

Smith River Outfitter Calendar and Commercial Launch Rules

VIII. COMMERCIAL FLOAT TRIPS (from Smith River State Park Biennial Rule 5/20/24)

- A. No person, group or entity may conduct commercial use within the Smith River State Park without first obtaining a commercial use permit from the Department.
- B. Commercial use shall be administered according to the Department's commercial use rules. This includes the authority to establish terms and conditions for commercial use.
- C. Commercial outfitters authorized to conduct commercial float trips on the Smith River are limited to those outfitters listed in Appendix A. The department may update Appendix A to reflect business transfers or the reallocation of revoked or abandoned commercial launches.
- D. Commercial outfitters and guides conducting angling trips must be licensed in the State of Montana.
- E. Commercial outfitters are limited to a maximum of 73 float trip launches per year.
- F. The department shall establish commercial outfitter float trip launch dates in consultation with the commercial outfitters and in accordance with the following criteria:
 - i. **During the months of April and August 1-15**
All commercial outfitters must finalize their float trip dates seven days prior to the private permit lottery. Commercial outfitters seeking to reschedule a float trip in April and August 1-15 after the private permit lottery must use the reservation system to request a cancelled float trip. All commercial launches not reserved by an outfitter will be available to the public in the lottery.
 - ii. **During the months of May, June and July**
All commercial float trips not reserved by an outfitter will be designated "On Hold" and will not be included in the public lottery. After the lottery, commercial outfitters may utilize available "On Hold" float trips 29 or more days in advance of an available date. Commercial outfitters seeking to reschedule a float trip to an available date 28 days or fewer from a desired float trip date must use the reservation system to request an open float trip. All commercial float trips not utilized by an outfitter will be available to the public via the reservation system 28 days prior to the float trip date.
- G. There is a maximum of one (1) commercial float trip allowed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and a maximum of two (2) commercial launches allowed on Sundays and Wednesdays. This equates to a maximum of nine (9) commercial float trips per week.
- H. Commercial outfitters must cancel all un-booked float trips a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the float trip date. The park manager may waive disciplinary action for float trips cancelled less than fourteen (14) days prior to the float trip date due to unsafe conditions caused by inclement weather or river flows, insufficient flows for navigability, or other similar exigent circumstances. This does not include float trips cancelled due to undesirable fishing conditions.
- I. Commercial float trip fees must be paid at Camp Baker prior to launching.
- J. The park manager may waive the float trip fee and other related fees for a maximum of two commercial float trips each season on a case-by-case basis when the commercial user donates one or more float trips to a recognized charitable or not-for-profit event and the commercial user is not compensated. No additional commercial float trips may be authorized under this provision. Commercial outfitters requesting a fee waiver must submit a written request to the park manager a minimum of 30 days prior to the anticipated float trip date. Waiver requests shall be considered in the order received.

May 2026

OUTFITTERS MASTER CALENDAR

Updated: 12/30/25

2026-27-28

					1 <u>MFFC FROM 5/31</u>	2
3 OPEN OPEN	4	5	6 OPEN OPEN	7 <u>MFFC FROM 7/13</u>	8	9
10 <u>OPEN HWL FROM 7/09</u> OPEN	11 <u>BRO FROM 5/12</u>	12 <u>BRO TO 5/11</u> <u>MAFF FROM 7/12</u>	13 <u>OPEN HWL FROM 7/12</u> OPEN	14 <u>MFFC FROM 9/16</u>	15 HWL	16 <u>B&C TO 7/01</u>
17 PRO <u>OPEN HWL FROM 7/16</u>	18 MAFF	19 BRO	20 <u>OPEN PRO FROM 7/04</u> <u>OPEN MAFF FROM 9/19</u>	21 MFFC	22 HWL	23 MFFC
24 <u>OPEN MAFF FROM 9/20</u> <u>OPEN HWL FROM 7/23</u>	25 <u>PRO FROM 7/07</u>	26 <u>GG FROM 7/01</u>	27 <u>OPEN MFFC FROM 7/14</u> <u>OPEN B&C FROM 7/05</u>	28 <u>HWL FROM 9/15</u>	29 <u>MAFF FROM 9/27</u>	30 HWL
31 <u>MFFC TO 5/01</u> MFFC						

June 2026

OUTFITTERS MASTER CALENDAR

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2026-27-28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 B&C	2 MAFF	3 PRO OPEN <u>HWL FROM 9/24</u>	4 PRO	5 MAFF	6 HWL
7 MFFC HWL	8 MFFC	9 PRO	10 MAFF HWL	11 PRO	12 B&C	13 HWL
14 MFFC MAFF	15 HWL	16 HWL	17 PRO HWL (Rotating)	18 PRO	19 B&C	20 HWL
21 MAFF HWL	22 HWL	23 MFFC	24 HWL MFFC	25 PRO	26 PRO	27 HWL
28 MAFF HWL	29 MFFC	30 MFFC				

July 2026

OUTFITTERS MASTER CALENDAR

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2026-27-28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 PRO (Rotating) GG (Rotating) TO 5/26 B&C FROM 5/16	2 HWL	3 HWL	4 PRO TO 5/20
5 B&C TO 5/27 MFFC FROM 9/08 OPEN HWL FROM 7/10	6 HWL	7 PRO TO 5/25	8 MFFC OPEN	9 HWL TO 5/10	10 HWL TO 7/05	11
12 HWL (Permanent trade w/ MFFC from 7/13) TO 5/13 MAFF (Rotate Out) TO 5/12	13 MFFC (Permanent trade w/ HWL from 7/12) TO 5/07	14 MFFC TO 5/27	15 OPEN OPEN	16 HWL TO 5/17	17	18
19 OPEN OPEN	20	21	22 OPEN OPEN	23 HWL TO 5/24	24	25
26 OPEN OPEN	27	28	29 OPEN OPEN	30	31	

August 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 OPEN OPEN	3	4	5 OPEN OPEN	6	7	8
9 OPEN OPEN	10	11	12 OPEN OPEN	13	14	15
16 OPEN OPEN	17	18	19 OPEN OPEN	20	21	22
23 OPEN OPEN	24	25	26 OPEN OPEN	27	28	29
30 OPEN OPEN	31					

September 2026

OUTFITTERS MASTER CALENDAR

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2026-27-28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 OPEN OPEN	3	4	5
6 OPEN OPEN	7	8 <u>MAFFC TO 7/05</u>	9 OPEN OPEN	10	11	12
13 OPEN OPEN	14	15 <u>HWL TO 5/28</u>	16 <u>MAFFC TO 5/14</u> OPEN	17	18	19 <u>MAFF TO 5/20</u>
20 <u>MAFF TO 5/24</u> OPEN	21	22	23 OPEN OPEN	24 <u>HWL TO 6/03</u>	25	26
27 <u>MAFF TO 5/29</u> OPEN	28	29	30 OPEN OPEN			

May 2027

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 OPEN OPEN	3	4	5 OPEN OPEN	6 <u>MFFC FROM 7/12</u>	7	8
9 OPEN OPEN	10	11 BRO	12 OPEN <u>HWL FROM 7/08</u> OPEN	13 <u>MFFC FROM 9/15</u>	14 HWL	15 <u>B&C TO 5/24</u> <u>MAFF FROM 9/18</u>
16 PRO OPEN <u>HWL FROM 7/15</u>	17 MAFF	18 BRO	19 OPEN <u>HWL FROM 7/22</u> OPEN	20 MFFC	21 HWL	22 MFFC
23 OPEN <u>HWL FROM 9/14</u> OPEN <u>HWL FROM 7/11</u>	24 <u>B&C FROM 5/15</u>	25 <u>PRO FROM 7/06</u>	26 OPEN <u>HWL FROM 9/23</u> OPEN <u>MAFF FROM 9/19</u>	27 <u>MFFC FROM 9/07</u>	28 <u>MAFF FROM 9/26</u>	29 HWL
30 MFFC MFFC	31 B&C					

June 2027

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 MAFF	2 PRO OPEN <u>GG FROM 7/11</u>	3 PRO	4 MAFF	5 HWL
6 MFFC HWL	7 MFFC	8 PRO	9 MAFF HWL	10 PRO	11 <u>B&C TO 6/27</u> HWL FROM 6/27	12 HWL
13 MFFC MAFF	14 HWL	15 HWL	16 PRO MAFF (Rotating)	17 PRO	18 B&C	19 HWL
20 MAFF HWL	21 HWL	22 MFFC	23 HWL MFFC	24 PRO	25 PRO	26 HWL
27 MAFF <u>HWL TO 6/11</u> <u>B&C FROM 6/11</u>	28 MFFC	29 MFFC	30 HWL (Rotating) PRO (Rotating)			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 HWL	2 HWL	3 PRO
4 B&C OPEN <u>HWL FROM 7/09</u>	5 HWL	6 <u>PRO TO 5/25</u> <u>MFFC FROM 7/13</u>	7 MFFC OPEN	8 <u>HWL TO 5/12</u>	9 <u>HWL TO 7/04</u>	10
11 <u>HWL TO 5/23</u> (Permanent trade w/ MFFC from 7/12) <u>GG TO 6/02</u> (Rotate Out)	12 <u>MFFC TO 5/06</u> (Permanent trade w/ HWL from 7/11)	13 <u>MFFC TO 7/06</u>	14 OPEN OPEN	15 <u>HWL TO 5/16</u>	16	17
18 OPEN OPEN	19	20	21 OPEN OPEN	22 <u>HWL TO 5/19</u>	23	24
25 OPEN OPEN	26	27	28 OPEN OPEN	29	30	31

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1 OPEN OPEN	2	3	4 OPEN OPEN	5	6	7
8 OPEN OPEN	9	10	11 OPEN OPEN	12	13	14
15 OPEN OPEN	16	17	18 OPEN OPEN	19	20	21
22 OPEN OPEN	23	24	25 OPEN OPEN	26	27	28
29 OPEN OPEN	30	31				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 OPEN OPEN	2	3	4
5 OPEN OPEN	6	7 <u>MAFF TO 5/27</u>	8 OPEN OPEN	9	10	11
12 OPEN OPEN	13	14 <u>HWL TO 5/23</u>	15 <u>MAFF TO 5/13</u> OPEN	16	17	18 <u>MAFF TO 5/15</u>
19 <u>MAFF TO 5/26</u> OPEN	20	21	22 OPEN OPEN	23 <u>HWL TO 5/26</u>	24	25
26 <u>MAFF TO 5/28</u> OPEN	27	28	29 OPEN OPEN	30		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 OPEN OPEN	4	5	6
7 OPEN OPEN	8	9 BRO	10 OPEN OPEN	11	12 HWL	13 B&C
14 PRO OPEN	15 MAFF	16 BRO	17 OPEN OPEN	18 MFFC	19 HWL	20 MFFC
21 OPEN OPEN	22	23	24 OPEN OPEN	25	26	27 HWL
28 MFFC MFFC	29 B&C	30 MAFF	31 PRO OPEN			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 PRO	2 MAFF	3 HWL
4 MFFC HWL	5 MFFC	6 PRO	7 MAFF HWL	8 PRO	9 B&C	10 HWL
11 MFFC MAFF	12 HWL	13 HWL	14 PRO GG (Rotating)	15 PRO	16 B&C	17 HWL
18 MAFF HWL	19 HWL	20 MFFC	21 HWL MFFC	22 PRO	23 PRO	24 HWL
25 MAFF HWL	26 MFFC	27 MFFC	28 MAFF (Rotating) HWL (Rotating)	29 HWL	30 HWL	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 PRO
2 B&C OPEN	3 HWL	4 PRO	5 MFFC OPEN	6 HWL	7 HWL	8
9 HWL (Permanent trade w/ MFFC from 7/10) PRO (Rotate Out)	10 MFFC (Permanent trade w/ HWL from 7/09)	11 MFFC	12 OPEN OPEN	13 HWL	14	15
16 OPEN OPEN	17	18	19 OPEN OPEN	20 HWL	21	22
23 OPEN OPEN	24	25	26 OPEN OPEN	27	28	29
30 OPEN OPEN	31					

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 OPEN OPEN	4	5 MFFC	6 OPEN OPEN	7	8	9
10 OPEN OPEN	11	12 HWL	13 MFFC OPEN	14	15	16 MAFF
17 MAFF OPEN	18	19	20 OPEN OPEN	21 HWL	22	23
24 MAFF OPEN	25	26	27 OPEN OPEN	28	29	30