

# John Day River Steelhead

**DEFINITION:** The John Day River Steelhead are large wild fish that we suspect have cross bred with the wild cattle roaming the canyon country. These fish are “beefier” and more rambunctious than normal Steelhead. So much that the local ranchers prefer to rope em’ rather than using conventional fly tackle.

Chances are you are starting to hear about the John Day River. The John Day offers the largest and most viable run of all wild Steelhead in the lower 48 states. 40,000-50,000 wild Steelheads will return to spawn in the John Day this year alone. Other than a glimpse at the river as you speed by it going from east to west across central Oregon, travelers don’t know that they are crossing the 2nd longest, free flowing, un-dammed river in North America. A few perceptive anglers know that the river is one of the finest trophy bass rivers in the U.S., but only a select few have ever experienced the world class dry fly steelheading that the river has to offer. Our team of guides and outfitters has been professionally guiding flycasters full time since 1984; they have been fishing the John Day River since 1972. After all the years of exploration, experimentation, and just plain living on the river 150 days each season, we are offering you one of the best Steelhead programs around.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** The Condon Motel

**CLOSEST AIRPORT:** Portland, Oregon

**PRICE:**

\$350 / 1 on 1

\$225 / 1 on 2

\$175 / 1 on 3

Trip lengths vary, and can range from 1-6 days. We provide all ground transport, lunch, access fees, rods, flies, and knowledgeable guides.

*\*\*price does not include lodging, meals, or license*



## WE hold the KEYS

**The Waters / Fishery:** We have access to miles of public and giant private ranches in the John Day canyon waters. These areas are landlocked and the only access to the general public is by raft and involves a multi day river float to access our areas. We are a 30-60 minute drive from Condon, Oregon. Our fishing approach is walk and wade using the ranch roads for access. During our 2001 through 2004 seasons we had 238 anglers fish 128 days and hook 763 Steelhead. Prime time is from late October - December, and depending on water temperatures, most of this time you will be fishing floating lines and dry flies.

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