

Email for the Lower Yakima:

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE MESSAGE. If you have questions after reading this document or are still confused about the directions don't hesitate to contact us. **(509) 964-2530** rafts@fairpoint.com.

Before Your Rafting Trip:

1. Download Waivers and have everyone in your group sign.
2. Check the weather and dress appropriately
3. Bring food, water and snacks for the float (No Glass or Styrofoam)
4. Make sure to show up on time. If you are 30 or more minutes late and do not contact us, you may be charged \$20 an hour until you arrive. If you call us before your reservation time we are usually able to waive this fee.

If you are camping at Big Pines or driving from Yakima, please call the office (509-964-2530) to arrange a shuttle from Big Pines.

Big Horn: 21856 Canyon Rd, Ellensburg, WA 98926 (Address works with Google Maps, we cannot guarantee it works with other GPS) Please use directions below if possible.

Directions from I-90 (Heading either East or West):

1. Take **exit 109**, Ellensburg/Canyon road off of I-90
2. Turn **left** at the stop.
3. Continue on this road (Canyon Rd) for 6 miles
4. After **mile marker 22** look for the **BIG HORN** campground on the right.
5. At the BIG HORN campground park your car and head down toward the water.
6. Once you check in with a Rill Adventures employee you will follow the shuttle bus to Big Pines and get shuttled back to Big Horn.**

****Big Pines Parking:**

You will need to pay \$5 per car to park at Big Pines. Please bring cash with you for the parking fee.

Every reservation comes with paddles and personal floatation devices(PFDs). A Rill Adventures staff member will fit each person with a PFD to ensure proper fit.

Once your raft is loaded up and everyone has PFDs your group will receive a safety talk and will be told how to recognize the take out.

Important!!!

- We ask that all boats be in by 6 p.m. If you come in after 6, we ask that you return the equipment to the Rill Adventures office in Thorp.

Know your River Rules

- BE COURTEOUS TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND OTHER RIVER USERS

- You and your group are not the only ones on the river. There are families, private property owners, fishermen, kayakers, tubers and multiple government officials. Be kind to all you encounter.

- The upper section of the river has private land on both sides of the Yakima River. Even many of the islands have private owners. When you stop stay near the bank and be respectful of people's privacy and their land.

- NO GLASS OR STYROFOAM - Remember no glass or Styrofoam. Styrofoam will not with stand a raft trip. Keep it from polluting in our water ways.

- PACK OUT YOUR TRASH - Use the leave no trace behind principal and what you pack in make sure and pack out. Thank you!

- IT IS ILLEGAL TO CONSUME ALCOHOL ON THE RIVER according to RCW 66.44.100.

Our top priority is your safety on the water. We take alcohol from groups when we deem the amount of alcohol to be a hazard to Rill's employees and rafting participants. If you must drink on the river do so responsibly. If you do decide to drink on the river please be responsible, safe and considerate of the other people using the river. Just like driving there should always be sober people to handle the raft, every boat needs two designated people to steer and paddle. We cannot stress enough the difference between enjoying a beer or two with friends and getting so drunk you cannot stand up or even hope to paddle.

- Everyone needs to bring drinking water with them on the rafting trip. Being out in the sun is draining and dehydrating especially in the Central Washington heat.

- Dogs are allowed and we do have PFDs for your pet. But be sure and pay attention; if a pet damages equipment you are responsible for having it repaired.