

OOPS Activity Planning Worksheet

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Title: Gorge Gush		Type of Activity: Trip		Date(s): 9/13/09	
<p>Narrative description: We will put in at Beacon Rock Ramp and paddle out to the main Columbia channel. We will stay on the Washing side of the river past Skamania. We will drift out to the middle to paddle on the south side of Skamania Island. After passing the island we should shoot for the south side of Phoca Rock, being aware that we are crossing the shipping channel. After Phoca Rock, we should stay in the middle of the channel to avoid the large sand bar on the Oregon side. The shipping channel shifts to the right next to Cape Horn before returning to the Oregon side beyond our takeout at Rooster Rock. Cape Horn is cool to paddle under, but care must be taken to avoid shipping traffic. We can land either at the beach and haul our boats up the service road or take out at the boat ramp past the beach and a short distance into the slough. This decision should be made when dropping the cars for shuttle. Wind can be a factor in this area, but this time of year should be minimal or west which should aid us. Current is minimal except right at launch, where the dam release is felt. Lunch is tentatively planned at St Cloud, on the Washington side before Skamania Island. The river is generally about 3/4 mile wide, so any crossing will be less than a mile. Tidal effects are present, but minimal enough to not affect planning. Total trip distance is about 10 nautical miles.</p>					
Starting point: Beacon Rock Boat Ramp			Ending point: Rooster Rock Boat Ramp		
Route alternatives if bad weather: If wind is a problem, shift trip up or down the gorge					
Skills or Equipment (In addition to general requirements per the Activity Policy):					
<input type="checkbox"/> Towline		<input type="checkbox"/> Helmet		Min. Immersion Wear: Full wet suit	
Other Requirements:					
Primary Organizer: Greg Clopton			Organizer: Fred Harsman		
First Aid Person: Greg Clopton			Organizer:		
Max # of Participants: 12			OOPS members only? Yes		
Has organizer been on this paddle before? No			Has organizer led an OOPS activity here before? No		
<i>CERTIFICATION: By checking this box, <input type="checkbox"/> the Organizer certifies that they have read, understand and will conduct this activity in accordance with OOPS Activity Policies.</i>					
CONDITIONS:			<u>RATING FACTORS:</u>		
Air Temp: 65 °F		Water Temp: 60 °F		Wind Strength: 2. 7-12 knot (14 mph)	
High Tide (Ft, time): 4:15 pm			Swell/Surf size: 1. < 1', no breaking waves		
Low Tide (Ft, time): 11:15 pm			Sea State: 1. Calm or small wavelets		
Flood (speed, time): Negligible			Landing Type: 1. Gently sloping sand, gravel, grass		
Ebb (speed, time): Negligible			Currents: 2. up to 2 knots		
Water time: Hours		<input type="checkbox"/> Shipping traffic		Total Distance: 2. 6 to 11 miles	
<input type="checkbox"/> Night Paddling		<input type="checkbox"/> Potential Fog		Open Crossing Distance: 2. < 1 mile	
<i>Note, night or fog bumps the rating up one level</i>			OVERALL RATING: 2. Level two		
Comment on overall rating (if different than the rating system yields):					