

Care of Boats and Equipment

We want you to have some guidelines to take care of our equipment rented from Joining Waters. Following our guidelines will help you to avoid Having to pay for losses or have cleaning fees.

Adding air to your raft or the floor. When you stand on the floor of the raft it may seem that the floor is losing air. The valves may make a hissing sound when hot or over filled. They are made so that the pressure on the floor will not cause damage. Inside there are cross beams that support the floor, and they can break if over inflated. That replacement of the floor or any other part of the boat will be your financial responsibility. Often in the morning, it will seem that the boat is low on air. This could be because your boat is in the shade and sitting in cold water. Heat from the sun expands the air, so if you are staying in a shaded camp area, you might wait until your boat is in the sun for a while before airing it. If you are leaving and feel the need to pump it up, you will want to monitor your boat as it heats in the sun. The tubes may become overly hard, and you will want to release some air from the valves to prevent damage.

Pressure requirements for boats

	Achilles boats	Star boats	Highside
Tubes	3.6 lbs.	3.6 lbs.	3.6 lbs.
Floors	1.6	Less than 8	Less than 3.6

Packing the boat with many drybags, heavy coolers and several people will make the boat heavy and less maneuverable, making it harder to row around rocks and obstacles. There are several places that you may need to be able to backrow, or you will need to respond to large rocks in the river. This is where the damage happens to the boats. Pack light and think about the requirements and what you truly need to have on the trip. This is especially true for inexperienced rowers.

At the time of rental each boat will have a list of materials that come with it. An inventory will be taken at the time of put into the river. Extra materials will be available for a fee. (drybags, life jackets, and portable toilet bags). Keep track of the extra materials taking care of them so damage doesn't occur or they don't get left somewhere or lost in the river. We want to have our full gear back. If it is missing or damaged, You are responsible to replace it.

It is your responsibility to keep these things clean. Do not use drybags, or Dry boxes for trash or used portable toilet bags. A \$150 cleaning fee will be applied to the credit card on file for each instance. Bring trash bags (Tall Kitchen Bags) with a tie. These work well at campsites for trash, cans and bottles, used portable toilet bags and can be tied onto the outside of your net on the boat, and to bring them out to your vehicle. Please take all trash, cans/bottles and used portable toilet bags with you when you leave the river. We cannot dispose of bio-waste.

While on the river, you are responsible for any damage or loss of a boat, life jackets, drybags, oars, etc. When pulling into a campsite, be aware of sticks, sharp rocks, and other items that may puncture a boat as you pull up to the shore. These can cause holes in the floor and depending on how big the hole is, may require added cost for repair. Pulling a boat halfway out of the water is enough, then tie it off to a tree or very large rock to hold it in place. Pull all the oars out of the water and preferably off the boat.

At the takeout site. Leave the boat halfway in the water and tie off the boat so it will not float away. Please remove all personal items, trash and portable toilet bags. Place the dry bags and life jackets inside the coolers and –[dry boxes and leave them in the boat. Secure the oars inside the boat for pick-up. If we are not already there, we will be there shortly to inventory and pick up the boat.

We truly want you to have fun on the river and not have something happen to make your trip less enjoyable.