

GORP Frequently Ask Questions

Q. Are there showers available?

A. There are showers available at most stops.

Q. What are the meal arrangements?

A. ORF will provide breakfast, snacks, and dinner. Breakfast varies from cereal, coffee, etc., at the campsite to delicious meals from restaurants. Lunch snacks, gorp, water, etc., are available at the campsite in the morning to take with you for the lunch stop. You may want to bring your favorite trail lunch, but there will sufficient quantities of lunch snacks available. Dinner will be at campsites or at local restaurants – within walking distance from the campsites.

Q. Are there snacks available for on the water?

A. Yes, grab some snack bars or gorp at the campsite in the morning.

Q. How is the drinking water at the campsites?

A. ORF will provide drinking water in the campsites for refilling your water bottles, containers, or bladders.

Q. Where do we stay at night?

A. We will be camping in city or county parks as special guests of the local governments, or as guests of local boat clubs.

Q. Will someone be paddling with us who is familiar with the river and skilled in helping with problems that arise?

A. Yes, there will be guides and safety paddlers who are trained in leading paddling groups on river trips.

Q. Are barges a problem when paddling on the Ohio?

A. Barges stay in the channel in the middle of the river. Your guide will have a set of river charts which show the location of the channel. There is usually plenty of space and time between barges to allow us to make safe crossings, which we will do only occasionally. We give barges plenty of room. We check behind us periodically to know when a barge is approaching from behind.

Q. Do we need to carry all our gear in our boat?

A. No. If you don't want to carry your overnight and extra gear in your boat, ORF will provide a van to transport your gear from one campsite (starting point) to the next campsite (end point).

Q. What restroom facilities are available?

A. The campsites have toilets.

Q. Will there be a shuttle to get me back to my car?

A. ORF will give you a ride from the end point to your starting point of your trip (Ripley or Maysville).

Q. Will ORF watch my boat while I drive my car back from Ripley or Maysville?

A. Yes, we will watch over your boat until you return to pick it up on Sept. 10 (weekend trip) or 11 (4-day trip).

Q. Why paddle the Ohio River?

A. For the fun of it. For learning more about the Ohio River - up close and personal. For seeing the river communities from the perspective of the river. To support the only river conservation organization trying to protect and improve the whole river.