

Deschutes River Fly Fishing



Designated a wild and scenic river, the Deschutes offers one of the most enjoyable boat rides in the Northwest and is regarded as one of the best rainbow trout and summer steelhead fisheries in the nation.

Flowing from Pelton Dam in Central Oregon, the river carves its way through a spectacular high desert basalt canyon for nearly 100 miles before emptying into the Columbia River. The Deschutes is a big powerful river with an average flow of 4500+ C.F.S., an average drop of 13 feet per mile, and some legendary class three white water rapids.

Every year thousands of wild Chinook salmon and steelhead return to spawn in the river and its tributaries. Fishing from a floating device is prohibited on the Deschutes so the boat is strictly used for transportation. Most local fisherman agree that this rule does a great deal in preserving the quality of the fishery.

During a drift boat ride it is common to see Eagles, Herons, Osprey, Big Horn Sheep, Mule Deer, and River Otters, we have even spotted the occasional Black Bear, Bob Cat, and Mountain Lions.

STEELHEAD August – November

Deschutes River steelhead are famous for their aggressiveness towards fly's fished on or just inches below the surface. Many of the strikes are often seen by the fisherman.

Low light periods during the morning and evening hours are prime time floating line, and fishing conditions, and a fly fished on a sink tip can produce fish anytime during the day.

The Deschutes offers a long steelhead season, with good fishing opportunities lasting over 6 months a year. Mid-August through September is peak season. Deschutes summer steelhead consist of wild, and hatchery fish that range from 4 – 10+ lbs. This river is perfectly suited for spey rods and flies fished on the swing, and that is our preferred method for guiding the Deschutes.

On our day floats we fish the Deschutes out of Maupin which provides us access to the lower and upper river, and gives us more steelhead water to choose from than any other day trip available. Another highly productive trip is to take an overnighter ranging between two and four days on the more remote reaches of the river. On these trips we fish up to 40 miles of river where chances are good that you will run into steelhead somewhere along the way.



Multi-Day Fly Fishing Trips



Our overnight trips are all inclusive fly fishing vacations ranging 2 – 5 days in duration. Whether you are looking for a hardcore fishing trip, or a more laid back fishing approach, we have over a decade of experience in outfitting river trips, and know how to put together the right one for you. We can accommodate parties between 2 and 8 anglers on the John Day or the Deschutes, which are two of the premiere rivers in the country for this style of float trip. Incredible fishing access, scenery, food, fully equipped camps, and a guaranteed good time are all included. Our camping trips run May through November.

Prices Deschutes River

(Call for prices).

Multi-day overnight
trips available.

We fish no more than two (2) people per guide/boat. For the best value we recommend booking these trips in groups of even numbers.

1 or 2 people

3 or 4 people

5 or 6 people

Etc.

Trips up to 5 days in length also available.

Everything is provided except waders, flies and leaders. These are available at additional cost.

To reserve dates or for more information please call AB Pro Guides 503-720-9033.