

## **Packing List**

For your comfort on the river, it is vitally important that you bring the right clothes and other gear. All specialist equipment is available to borrow or rent from us, but you should make sure that you have all items on the list below. Items marked with an asterisk are available to buy at our boathouse.

### **NEOPRENE POLICY**

On overnight trips, we will lend you a wetsuit and booties at no charge. On the Taos Box full-day, wetsuits are no charge, booties may be rented for \$5. On all other trips, you may rent a wetsuit for \$10, booties for \$5. All wetsuit and booties usage requires a deposit or credit-card guarantee.

DO NOT bring anything you're not prepared to lose or get wet (such as non-waterproof watches, dangly jewelry, etc.). We are not responsible for valuables.

### **CAMERAS**

During peak tourist season (May-August) a professional photographer will take action photos on the Racecourse and Taos Box sections of the Rio Grande (go to [www.raftphotos.com](http://www.raftphotos.com) to see photos of our trips). We recommend that you DO NOT bring personal cameras on the Rio Grande because of the many rapids, but we recommend that you DO bring them on the Rio Chama. If you want to take photographs on the Rio Grande you should bring a single-use disposable waterproof camera.

### **CLOTHING**

Except during warm weather when a T-shirt is sufficient, avoid wearing cotton as it retains water and makes you cold when it gets wet. DO NOT wear jeans, sweatshirts or sweatpants on the river.

### **Day Trips**

- Swimsuit and/or shorts and a T-shirt\* synthetic material
- Soft-soled shoes or very secure sports sandals with a heel strap

### **Please NO flip-flops**

- Wool or synthetic socks
- Sunscreen\*
- Hat or visor\*
- Sunglasses with a retainer strap\*
- Personal water bottle\*
- A full set of dry clothes for the end of the trip, including shoes
- Cash if you want to tip your guide

**In early season or in marginal weather, add:**

- A wool or synthetic sweater, such as Polartec fleece
- Long underwear, synthetic or silk
- Thick wool or synthetic socks (not cotton)
- A warm hat

**OVERNIGHT TRIPS**

Please bring everything on the above list, and add the following items.

- A full set of warm, dry clothes to change into in camp, including shoes
- Quick-drying clothes to wear on the river, or a spare set of river clothes
- A wool or synthetic sweater or jacket
- Long underwear, synthetic or silk
- A soft bag or pillowcase to contain your clothes (DO NOT bring suitcases or rigid-frame backpacks on the river)
- A pillow for your sleeping kit
- A flashlight
- Personal hygiene items
- Insect repellent (usually not necessary, but just in case) You are welcome to bring your own sleeping kit if you prefer; otherwise we will provide one at no extra charge