

**Driving Directions Lower Yakima MP 19**  
**PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE MESSAGE. If you have questions after reading this email don't hesitate to contact us.**

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**Before Your Rafting Trip:**

1. Check the weather and dress appropriately (avoid cotton on cold days)
2. Bring water and snacks for the float (No Glass and No 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.

**Meeting location is at mile marker 19 on Canyon Road between Ellensburg and Yakima.** The current meeting location does not have an address. Please follow the directions below.

**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 9 miles
4. Look for **mile marker 19**
5. There is a wide section off the road with limited parking, park here and look for a Rill Adventures Employee.
6. Once you check in with a Rill Adventures employee you will follow the shuttle bus to Big Pines and get shuttled back mile marker 19.\*\*

**\*\*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). Each person will be fitted with a PFD by a Rill Adventures staff member.

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 have a new meeting location as of June 2019. This location has limited parking, no shade, and no restroom at this time. We apologize for this inconvenience, please plan accordingly.
- If you are camping at Big Pines or driving from Yakima, please call the office (509-964-2530) at least 2 days prior to your reservation to arrange a shuttle from Big Pines.
- 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 withstand a raft trip. Keep it from polluting in our water ways.
- PACK OUT YOUR TRASH - Use the leave no trace left 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 help 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.