SOUTH FORK OUTPOST CAMP

Floating in the "canyon" on the South Fork of the Snake"

Idaho's South Fork of the Snake River is one of the best wild Cutthroat fisheries in America. The mighty Snake River rushes from Palisades Reservoir through a "tail water" section that not only provides one of the best fisheries in the world, but also includes some of the most untouched and spectacular scenery in the United States. As an experienced angler or someone who just wishes to enjoy the great outdoors, this is a great western overnight camping experience.

The canyon section of the South Fork is one of the last great overnight scenic trips in the west. The stationary tent camp is nestled in the deep canyon surrounded by towering cottonwoods. An abundant variety of wildlife inhabits the canyon - Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, and plenty of moose to name a few.

The South Fork has a population of well over 7000 fish per mile, with wild cutthroats averaging 14 to 16 inches, as well as rainbows and hybrids. You will also find brown trout that can grow much larger, some in excess of 10 pounds. The South Fork was the home to the Idaho State record brown trout weighting in at 26 pounds. Although the South Fork is best known for it's dry-fly fishing, other methods such as streamer fishing, casting big flies under cut banks, or dead drifting a bead head nymph, along the numerous gravel bars can be very effective. Whether you choose to only drift or to stop along the numerous gravel bars to wade some of the smaller channels, your day on the South Fork will be truly memorable.

Upon arriving at camp you will find cocktails and hors d'oeuvres being served around a roaring campfire. Pull up a chair and relax. Each guest tent has wood floors, cots with mattresses, night stand with a lantern, nylon sleeping bags lined with sheets and a zip-in polar fleece liner if necessary.

As the sun sets in the canyon you will hear the sounds of the rushing river or an owl off in the distance. Your dining experience will be under a canopy of stars. The chef and camp jacks will take your order for a grilled Rib-eye steak prepared to your specifications, Dutch oven potatoes, rolls, mixed grilled vegetables, Caesar salad and homemade peach cobbler, complimented with fine wine. If you do have special dietary requests we will do our best to accommodate them. After dinner take some time to relax around the campfire with your guide. Share a few stories, a cup of decaf coffee or indulge yourself with a spot of Port.

Awaken refreshed to the tantalizing aroma of hot coffee brewing over the campfire, and the sweet smell of bacon sizzling. As you prepare for your day enjoy a hearty western breakfast with your choice of sourdough pancakes, bacon or sausage, eggs, fresh fruit, coffee and juice. During breakfast you and your guide will discuss your options for another day of angling on the South Fork of the Snake River.

Throughout your second day, you will continue to fish your way through the canyon until you reach the take out point.

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