

OOPS Activity Planning Worksheet

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| Title: Aldrich Point and Nearby Islands | | Type of Activity: Trip | | Date(s): 11-21-2009 | |
| <p>Narrative description: We'll put in at Aldrich Point on the Oregon side of the Columbia, catching the tail end of the ebb as we travel west through Prairie Channel. Our exact route will be determined by participant interest and paddling conditions, but the general plan is to travel around the nearby islands, taking advantage of the current. With waterfowl hunting likely ongoing, we'll need to be aware of other users.</p> <p>By about noon, the ebb will have slowed significantly, allowing us to turn back upriver. The remainder of the paddle will be with slack or flood conditions, permitting us to make our way back to Aldrich Point by a route of our choosing.</p> <p>Although the plan is to remain largely near the islands, we may paddle in the main channel, and we could cross the main channel in the direction of Pillar Rock, Jim Crow Sands, or Jim Crow Point, if that's the consensus desire of the group and if conditions permit. Consequently, participants should be both comfortable with and able to paddle in Level III conditions, including moderate wind, whitecaps, chop, and--potentially--some occasionally breaking waves. Likewise, although we don't intend to paddle at an exceptionally fast pace, the timing of the current could require us to make good headway for portions of the trip. Likely distance traveled will be 10-12 statute miles in 6-7 hours, including stops. Wetsuit or drysuit is required, as is a bright white light, in case we're unexpectedly delayed. Tow rig and VHF radio recommended, but not required.</p> <p>This is a "rain or shine paddle": no cancellations due simply to rainy conditions, please.</p> <p>If one or more additional organizers sign up, we could accept more participants. If you have any questions about the plan, please contact the organizer.</p> | | | | | |
| Starting point: Aldrich Point | | | Ending point: Aldrich Point | | |
| Route alternatives if bad weather: Remain entirely within islands, or move trip farther upriver. | | | | | |
| Skills or Equipment (In addition to general requirements per the Activity Policy): | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towline | | <input type="checkbox"/> Helmet | | Min. Immersion Wear: Farmer John Wetsuit | |
| Other Requirements: Flashlight in waterproof container required. | | | | | |
| Primary Organizer: Tom Argent | | | Organizer: | | |
| First Aid Person: Tom | | | Organizer: | | |
| Max # of Participants: 5 | | | OOPS members only? Yes | | |
| Has organizer been on this paddle before? Yes | | | Has organizer led an OOPS activity here before? Yes | | |
| <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: 55 °F | | Water Temp: 48 °F | | Wind Strength: 3. 12-16 knot (19 mph) | |
| High Tide (Ft, time): 7.4; 15:36 (Harrington Pt.) | | | Swell/Surf size: 2. < 2', no breaking waves | | |
| Low Tide (Ft, time): 3.5; 10:39 (Harrington Pt.) | | | Sea State: 2. Large wavelets, scattered whitecaps | | |
| Flood (speed, time): 0.4kts; 14:01 (Quinn Island) | | | Landing Type: 2. Docks, brush, moderate banks | | |
| Ebb (speed, time): 0.8 kts, 09:03 (Quinn Island) | | | Currents: 1. up to 1 knot | | |
| Water time: 7 Hours | | <input type="checkbox"/> Shipping traffic | | Total Distance: 3. 11 to 15 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: 3. Level three | | |
| Comment on overall rating (if different than the rating system yields): Participants must be capable of and willing to paddle in Level III conditions, should they materialize. | | | | | |