



JOHN DAY RIVER BOATER ETIQUETTE

Working Together for Each Other and for the River

This list was created based on priority problems seen on the river and from the direct feedback of John Day River boaters.

✓ Please Do	✗ Please Do Not
*Bring and use a portable toilet system, carry out all solid human waste and pet waste	*Please do not leave human waste or toilet paper under rocks, in the bushes, behind trees, or anywhere
*When fires are allowed, use a firepan for all campfires, know the dates of fire closures	*Please do not have a fire during a fire closure, build rock fire rings, make a fire on the ground, or leave ashes behind
Bring local firewood and/or collect driftwood	*Please do not cut standing dead or live trees
*Always stay within group size limits, limits include children and babies	*Please do not camp or stop with another group if the total number of people is greater than the group size limit
Cancel your permit the moment you know you cannot make the trip. The cancellation returns directly to Recreation.gov and allows others an opportunity to experience the river	Please do not hold onto permits that you know you will not use. Make sure to cancel ASAP. The penalty for a “no show” is the inability to obtain permits on the John Day River for two years
Have a boat ramp plan, take as little time and space as needed, keep your party’s equipment to one side of the ramp, be helpful and courteous to others	Please do not sprawl gear and boats over the width of the boat ramp, be rude to other parties, have lunch on the ramp
Give those that are fishing a wide berth, if you need to pull over land upstream of an angler	Please do not boat over the water where an angler is fishing, and please do avoid landing closely downstream of an angler
Stagger layovers so others have opportunities to use the camp, be mindful of how layovers impact others especially the last week in April and first week of May	Please do not lay over in the last ten miles upstream of Cottonwood during the High Season (good camps are difficult to find and congestion often occurs in this region)
Be open to sharing a camp during the High Season in congested areas, have a plan B for a campsite, viable campsites exist that are not in the guidebook	Please do not take large campsites during the High Season if you are a small group, *do not camp or walk on private land without permission

*These items are regulations.