



Arkansas-White River May 11th- 16th, 2025

Thanks for signing up for Mad River Outfitters excursion down to northern Arkansas to join MRO's Josh Trammell and Ben Woodard of Woodard Fly Fishing for a fantastic experience fishing for the biggest, baddest brown trout in the country! We are looking forward to sharing this beautiful area with you.

Following is some important information on the trip including an equipment listing. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us at the shop.

Also, if you haven't already, a *50% deposit is required* to hold your spot and the full balance is due no later than 90 days prior to the trip.

Itinerary-

Plan on arriving at The White River Trout Club anytime after 2pm on Sunday, May 11th. Please let us know if you will be arriving later than that. Address for the property is 458 Marion County 7004 Flippin, AR 72634. Dinner is going to be served around 7pm.

Upon arrival, your host Josh Trammell will be on site to greet you and introduce to you Ben Woodard. Once everyone has arrived and settled in on Monday night, we will go over our schedule for the week. We'll then share a few drinks, have dinner and hangout as we wind down for the evening.

Each morning we'll get up and have breakfast then you will drive to the ramp to meet your guide for the day. Daily ramp locations for each group will be determined the evening before each day, max drive time from the lodge will be 30 min.

Lunch will be provided by the guides on the river. We like to get as much fishing time in as possible while out on the water so a quick, hearty sandwich and a bag of chips is the norm.

We'll plan on being on the water for the full eight hours each day and having dinner back at the lodge once everyone returns.

Breakfast will be available for guests on the morning of Friday the 16th before we check out by 11am. We have been offered a free tour of the Wapsi Fly Company factory in Mountain Home, AR on our departure day as well! This tour is completely optional but we highly recommend seeing it. If interested we'll have more details on Friday night.

Flight Information-

If you choose to fly in, closest airports are Springfield-Branson National Airport(SGF) (2hr 33min from Riley's Estates) and Boone County Regional Airport(HRO) (1hr 12min from Riley's Estates). SGF has all major airlines. Both airports have rental car services available.

Any arrival time is fine as long as you make it to the lodge by dinner time at 7pm!

Included in the Trip-

This is an inclusive package that includes 5 nights lodging, 4 days of guided fishing with Ben and his team, all meals and all equipment for the week excluding appropriate clothing, rain gear and polarized sunglasses

Not included: fishing license, daily tips for guides, alcoholic beverages after the first night, transportation to and from the lodge

What to Expect-

Ben and his team of guides have prepared an awesome adventure for us. Each guide will take two anglers from our group daily. While our main focus will be finding fish on caddis flies during hatches, you can expect to find fish using nymphing and streamer tactics as well. All of the fishing is done out of jet boats on the White so it's an awesome way to cover and see a lot of water during the day. The lodging is set up right on the banks of the river and is furnished beautifully. Local chef Nathan Buck is going to be whipping up some amazing meals for us each day. They have spared no expense in making this slice of heaven somewhere you won't soon forget!

Lodging- White River Trout Club has redefined the typical NW Arkansas trout fishing experience with fresh upscale accommodations! Located right on the banks of the White in Flippin, AR, the property features 13 riverfront cabins, 23 units and 37 private bedrooms. With a variety of configurations, each cabin is complete with comfortable queen-size beds, flatscreen TVs with DirecTV and complimentary WiFi.

One of our favorite spots on the property is the pavilion! This 2500 sqft. riverside oasis is custom designed to fully enjoy the beauty of the riverside landscape; from the angle of the building that points directly downstream toward the bluff, to the floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking The White River, our pavilion is the heart of the club. Complete with multiple TV's, a billiards and shuffleboard tables, cornhole, card table, darts, floor-to-ceiling fireplace, and plenty of indoor and outdoor seating and lounge-space.

The entire property boasts some amazing views and is a spectacular place for our group!

Meals- *Please specify any food allergies or dietary restrictions with the shop before the trip*****

Ben has a great relationship with Cotter, AR local Nathan Buck. He has won multiple BBQ awards, has some serious culinary training, and has done in house cooking for guests for years. The menu will be arranged a week ahead of time with dietary restrictions taken into account. The groups receive a very famous breakfast burrito in the morning, sandwich lunch on the river by our guides, and a big dinner back at the cabin.

Alcoholic Beverages- will be provided the first night but anything beyond that is up to each guest.

Tippling- of guides is always appropriate and appreciated. Cash at the end of each day to the guide is the ideal way to handle this. The amount of tip is at your discretion and reflects your appreciation of the work of the guide. We are often asked how much to tip....suggested standard tip is \$75-\$100 per angler per day. Of course, the sky's the limit for an exceptional guide!

Recommended Tackle List-

Rods- Ben recommends a good 9ft 5wt rod with a mid to tip flex capable of delivering smaller delicate dry flies and/or light nymphing rigs.

Reels- A lightweight, large arbor reel with a good drag is a must.

Fly Lines- A standard weight forward floating line is fine but a specialty line is going to perform better in this territory. Ben recommends Scientific Anglers Smooth Anadro Indicator for nymphing and Scientific Anglers Amplitude Smooth Infinity Plus or Smooth MPX for dries.

Leader/Tippet- 9ft leaders in 2x-5x are perfect along with tippets of the same diameter as well in flourocarbon and monofilament as preferred.

Flies- Flies will be provided but if you want to bring some of your own feel free.

- Caddis dries and nymphs!!!
- Duracell sz. 14, 16
- Lightning Bug Jig Pearl sz. 14, 16
- Tailwater Sowbug sz. 12, 14
- Slush Egg Orange sz. 14
- Pats Rubber Legs sz. 8, 10

Other Accessories-

- polarized sunglasses, two pair
- nippers
- hook sharpener
- needlenose pliers/forceps
- A small day pack (waterproof) for storing tackle, camera, clothing etc.

Clothing-

- Sun shirts and pants
- Light jacket or hoody
- Buff
- Good hat to keep the sun off your face
- Breathable shoes or flips flops (shoes that can get wet)
- Good rain gear is a must (jacket, pants/bibs)

-NO WADERS NEEDED

Miscellaneous-

- Camera and accessories
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen, waterproof with an SPF of at least 30 and lip balm of the same
- Any medications you may require
- Personal items
- Flashlight

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