



Arkansas-White River July 9th- 14th, 2024

Thanks for signing up for Mad River Outfitters excursion down to northern Arkansas to join Ben Woodard of Woodard Fly Fishing for a fantastic experience fishing for the biggest, baddest brown trout in the country! We are looking forward to sharing this beautiful area with you.

Following is some important information on the trip including an equipment listing. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us at the shop.

Also, if you haven't already, a *50% deposit is required* to hold your spot and the full balance is due no later than 90 days prior to the trip.

Itinerary-

Plan on arriving at Riley's Estates anytime after 2pm on Tuesday, July 9th. Please let us know if you will be arriving later than that. Address for the property is 129 County Rd 640, Mountain Home, AR 72653. Dinner is going to be served around 7pm.

Upon arrival, your host Josh Trammell and Brian Flechsig will be on site to greet you and introduce to you Ben Woodard. Once everyone has arrived and settled in on Tuesday night, we will go over our schedule for the week. We'll then share a few drinks, have dinner and hangout as we wind down for the evening.

Each morning we'll get up and have breakfast then you will drive to the ramp to meet your guide for the day. Daily ramp locations for each group will be determined the evening before each day, max drive time from the lodge will be 30 min.

Lunch will be provided by the guides on the river. We like to get as much fishing time in as possible while out on the water so a quick, hearty sandwich and a bag of chips is the norm.

We'll plan on being on the water for the full eight hours each day and having dinner back at the lodge once everyone returns.

Breakfast will be available for guests on the morning of Sunday the 14th before we check out by 11am.

Flight Information-

If you choose to fly in, closest airports are Springfield-Branson National Airport(SGF) (2hr 33min from Riley's Estates) and Boone County Regional Airport(HRO) (1hr 12min from Riley's Estates). SGF has all major airlines but if flying through American Airlines flying into HRO is the best option. Both airports have rental car services available.

Any arrival time is fine as long as you make it to the lodge by dinner time at 7pm!

Included in the Trip-

This is an inclusive package that includes 5 nights lodging, 4 days of guided fishing with Ben and his team, all meals and all equipment for the week excluding appropriate clothing, rain gear and polarized sunglasses

Not included: fishing license, daily tips for guides, alcoholic beverages after the first night, transportation to and from the lodge

What to Expect-

Ben and his team of guides have prepared an awesome adventure for us. Each guide will take two anglers from our group daily. While our main focus will be finding fish on big surface flies, you can expect to find fish using nymphing tactics as well. All of the fishing is done out of jet boats on the White so it's an awesome way to cover and see a lot of water during the day. The lodging is set up right on the banks of the river and is furnished beautifully. Local chef Nathan Buck is going to be whipping up some amazing meals for us each day. They have spared no expense in making this slice of heaven somewhere you won't soon forget!

Lodging- The Buffalo Vista is situated directly on the bank of the beautiful White River. It is in a small private neighborhood that is next to our other rental homes and a few other personal homes. All bedrooms in this home are furnished with all bed, bath & kitchen linens. There is a sleeper sofa in the game room, Satellite TV with DVD player (in living areas) and a landline for local calls. Full kitchen with dishwasher, dining table & chairs, microwave, coffee maker, toaster, pots/pans, and cooking utensils. The outdoor living area is fitted with a pool overlooking the White River. A home that satisfies the views of the Ozarks for everyone!

This home has 3 bedrooms, 1 bunk room and 3 bathrooms. This home is ideal for larger families or groups looking to capture the true beauty of the Ozarks on their next vacation, or corporate retreat. The Buffalo Vista has a king bedroom suite that looks out to the river. The 2nd bedroom has a queen bed, the 3rd bedroom (downstairs) has a murphy bed & fold-out sofa bed with river views, and the 4th bedroom (downstairs) is a game room with a bunk bed and a double bed. There are a total of 3 full bathrooms, the master bath has a large walk-in shower and drop in tub.

Meals- **Please specify any food allergies or dietary restrictions with the shop before the trip**

Ben has a great relationship with Cotter, AR local Nathan Buck. He has won multiple BBQ awards, has some serious culinary training, and has done in house cooking for guests for years. The menu will be arranged a week ahead of time with dietary restrictions taken into account. The groups receive a very famous breakfast burrito in the morning, sandwich lunch on the river by our guides, and a big dinner back at the cabin.

Alcoholic Beverages- will be provided the first night but anything beyond that is up to each guest.

Tipping- of guides is always appropriate and appreciated. Cash at the end of each day to the guide is the ideal way to handle this. The amount of tip is at your discretion and reflects your appreciation of the work of the guide. We are often asked how much to tip....suggested standard tip is \$50-\$70 per angler per day. Of course, the sky's the limit for an exceptional guide!

Recommended Tackle List-

Rods- Ben recommends a good 9ft 6wt rod with a mid to tip flex capable of turning over larger dry flies and/or indicator rigs when nymphing.

Reels- A lightweight, large arbor reel with a good drag is a must.

Fly Lines- A standard weight forward floating line is fine but a specialty line is going to perform better in this territory. Ben recommends Scientific Anglers Smooth Anadro Indicator for nymphing and Scientific Anglers Amplitude Smooth Infinity Plus or Smooth MPX for dries.

Leader/Tippet- 9ft leaders in 0x-3x are perfect along with tippets of the same diameter as well in flourocarbon and monofilament.

Flies- Flies will be provided but if you want to bring some of your own feel free.

- CICADAS!!!
- Foam hoppers sz 6,8
- Duracell sz. 14, 16
- Lightning Bug Jig Pearl sz. 14, 16
- Tailwater Sowbug sz. 12, 14
- Slush Egg Orange sz. 14
- Pats Rubber Legs sz. 8, 10

Other Accessories-

-polarized sunglasses, two pair

-nippers

-hook sharpener

-needlenose pliers/forceps

-A small day pack (waterproof) for storing tackle, camera, clothing etc.

Clothing-

- Sun shirts and pants
- Light jacket or hoody
- Buff
- Good hat to keep the sun off your face
- Breathable shoes or flips flops (shoes that can get wet)
- Good rain gear is a must (jacket, pants/bibs)
- NO WADERS NEEDED

Miscellaneous-

- Camera and accessories
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen, waterproof with an SPF of at least 30 and lip balm of the same
- Any medications you may require
- Personal items
- Flashlight

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