



IWLS

International Wilderness Leadership School

Course Itinerary

This is a flexible trip itinerary that shows the general progression of the trip. Our exact schedule will depend highly on the weather, strength of the group, and time of year.

Day 0: Pre-trip meeting at 6:00 PM (unless otherwise directed) at the IWLS office in Haines. After a brief meet and greet with your instructors and fellow students, we will discuss the course and students' goals and expectations.

Day 1: We'll spend this first day preparing for our trip in the IWLS Expedition Center. This will include packing food, packing gear and going over general course logistics. In the afternoon we will drive to the Blanchard River and set up our base camp.

Days 2 - 6: We'll begin the course with Swift Water Rescue training and certification on the Blanchard and Tatshenshini Rivers, returning to base camp each night. This is a Rescue III international training course and will prepare everyone for rafting skills later in the course. After the course we'll transition into the Yukon Raft Guide training program. This course will teach you everything you need to know about running a raft safely in water up to class IV.

Days 7 - 9: We will spend 3 days rafting the Upper Tatshenshini River. This will be the perfect combination of our developed rafting skills and expedition camping skills. Once we have finished the river, we will hike out Squaw Creek to Dalton Post.

Day 10-11: We will transport from our base camp to the Tutshi River and prepare for another overnight river trip. We will raft the Tutshi River, which is mostly Grade III with a few sections of Grade IV and V.

Day 12: We will drive back to Haines and unpack our equipment. Instructors will assess students on their understanding and completion of the IWLS curriculum, along with a self and peer-assessment.

