

Kootenai River Float Trips were so great the last two years that we are going to take at least two more this year. Wednesday July 26th will be the first for the 2017 Selkirk Cabinet Purcell Group, and our thirteenth outing this year.

There are several options for these float trips, and this trip will begin at **Hemlocks** (Don Maurice's Raft Race Road Down to the River) and end at **Riverside Park** at the west end of District 2, across the river from the Kootenai River Inn in Bonners Ferry.

Again this year, along the way we will have lunch at **Gene and Pat Andrew's cabin** along the Kootenai in the East end of District 2. **They are providing burgers and drinks and we are providing salads, chips, and desert, all potluck.**

Big Flag Bonners Ferry Information Center Parking Lot is where Gene will pick up our food at **8:45AM**. There we will consolidate the Kayaks onto the few vehicles that will be going out to Hemlocks start and over to the Riverside Park takeout. Only one vehicle will haul the kayaks down to the river, and Don will be driving that one back up the hill after we start. At the end of the day Gene will drop off our containers **4:30PM at the Davidson Farm (2.3 miles west of town on Riverside Road).**

We will be **Leaving Big Flag Information Center at 9:00AM**. This one will be a four hour trip on the water, and one hour planned for lunch. So with the standard extra two hours for set up and travel we should be home to Davidson Farm in seven hours or by 4:00PM.

Here are notes on the speed of the river etc.:

Float speed in the canyon is 4 mph with no stops, and 3.3 overall in the River including potty breaks and lunch stops. The River below town is only 1.5 mph, paddling all the way. You normally have to figure a couple of hours for ferrying vehicles around.

- Twin Rivers Moyie –Riverside Park is 2.5 hours on the water and 8 miles.
- Thorps Lake, Ray Felder's, to Yaak River 4 hours on the water.
- Yaak-Moyie is 4 hours, 14 miles
- Moyie to Davidson Farm is 3.5 hours
- **Hemlocks-Bonners takes 4 hours and is 10.4 miles**
- Yaak-Bonners takes 5.5 hours and is 22 miles
- Twin Rivers Moyie – S&R launch is 3 hours
- Leonia-Moyie 3.5 hours

Here is my [Google Earth Folder](#) for these Kootenai River Float Trips.

Plus, see my [Hiking Blog](#) for more information and great views of Boundary County.

Please RSVP if you are coming. Let me know if you need Kayaks.

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