

# Safety Tips

- Wear a **life jacket** in rapids and when swimming.
- Swim and boat with at least **one other person**, so you have help if problems arise.
- If you get in trouble **swimming in swift water**:
  1. Float on your back with your feet downstream.
  2. Wear shoes so you can bounce off rocks with your feet.
  3. Swim to shore in slow moving water.
- **Avoid Strainers!** Brush, fallen trees, boat docks or anything with a current flowing through it is a strainer. Strainers can hold you or your craft in a dangerous position in the water.
- Allow others **room to maneuver** in rapids.
- **Power boat drivers** should allow ample space between themselves and others and should slow down at boat ramps, swimming areas, and parks.
- When you **see or hear a power boat** approaching, move out of the main channel when it is safe to do so. A wave of the hand clearly communicates to the power boat driver that they can proceed.
- Don't let drinking ruin your river trip.

# For more information

## Smullin Visitor Center at Rand

14335 Galice Road  
Merlin, Oregon 97532  
(541) 479-3735  
email: or110rr@blm.gov  
www.or.blm.gov/Rogueriver

## Bureau of Land Management

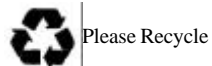
Medford District Office  
3040 Biddle Road  
Medford, Oregon 97504  
(541) 618-2200

## Josephine County Parks Department

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# BLM

## Oregon

# Hellgate Recreation Area



## Rogue River



# Plan for Success

Over half a million people use the Hellgate Recreation area of the Rogue River every year. During your visit, you may encounter many types of recreational activities. Courtesy and cooperation will help everyone enjoy their trip and will discourage the need for regulations.

# Cooperation

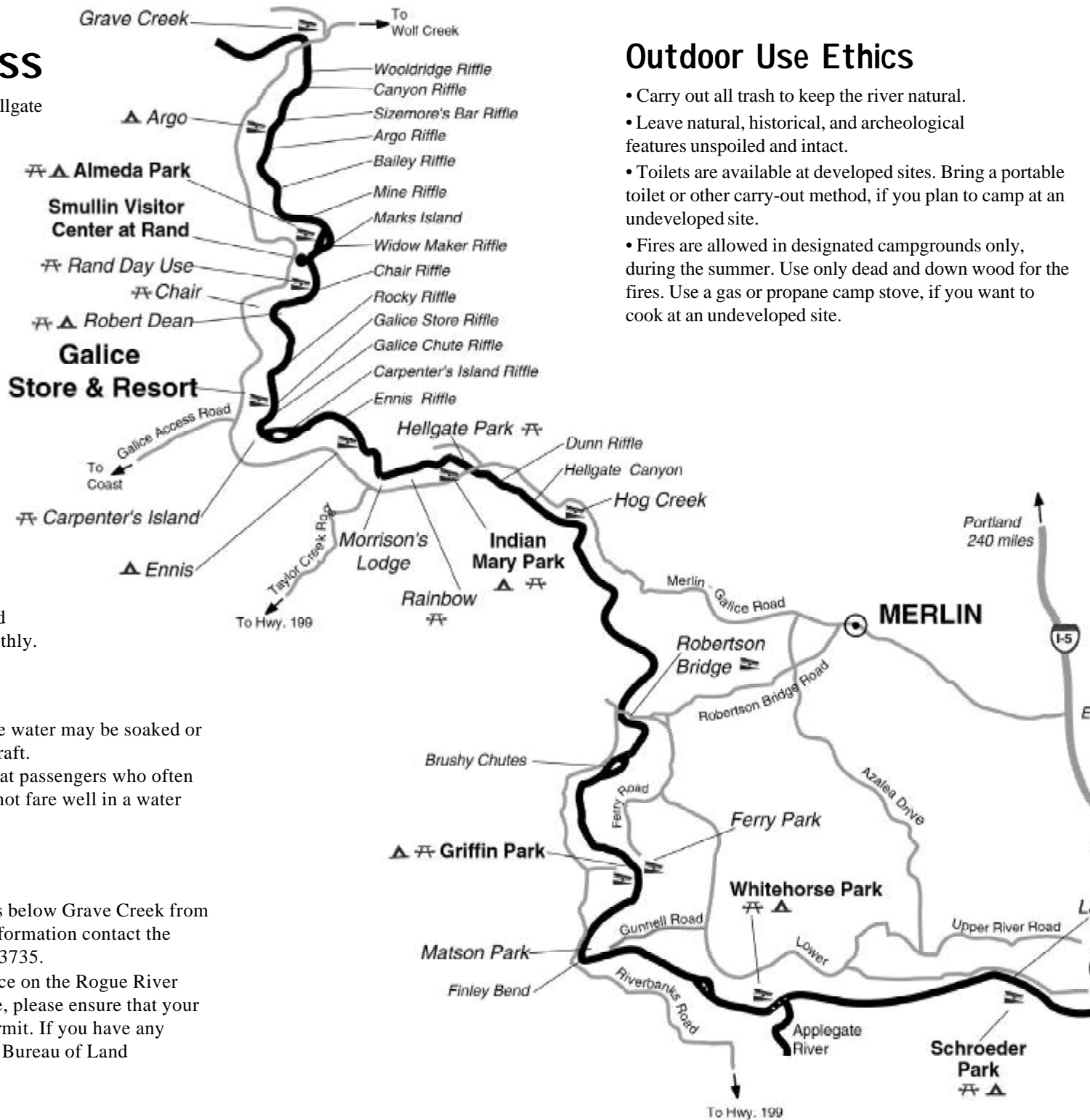
- Use boat ramps for transferring boats to and from the river only. Don't use ramps to inflate boats or store gear.
- Give anglers room to fish.
- Hog Creek can be a congested area with frequent power boat traffic. If you see power boats waiting to get through, give them an opening...wait a few minutes and everyone will get going more smoothly.

# Think Twice

- Beware: People and items near the water may be soaked or dislodged by the wake of passing craft.
- Avoid water fights with power boat passengers who often have cameras and clothing that do not fare well in a water fight.

# Permits

- Permits are required for float trips below Grave Creek from May 15 to October 15. For more information contact the Smullin Visitor Center at 541-479-3735.
- If you are enjoying your experience on the Rogue River through the services of a paid guide, please ensure that your guide has a valid BLM outfitter permit. If you have any questions call the Medford District Bureau of Land Management at 541-618-2273.



# Outdoor Use Ethics

- Carry out all trash to keep the river natural.
- Leave natural, historical, and archeological features unspoiled and intact.
- Toilets are available at developed sites. Bring a portable toilet or other carry-out method, if you plan to camp at an undeveloped site.
- Fires are allowed in designated campgrounds only, during the summer. Use only dead and down wood for the fires. Use a gas or propane camp stove, if you want to cook at an undeveloped site.

# Float the Rogue

**Total Distance 34 miles**

## Grants Pass - Hog Creek

19 miles - approx. 7 hours  
Mostly flat water

## Hog Creek - Indian Mary Park

2.5 miles - approx. 1 hour  
Some whitewater

## Indian Mary Park - Ennis Riffle

3.2 miles - approx. 1.25 hours  
Little whitewater

## Ennis Riffle - Galice Store

1.6 miles - approx. 1 hour  
Mostly whitewater

## Galice Store - Alameda Park

3.5 miles - approx. 1.25 hours  
Some whitewater

## Alameda Park - Grave Creek

3.8 miles - approx. 1.5 hours  
Mostly whitewater

Hog Creek - Grave Creek 14.6 miles  
approx. 6 hours

**LEGEND**

- Boat Access
- Picnic
- Camping

