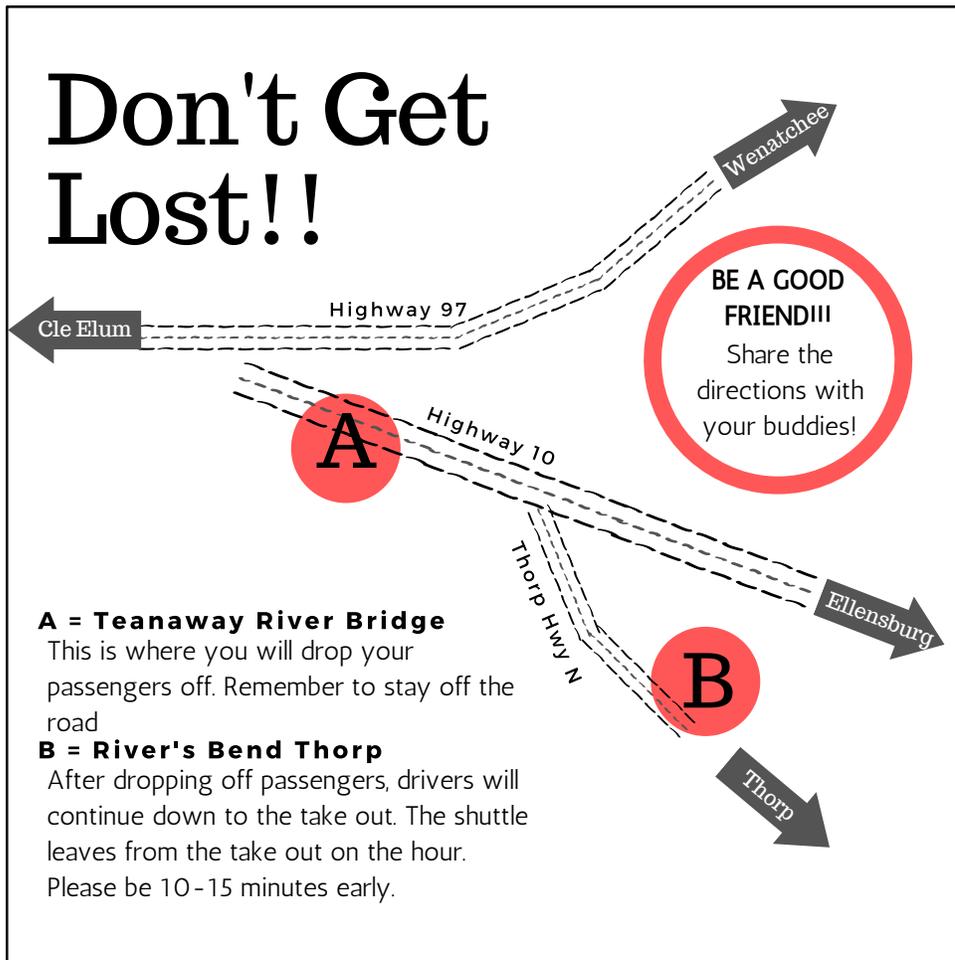


Driving Directions Upper Yakima River's Bend
If you have questions after reading this email contact us at...
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Before Your Rafting Trip:

1. Check the weather for Cle Elum, Washington and dress appropriately (avoid cotton on cold days)
For Hot Weather: We suggest: a sun hat, a thin long sleeve to protect yourself from the sun, a swimsuit, sandals that strap to your feet and of course lots of sunscreen
For Cold Weather: We suggest: a sun hat, a wind breaker, a fleece sweater, long pants that are not cotton, tennis shoes you don't mind getting wet and synthetic or wool socks.
2. Bring plenty of water and snacks for the float (No Glass and No Styrofoam)
We recommend **1 liter** of water per person
3. Make sure to arrive at the take-out 10-15 minutes before your scheduled time. **The time you reserved is the time your shuttle will leave.** Drop your passengers off 20-30 minutes before your scheduled shuttle time to avoid being late. *If you are 30 or more minutes late, 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.*



Why we ask you to drop your passengers at the Teanaway.

Our shuttle only fits 14 people. On busy days or with large groups we will not have space for your whole party.

If you're coming from Eastern WA, we will try to fit your whole group in the shuttle, make sure to call 24 hours in advance to ensure there is space.

If you're rafting on a weekday, we can usually fit your whole group in the shuttle call at least 24 hours in advance to ensure there is space.

If you don't call, and you bring your whole group to the take-out, you may have to wait for an empty shuttle or drive to the Teanaway to drop off your passengers.

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.

Directions from Western Washington:

1. From I-90 Take **EXIT 85**, Cle Elum/Wenatchee
2. At the 'T' turn **RIGHT** and head toward Wenatchee
3. After approx. 2 mile turn **RIGHT** onto Highway 10
4. After approx. 1 mile stop at the **FIRST** Bridge, the Teanaway River Bridge.
 - a. Unload all of your gear and **drop off your passengers here**. The driver will continue downriver to be shuttled, this way your group will float to your car.
 - b. The people who are waiting at the Teanaway River should check in with the Rill Adventures staff under the bridge. Also, the safest place to wait is by the river underneath the bridge.
5. After the bridge, continue on Highway 10 another 7.9 miles.
6. Turn right on Thorp Hwy N
7. Continue on Thorp Hwy about 1 mile,
8. 200 yards after you cross the Yakima River (the big green bridge) you will see a sign on the left that says Rivers Bend*, turn left here. Drive past the pond toward the river and check in with the shuttle bus driver

Directions from Eastern Washington:

(Please call to confirm there is room on the shuttle for your whole group. 509-964-2530)

1. Take EXIT 101, Thorp
2. Take a right to head into the small town of Thorp
3. 3.5 miles from the freeway, you will see a sign on the rights that says Rivers Bend*. This is the takeout.
4. Turn right into this driveway, drive past the pond toward the river and check in with the shuttle bus driver.

***15170 N Thorp Hwy, Thorp WA 98946.** We cannot guarantee this address works with all GPS, use the directions if possible.

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. 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 principal. 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 do decide to drink on the river please be responsible, safe and considerate of the other people. Just like driving, there should always be sober people to handle the raft, every boat needs two designated people to steer and paddle. There is a huge difference between enjoying a beer or two with friends and getting too drunk to paddle or swim.
- **Everyone needs to bring drinking water** with them. 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.