

Missouri River Canoe 4-day Itinerary

Day-0 Pre-trip meeting – please refer to direct correspondence for exact details, but usually, we meet outside the Grand Union and have a meeting outside or at the nearby park. Time for introductions, go over logistics, issue dry bags and answer last minute questions.

Day-1

Meet for departure from Fort Benton, MT – we meet at the Grand Union to load your dry bags on the bus / van. If you have a car, you will be parking at the Fort Benton boat ramp public parking for river users, just down the street from the Grand Union. The bus will meet you there and travel to Coal Banks Landing River Put-in after a quick briefing and loading canoes we begin our paddling, stop for lunch at Little Sandy, quick hike to see ancient teepee rings and a great view of the river canyon. Soon after we enter the beginning of the famous “white cliffs” and wonder at the amazing sandstone formations paddling to our destination, Eagle Creek camp (L&C camp of May 31, 1805). Settle into camp and head out on a hike up Neat Coulee slot canyon carved into the sandstone by centuries of wind and water, dinner and relax around the fire. Other walks might include Native American petroglyphs, and/or USGS marker of the L&C campsite. Campsites have toilet system maintained by the BLM.

Day-2-Breakfast, Morning hike to an amazing slot canyon carved into the sandstone by centuries of wind and water, lunch at Eagle Creek, pack canoes, afternoon paddle 10 miles to Hole-In-The-Wall campsite. Get settled, appetizers around 5:00pm with dinner to follow, discussions & relax around the fire and enjoy the amazing down river views from Hole-in-the-Wall campsite.

Day-3-Breakfast, Hike to Hole-In-The-Wall rock formation with great views up & down river pack canoes & paddle 11 very scenic miles passing steamboat rock, and other majestic sandstone rock formations, the L&C camp of May 30, 1805, and landing at Slaughter River camp (L&C camp of May 29, 1805 & June 29, 1806) settle in, activities, reading, discussion and dinner similar to days prior.

Day-4

Breakfast, pack canoes, peaceful morning paddle to Judith Landing. Here the river canyon changes from vertical sandstone rock to wider and deeper bluffs, commonly referred to as “The Breaks,” have lunch, pack-up and return to Fort Benton by the afternoon, approximately 3-4pm.

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