



Lower Yough Express Tour Trip Instructions

Welcome to Laurel Highlands River Tours & Outdoor Center!
We look forward to your arrival. We hope your tour is a memorable vacation experience. Below are some tips and instructions that will make your rafting day a great adventure.

We are limited to the amount of guests we can accommodate at each tour time. Please remember that all balances must be paid in full 14 days prior to your tour date. All unpaid spaces will be cancelled. Due to limited space, there are no refunds for late cancellations, no-shows, inclement weather, or late arrivals. Please ensure everyone in your group is aware of this policy. Our tours run rain or shine, you're going to get wet anyway!

All guests are required to sign a Liability Release Form before rafting with us. Anyone under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign their form. Release forms can be downloaded from our website or you can call our office and request one to be mailed, faxed, or emailed to you. Make as many copies as required.

To bring or not to bring - that is the question!

- ✓ Do bring a change of clothes and towels for after your tour. There is a shower and change house at the Check-In Area.
- ✓ Do bring any medications you will need on the river. Put medications into a plastic bag labeled with your name. The bag can be given to your trip leader for safe-keeping.
- ✓ Do bring extra money for souvenirs. Digital photos of your tour are also available.
- ✓ Do bring Liability Release forms for everyone in your party. Have parent/guardian sign release forms for minors.
- ✓ Do secure eyeglasses with straps. These are also available at check-in.
- ✓ Do come prepared to have a GREAT time!
- ✓ Do not bring any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs. They are strictly prohibited. Anyone under the influence will be removed from the tour with no refund.
- ✓ Do not bring expensive cameras, jewelry, or other items that you don't want to lose or get wet.

What should I expect?

- Be at our Guided Rafting Check-In Area at the time designated on your confirmation. Be dressed in your river wear at this time. If you need to rent wetsuits, please arrive 15 – 20 minutes prior to your check-in time. Keep in mind; we are a licensed concessionaire of the Ohiopyle State Park. State Park officials regulate put-on times, and we must adhere to their schedule.
- Keep in mind – lunch is NOT provided on our express tours. Please make arrangements to each prior to or after your tour.
- You will be joining other groups we have scheduled for the day. Please be considerate of our other guests. We cannot hold up a tour to wait for your group.
- Our friendly staff will greet you, collect any completed Liability Release forms, provide any extra Liability Release forms, and answer any questions you may have about your day.
- Your Trip Leader will outfit you with a life jacket (PFD) and helmet. All guests are required to use one of our Type V Commercial Coast Guard approved PFDs.
- Approximately 20 minutes after your scheduled check-in time, you will board a bus and be taken to the Launch Area in Ohiopyle. There you will meet all other guides for the day, and be assigned to your raft and guide. Your Trip Leader will give a safety orientation on paddling techniques and safety precautions.
- After your safety orientation, you will launch onto the river.
- At the end of your tour, a bus will be waiting to transport you back to the Check-In Area. Our staff will be waiting for you to help you with the purchase of photos, t-shirts, and other souvenirs.
- Please allow approximately 3-4 hours from the time you check-in until the time you return to the Check-In Area. Tours may be shorter or longer depending on daily river conditions.

Where do I go for check-in?

Traveling on Route 381 North: Make a right at the brown sign that reads "Guided Rafting Check-in and State Park Office". Parking lot will be approximately 500ft on the right.

Traveling on Route 381 South: Go through Ohiopyle. Cross the bridge, continue on 381 South. Approximately 1/2 mile after the second bridge, turn left at the brown sign that reads "Guided Rafting Check-in and State Park Office." Parking lot will be approximately 500ft on the right.

Check out our website at www.laurelhighlands.com for more detailed directions. The physical address for the Check-In Booth is 186 Dinner Bell Rd., Ohiopyle, PA 15470. Please be careful using a GPS. We recommend you compare our directions to the GPS.