

Steelhead Fly-Fishing School – Northern California



This guided fly-fishing school/camp is designed for all skill levels. Beginners will get instruction and guiding from certified fly-casting instructors (FFF) and experts can get personalized single or two-handed instruction from some of the best casters and guides in the West. All week we will be targeting steelhead (ocean-run rainbows) that are known for their leaps, incredible fight and beauty.

The school will be located at a 20-acre deluxe tent camp on the banks of the Klamath River. There is an incredible riffle on the property and over 100 miles of un-crowded fishable river close by. The wilderness camp has hot showers, river-view tents and gourmet food. The weather is typically mid 70's and gorgeous in early October.

Northern California is home to some of the finest fly-water in the lower 48. Anglers will have a chance to float (drift boats) and wade through incredibly varied waters and spectacular scenery. We often see bear, eagles, otters and elk.

The Rivers:

Klamath- We use drift boats to get to feisty steelhead (up to 10 lbs) in an incredible canyon. The Klamath is famous for its half-pounder run and the willingness of steelhead to take a swung fly. Days can go by without seeing another angler and there are a lot of fish.

Scott- A beautiful little known tributary of the Klamath. Wading is relatively easy and steelhead in the Scott will sometimes take a dead drifted dry fly! (flow dependent)

For a taste of what these rivers look like view this short video put together by some of the guides on your trip: ([click here](#))

Guides/Instructors:

Our outstanding guide staff are professionals from the region and we will always have a 2:1 client to guide ratio.

Ryan Allred:

FFF certified fly-casting instructor. 12 years of experience on the Klamath, Rogue and Chile, South America. (www.jeffersonflywater.com)

Keith Lyon:

Spey guide extraordinaire. Keith is also the head rod-builder at [Meiser fly-rods](#)

John Rickard:

Owner of Wildwaters Guide Service. Over 15 years of guiding experienced in the State of Jefferson.

Chuck Volckhausen:

Incredible guide for Wildwaters! Very fishy.

The Camp/Accommodations:

Paradise Point is a spectacular camp in the heart of the best fishing the region has to offer. Hot showers, a covered meeting area with fireplace, and a chef cooking incredible meals in our outdoor kitchen will make it a camp you won't soon forget.

Tents have mattress on twin-sized cots have incredible river views. Each tent has a lanterns and a bedside table. This is a wilderness camp and there is no electricity or phone service at the camp. Calls can be made up the road about 8 miles.

Paradise Point is also home to the [Wilderness Medicine Skills Camp](#).

Preliminary Itinerary:

(subject to change, at guide's discretion)

Day 1 (Sunday):

Meet at Paradise Point by **10:00 AM**. Day 1 is a little more CME intensive as we want to give you more time on the water the next five days. After settling into your accommodations there will be CME until lunch. (Enjoy fishing the private waters of Paradise Point if you are a

non-CME participant) CME will continue after lunch as well as a presentation on the fish and history of the Klamath. Free time in the evening (before Happy Hour and Dinner) to get a line wet. Rods will be available.

Day 2 (Monday):

There are two options the first full day of fishing:

- a) If you are new to fly-fishing or fly-fishing for steelhead, we will teach a Fly-Fishing 101 course at Paradise Point. We will cover casting, presentation and tactics all on private water where you have a great chance of actually catching fish. This was a highlight for many of our anglers this past year.
- b) If you are an intermediate to advanced angler and want to get on the water, we will pair you up with a drift boat guide and you will hit the river.

Happy Hour at 5pm followed by evening lecture and dinner.

Days 3-5 (Tuesday-Thursday):

- Breakfast served at 7am.
- Guided fishing from 8am until 5pm on the Scott or Klamath River.
- Happy Hour at 5pm followed by evening lecture and dinner.

Day 6 (Friday):

- Breakfast served at 7am.
- Guided fishing from 8am until 4pm on the Scott or Klamath.
- Depart Camp.

To get a feel for the rivers we will be fishing you can view this [short video](#) (assembled by several of our guides).

What to Bring:

- Fishing waders and boots (we will spend a lot of time in the water!). Breathable waders are best.
- **Sleeping bag** (for on top of the mattress and cots we provide), and **pillow**.
- Cold weather gear and **rain jacket** (just in case). Bring layers as it is typically very cool in the mornings (35-45) and evenings but warm (65-80) in the afternoon

- **Towel**, Toiletries, and any Medications you need.
- California fishing **license** and steelhead tag (see below).

Optional/Fishing Gear:

- **Fly-Rod** (We will provide top of the line rods, flies, tippet ect. If you don't want to bring your own) 6-7wt single hand rods are ideal. 4-6 wt spey rods are ideal.
- **Flies:** Swing/Streamers (sizes 4-8): Silver Hilton, Green-butt Skunk, Burlap, Marabou Leach, October Hilton. Nymphs: Bird's nest (12), pheasant tail (12-16), copper john (12-16), Prince (12-14), weighted Stoneflies (4-6)
Regulations require all hooks to be barbless (ok to pinch them down)
- **Tippet/Leader:** We typically use 2x-4x on the Klamath and Scott

Fishing License:

You must obtain a California fishing license **AND** a steelhead report and restoration card before fishing. We plan on fishing Oct. 9 – 14. We would highly recommend you do this online well before you come (15 days) as you can print out the license, but the Department of Fish and Game still mails at Steelhead tag.

Here is the link: <https://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/>

If you cannot complete this online we will have to drive into town to purchase one.

Trip Cost: \$2,745 6 days / 5 nights

(Includes 5 days guided fly-fishing, all fly-fish instruction, accommodations and meals.)

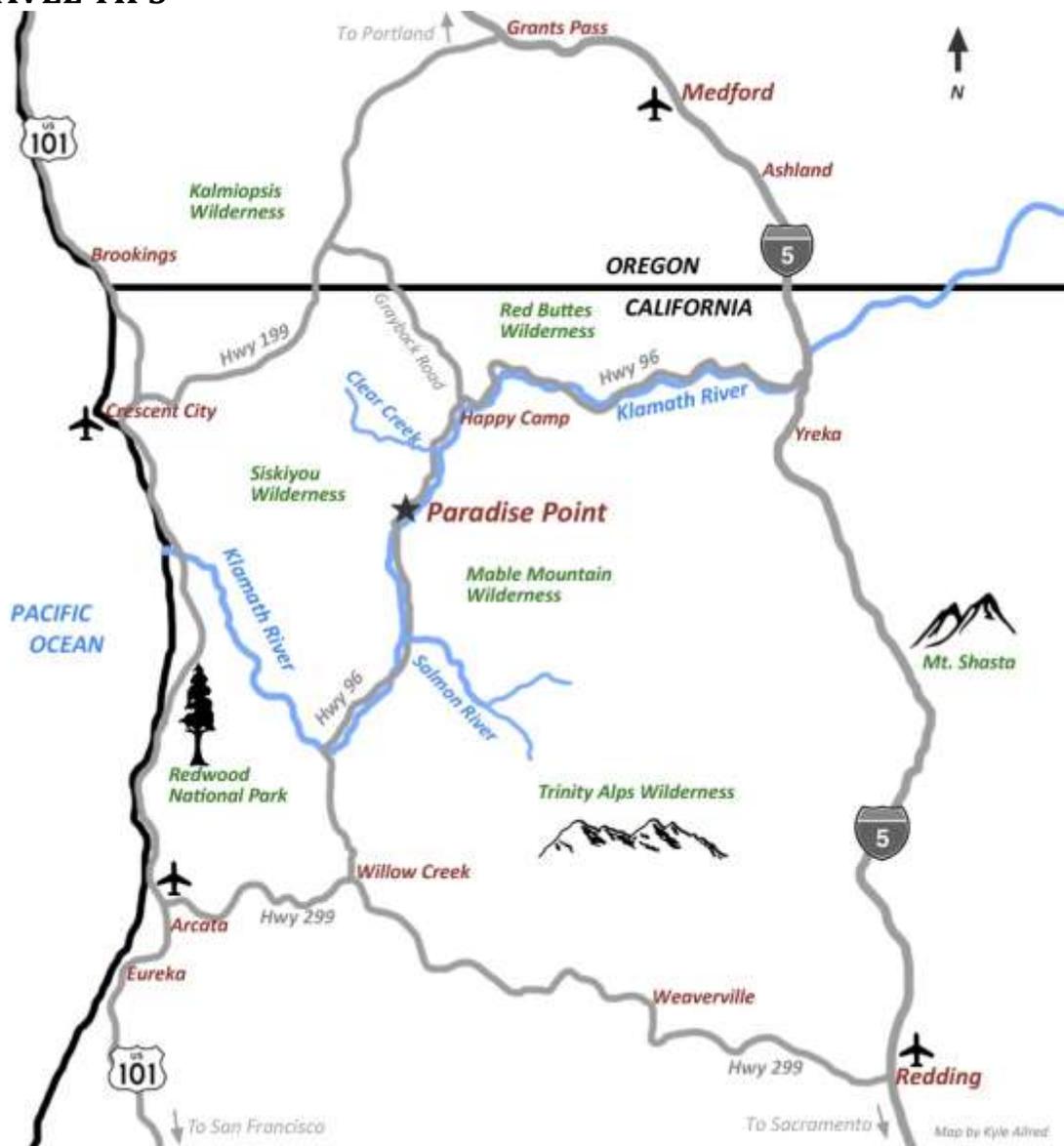
Additional CME Cost: \$695 (16.5 hrs Category I CME)

Fish/Camp Specific Questions?

Email Ryan: jeffersonflywater@icloud.com

Or visit www.jeffersonflywater.com

TRAVEL TIPS



AIR TRAVEL OPTIONS

MEDFORD, OREGON: *The recommended arrival and departure city.*

- A beautiful 2-hour drive from our meeting place at Paradise Point.
- Near Crater Lake National Park
- Look for information on the Ashland Shakespeare Festival.
(<http://www.osfashland.org>)

EUREKA / ARCATA:

- About a 2-hour drive from our meeting place at Paradise Point. Nearby is

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beautiful Redwood National Park and the spectacular Northern California Coast.

SACRAMENTO:

- About 5.5 hours from our meeting place at paradise Point.

SAN FRANCISCO:

- About a 7.5-hour drive from our meeting place at Paradise Point.

RECOMMENDED FLIGHTS

- Fly into Medford the night before the course begins.
- Fly out of Medford the evening the course ends (or the next day) *(Of course, you may choose to come in early or stay late to explore the area.)*

CAR RENTALS

We recommend that you rent a car for the week. We can also help you carpool with other participants.

RECOMMENDED LODGING

BEFORE THE COURSE BEGINS...

As the course starts first thing in the morning, it's best to fly in the night before. The city of Ashland is 12 miles from Medford and on the way to our meeting place. Ashland is charming with quaint shops, excellent live theatre, and almost 100 restaurants. It makes a great place to overnight.

- Bard's Inn: 541-482-0049
- Stratford Inn: 541- 488-2151

Suggested Restaurants in Ashland

- Thai Pepper: 541-482-8058,
- Chateaulin: (541) 482-2264, <http://www.chateaulin.com/>
- Alex's: 541-482-8818

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO PARADISE POINT

Meeting Time: 10:00am, Day 1 (Allow 2.5 hours driving time from Medford.)

Paradise Point is a beautiful, privately owned wilderness camp located on the edge of the Klamath River, located on California State Hwy 96 (Klamath River Hwy), 18 miles west of the small town of Happy Camp.

From Medford, Oregon / Sacramento, California:

Travel on Interstate 5 to its junction with California Hwy 96 (Klamath River Hwy). This junction is in Northern California about 15 miles south of the Oregon border. Turn west on Hwy 96 and follow it about 55 miles along the Klamath River Hwy until you reach the small town of "Happy Camp". Check your odometer and continue another 18 miles west on Hwy 96 and then watch for a small sign on the south side of Hwy 96 marking the entrance to Paradise Point. Coon Creek is about 1 mile before you reach Paradise Point. You will cross over Swillup Creek about 500 yards before Paradise Point

*Additional Landmarks: Dillon Creek Campground is on Hwy 96 approximately 3 miles west of Paradise Point. If you reach Dillon Creek you have gone too far!

From Eureka / the Coast:

Follow US Hwy 101 to its junction with California Hwy 299. Turn east on Hwy 299 until it intersects with California Hwy 96 (Klamath River Hwy). Turn east on Hwy 96 and follow it up the Klamath River until you reach Paradise Point, approximately 3 miles east of Dillon Creek Campground (and approx. 18 miles west of "Happy Camp"). [Click here for google map](#)

To Register:

Please contact Bio Bio Expeditions Worldwide at 1-800-246-7238, or visit their website, www.bbxrafting.com, or email info@bbxrafting.com. A \$600.00 deposit will be required to hold your spot.