screaming in protest. That dream is reality on the Clearwater!



SEASON

There are two primary seasons on the Clearwater. From August through September the lower river is inhabited by A-run fish who seek refuge in the Clearwater from the warm temperatures of the Snake River and the occasional surprise B-run fish that have entered early.

Though these A-run fish are smaller in comparison to their B-run cousins, they tend to be very aggressive and spunky. These early season high flows make swinging for these fish both challenging and very rewarding because they hold in exclusive areas not typically covered during the popular low water months occurring in the last week of September.

Once flows are dropped and stabilized for the remainder of the season, the B-runs enter and we begin moving upstream as they do.

B-run steelhead are famous for their size and power; returning to spawn after two-three years in the ocean, these bruins return to the river running 30-40 inches and surpassing 20 pounds in weight. In fact, the Clearwater's B-run fish are the largest steelhead in the lower 48 states and these great fish attract serious Steelheaders from around the world.



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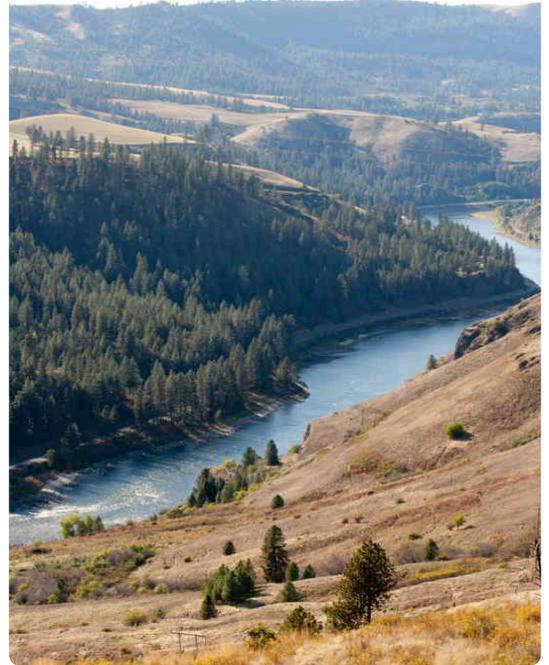
A DAYS FISHING

We have app. 75 miles of river to fish, 3 boats on the upper half and 3 boats on the lower half. During different periods of the year fish will congregate in certain areas of the river

Depending on the season we'll make the pick-up at the hotel around 8 am, float different sections of the river throughout the week. Some will be more productive than others, but we'll try to concentrate on the better runs even if it means two boats or more will have to fish the same section. The runs are long enough to hold several anglers, and even if fished from both sides, the river is big enough not to create a crowd. Lunch will be at the river, supplied by the guide, and drinks will be on-board the drift-boat, since temperatures can reach close to 40°C/104° F in early season.

The day ends typically at sundown, so it'll mean around 12 hours on the river a day, where a longer siesta might be an idea due to the possible temperatures in the mid afternoon in worst case scenario.

Dinner will be served at the restaurant around 8 pm depending on the season, and the closest bar is in walking distance if one would go out for a drink or two.



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WHAT TO BRING

As September moves into October the river will stabilize, and the risk of a flood is hardly existing. Temperatures will start to drop, but still floaters or intermediate tips are recommended. The weather around the Clearwater is warm and sunny, so changing into a faster sinking tip during the midday sun and early afternoon can be what makes a good day great. Steelhead are spooky fish and will stick to the bottom if it's to bright.

Dry fly fishing for steelhead is probably the most amazing sport, not to mention challenging, but it is definitely worth a go, so remember some wakers or bombers.

November can be colder, but hardly ever below freezing point. Then the need for a sinktip line occurs, still on warmer days an intermediate tip line would do the job just fine.

LODGING & RESTAURANT

We are using the Best Western in Orofino as our lodge during your stay. A wonderful situated hotel, right on the bank of the Clearwater, with one of the most popular runs right in front of the veranda. So you can either choose to walk down and swing a fly in your "spare time" or sit and watch the river whilst enjoying a cold refreshment.

You will be booked into a double room with separate beds, after your own preference or teamed up by your fishing partner for the week. (if you wish a single room the extra cost is not included in the price)
In the hotel you will find swimming pool, hot tub and gym. There is also a guest laundry available. Breakfast will be served overlooking the river in the hotel lobby.

Lunch and dinner is served by the next door restaurant "Rivers Edge", after a fixed menu.

Lunch will be served on the river bank, either as sandwiches or as a light barbeque, depending on the fire hazard level.

Dinner is served in the restaurant after returning to the hotel at night, where you don't have to "dress up", fleece bibs are as good as anything.



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AVAILABILITY

We fish from Saturday to Saturday, but if a night is needed either in the start or the end of the week, we can be helpful with booking hotels at the airport.

Max of 8 rods/week to secure enough water for all rods to float over a week.

SEASON 2013	
Sept 28 - Oct 5	
Oct 5 - Oct 12	Few rods remaining
Oct 12 - Oct 19	Few rods remaining
Oct 19- Oct 26	Full
Oct 26 - Nov 2	
Nov 2- Nov 9	Few rods remaining
Nov 9 - Nov 16	Few rods remaining
Nov 16 - Nov 23	



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