

## Missouri River 4-Day Trip Itinerary

- Pre-Trip-Meet in Fort Benton, MT. Located 45 miles NE from Great Falls, MT on Highway 87. Pre-trip meeting 6pm outside the Grand Union Hotel. Additional lodging available at the Pioneer Lodge just a couple blocks from Grand Union. Plan any flight arrivals into Great Falls for no later than 1pm on this day. Try and plan a visit to the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center on this day or the day after your river trip.
- Day-1 Meet for departure from lodging location in Fort Benton by 8:30-9:00am. We provide transportation to the put-in and usually put on the river between 10-11am with lunch on the river. Paddle the 13 miles entering the white cliffs to Eagle Creek camp. Along the way we stop for lunch at Big Sandy and go for a quick hike to see ancient teepee rings and a great view of the river canyon. Once at Eagle Creek we settle into camp and choose from a number of short hiking opportunities, appetizers around 5:00pm with dinner to follow, discussions & relax around the fire.
- 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, paddle 12 miles 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 around 3-4pm. Make any flight arrangements for the following day.

\*All times & locations are tentative. Exact itineraries will be listed on confirmations.

--**Shuttle** service can be arranged from Great Falls Airport to Fort Benton and return. Please inquire for options and price.

--**Good Physical condition** is important and the willingness to accept whatever the trail may bring but no technical skills are needed The Missouri River has a gentle meandering current with no rapids.