

What Should I Bring?

Tributary provides specialized rafting items you will need on the river such as life jackets, paddles, and helmets (for all Class 4 & 5 raft trips and some Class 3 trips). The lists below are check lists of things you should bring yourself. Some of these may be available from us for rent (eg. wetsuits, paddle jackets, tents, sleeping bags and pads). Advance reservations are required. Call for availability and pricing.

Denim jeans and heavy cotton are never appropriate on the river as the fabric retains water and loses insulation. Also avoid anything that may hamper your movement in the water. Prepare to get wet!!

Bring dry clothes and shoes for your drive home, and plastic bags to carry wet things. Also bring spares of anything you need to get home (eg. Keys, glasses or contacts).

Do not bring pets, too many valuables or too much gear. Lock any valuables in your car and do not bring cell phones, keys or wallets on the river. We are not responsible for damage to, or the loss/theft of any personal gear from our vehicles, on the river or in camp. So please travel light and have travel insurance or household insurance that covers your property when away from home.

Summer Rafting

(usually late May-Sept):

In summer, the prime concern is sun protection and waterproof sunscreen with a high SPF may be sufficient. Sunglasses and a wide brimmed hat or visor are also desirable. For more protection, carry a shirt and long pants. It's a good idea to have something extra to put on in case of a sudden change in the weather.

- Swim Suit
- Hat with tether
- Sunglasses (with tether) or visor
- Shorts (quick dry)
- Waterproof sun screen with high SPF
- Old tennis shoes or strap on sandals
- Towel
- Lip balm
- Optional:
 - Socks
 - Shirt
 - Long pants (quick dry)

Spring or Fall Rafting

(usually before mid-May and after mid-Sept):

You need to be prepared for cold air temperatures and cold water. You should plan on wearing fabrics that are fast drying (e.g. nylon, polyester etc.) and/or that retain warmth when wet (e.g. nylon fleece, wool, polypropylene). Avoid all cotton.

- Swim suit
- Wetsuit, 3mm farmer john or dry suit
- Paddle jacket or waterproof jacket
- Fleece/polypro top or wool sweater
- Old tennis shoes or wetsuit booties (with sturdy sole)
- Wool, polypro, or wetsuit socks
- Sunglasses (with tether)
- Optional:
 - Wool hat and tether
 - Extra wool sweater
 - Polypro or wool gloves
 - Oversized rubber gloves

Camping Equipment:

- Sleeping Bag
- Pad or air mattress
- Tent and/or ground cloth
- Comfortable shoes
- Towel
- Toothbrush and paste
- Sunglasses
- Flashlight (plus spare batteries/bulb)
- Camera (and film if needed)
- Jacket
- Long pants
- Shirts
- Rain Gear
- Soap (biodegradable)
- Shampoo (biodegradable)
- Socks
- Underwear
- Sun screen
- Insect repellent

If you are not on a multi-day trip with Tributary, remember your cooking gear and utensils. We can arrange for a barbeque to be available at some locations, but bring your own coolers, ice, charcoal and stove if needed.

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In emergency only: The night before or early on day of trip, call 800# and also try 530/637-4866.

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