

Far Flung Outdoor Center

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Pre-Trip Planning Checklist - Multi-day Private Trips

Pre-Trip Planning (Homework Phase)

- Determine level of outdoor/canoe experience
 - Beginner*
 - Intermediate*
 - Experienced*
- Determine time period for trip
- Research river and park information
- www.nps.gov/bibe
- www.bigbendbookstore.org
- Purchase or obtain river and topo maps
- Determine river section versus experience and time frame

Pre-Trip Planning (Financial)

- Canoe/kayak rental cost
- Additional equipment rental cost
- Shuttle Fees
 - FFOC Shuttle
 - Private Vehicle Shuttle
- Fees and Permits (as applicable)
 - Big Bend National Park Backcountry Use Fee (\$10 flat fee)
 - Big Bend National Park Entrance Fee (\$30/vehicle; good for 7 days)
 - Big Bend National Park River Permit (*no charge*)
 - Big Bend National Park River Regulations (*no charge*)
 - Big Bend National Park Release Form (*Lower Canyons trip only*)
 - Big Bend State Park Use Fee & Permit
 - Private Landowner Access Fees
 - Heath Canyon (*Boquillas take-out/Lower Canyons put-in; \$4/person*)
 - Dryden (*Lower Canyons take-out; \$30/vehicle, \$10/person*)
 - U.S. Customs Form (*no charge; provided by FFOC*)
 - FFOC Release Form (*no charge; provided by FFOC*)
- Food Cost
- Fuel and Travel Cost
- Incidental Expenses

Pre-Trip Planning (Equipment)

- FFOC Equipment Checklist
 - Mandatory equipment to obtain permit from FFOC
 - Paddles (*one spare per boat*)
 - PFD's (*one spare per group*)
 - Water (*1-2 gallons/person/day*)
 - First Aid Kit (*basic first aid equipment*)
 - Firepan (*for all ground fires*)
 - Toilet System (*parties of more than two*)
 - Patch kit/pump (*for parties with inflatables*)