



**MIDDLE FORK LODGE**  
In the Heart of the Idaho Wilderness

## *Travel Information*

### **Travel:**

Middle Fork Lodge is located on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and within the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area. Most guests access the Lodge by charter plane. In addition, during the summer and fall months, the Lodge accommodates rafting parties who stop by the Lodge for a few night stay on their way down the River. Please contact the Lodge for assistance in making your travel arrangements.

### **Baggage Information:**

Space inside most single-engine charter planes is limited. Please contact your charter carrier regarding luggage amount and size accommodation.

### **Arrival:**

Check-in time is 10:00 a.m. Check-out time is 9:00 a.m.

### **Activities:**

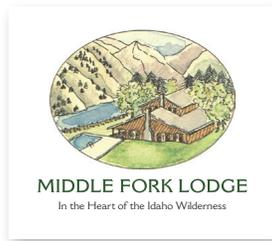
Middle Fork Lodge is managed for your enjoyment by our experienced staff. A stay at the Lodge can be as active or as tranquil as you like.

Those looking for relaxation can soak in our outdoor hot tub and pool, both naturally heated by geothermal springs.

The adventurous can take guided hikes and horseback rides that follow the mountain ridges and river complex. Try your luck at trap shooting or archery. With the proper licenses, available through the Lodge, fly-fish for Rainbow and Cutthroat Trout on the pristine banks of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River.

Photographic opportunities are endless in this unspoiled wilderness. Some of the wildlife regularly seen at the Lodge includes: otters, ospreys, bald eagles, bighorn sheep, elk, deer, and mountain lions.

Every evening after dinner, relax in front of a crackling fireplace. Outside, since there are no neighboring ranches, villages or cities, there is no light pollution and the brilliance of the night sky will astound you.



### **Special Interest Trips:**

For those that would like a more rugged wildlife experience, Middle Fork Lodge offers trips catered to your special interests. Various trips are open year round and will be based from the Lodge or from a comfortable base camp.

**Pack-Horse Trips:** The avid outdoorsman or woman can take a pack-horse trip to the high mountains and lakes surrounding the Lodge.

**Hunting:** During hunting season, the Lodge's experienced outfitters run trips in pursuit of deer, elk, mountain goat, bighorn sheep and mountain lion.

**Fly-Fishing:** Middle Fork of the Salmon River is legendary for fly-fishing and private fly-fishing trips are available at the Lodge.

Each stay at the Lodge is unique. We look forward to customizing the details of your trip at the time of booking. Please contact us for availability and pricing.

### **Food and Beverages:**

The Accommodation Rate includes three gourmet ranch-style meals per day, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages except soda. The Lodge has a beer and wine license and we can purchase beer and wine for you. Please contact us to arrange your order. You may also bring any alcoholic beverages of your choosing.

### **Shopping:**

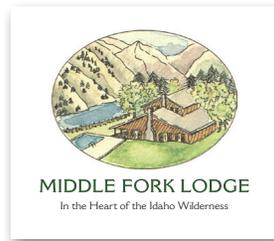
Being remote, Middle Fork Lodge is unable to offer a Sundries or General store. Please pack accordingly.

### **Health Information:**

Since Middle Fork Lodge is largely inaccessible, except by plane, float boat, or pack trails, it is important that all guests be in good health. Let us know of any special dietary requirements or food allergies you may have.

Please assemble a traveler's medical kit including an adequate supply of any prescribed medications you may require while traveling.

Our guests' safety is of utmost importance to us. The area surrounding Middle Fork, being a wilderness, may have ticks, snakes, mountain lions, wolves and bears. Precautions will be taken and the Lodge's experienced guides will explain the potential dangers of the area.



## **Weather:**

During a summer visit to Middle Fork Lodge, the weather is mostly warm, dry and sunny with cooler mornings and evenings. The area is semi-arid and summer daytime temperatures range from 75 to 95 degrees with evening temperatures dropping down around to 45 degrees. There is the possibility of summer rainstorms, but they are infrequent.

Spring weather is normally cool and unpredictable with the temperatures in the low 30's at night and higher temperatures in the upper 60's during the day. Rain showers are common.

In the Fall, the Middle Fork can vary a great deal with the low temperatures in the teen's and the high temperatures in the 70's.

The weather in the Winter brings a mixture of rain and snow with snow depths up to 18 inches at the lodge. The temperatures will vary from zero to 50's degrees with a few days below zero.

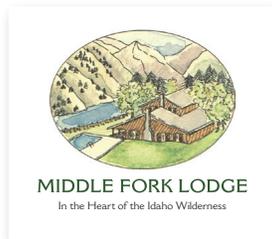
## **Clothing and Accessories:**

Dress at the Middle Fork Lodge is casual. Laundry service is generally not available and an adequate amount of clothing for your stay should be brought.

Temperatures tend to be cooler in the early morning and after sunset but warm up by midday. Be prepared for temperature variations. We recommend packing clothing that can be layered.

In the spring and summer, we suggest that our guests bring the following items: good hiking shoes, water sandals, warm sweaters or fleece for evenings, long pants for horseback riding, swimsuits, sunglasses, rain gear, day-packs, hats, and sunscreen.

In the fall and winter, we suggest that our guests bring the following items: snow shoes, waterproof hiking boots, warm sweaters, waterproof winter jacket, thermal underwear, long pants, rain gear, day-pack, sunscreen (for snow), and sunglasses.



### **Communications:**

The Lodge is situated in the heart of Idaho's famous 2.3 million acre River of No Return Wilderness, and as such, there is no traditional or cell phone reception. Communication is done by a back-country radio, a sky phone, or email through satellite Internet service. If you must be reached in an emergency, please arrange to be contacted through our New York City office (212) 972-1095, Fax: (212) 953-0890, Cell: (917)-318-4304.

### **General:**

Fire extinguishers are located in all the cabins and throughout the property.

The wilderness is beautiful but does have restrictions, particularly along the river corridor. Littering is strictly forbidden and can result in large fines to the Lodge.

Fish and game violations may result in the Lodge losing its access to the wilderness area. Please follow the guides' instructions and respect the wilderness.

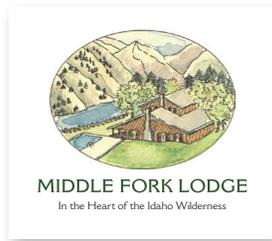
### **Pool Safety**

Our pool and hot tubs are not monitored by an on-duty lifeguard. Children may only use the pool under adult supervision. The hot tubs are not recommended for children under ten years of age.

Please use only plastic glasses around the pool and hot tub areas.

### **Smoking**

All buildings at Middle Fork Lodge are smoke-free. Smoking is only allowed within designated areas.



## Middle Fork Lodge Checklist

### CLOTHING

- several casual outfits (shorts/slacks/shirts)
- at least one pair of long pants for horseback riding
- one lined or fleece jacket or warm sweater
- rain protection
- swimsuit
- hat
- good sturdy hiking shoes
- water sandals

### FALL AND WINTER SUGGESTIONS

- snow shoes
- waterproof hiking boots
- warm sweaters
- waterproof winter jacket
- thermal underwear
- long pants
- gloves
- winter hat
- sunscreen (for snow)

### PROTECTIVE GEAR

- sunglasses
- sunblock lotion

### OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT

- soft-sided luggage
- fly-fishing gear
- fold-up daypack
- binoculars

### PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT

- camera and accessories
- additional camera batteries

### PERSONAL ITEMS

- medication for motion sickness
- remedy for minor stomach ailments
- lip balm and moisturizing lotion

### OTHER

- fishing licenses (if applicable)
- additional batteries for battery operated appliances
- extra pair of prescription glasses (if necessary)
- reading material, playing cards or travel games
- children's toys and games (if applicable)