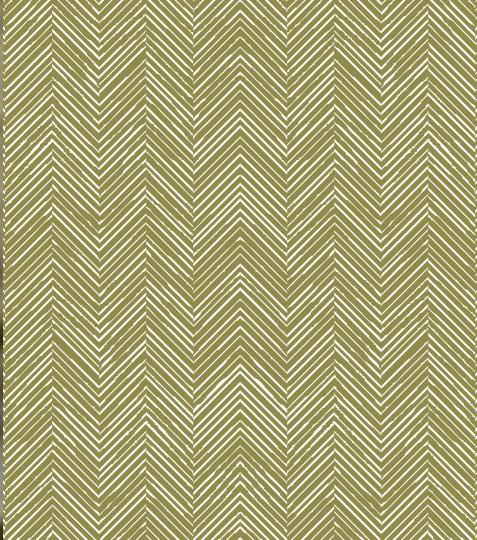
A dynamic photograph of a white-water rafting team in action. Seven individuals wearing yellow helmets and life jackets are maneuvering a bright yellow raft through turbulent, white-capped water. The raft has "DÉFIANTE" printed on its side. The rafters are using blue oars to paddle against the current. A man in a yellow vest and helmet is prominently visible at the stern. The background shows dark, rocky cliffs.

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CANOE — HIKE — RAFT Clearwater, Wells Gray Park

From \$1725/person (based on double occupancy)
—includes pre and post night accommodation in Clearwater

Dates: TBA

We cram more adventure and jaw dropping natural beauty into this journey than you can ever imagine. So much more than a rafting trip, it is an **outdoor enthusiast's dream come true** —a part of the Canadian Tourism Commission's "Canadian Signature Experiences Collection"®.

Interior Whitewater proudly offers an unparalleled rafting, canoe and hiking adventure. Exhilarating whitewater, beautiful lake canoeing, breathtaking scenery, four amazing waterfalls, and an outgoing staff versed in all aspects of water safety await your arrival in Clearwater for an unforgettable Mahood Lake and Clearwater River, 5 day & 4night extravaganza. Bring your sense of adventure, as you'll experience pristine wilderness and epic whitewater as never before!

Backdrop Spectacular Wells Gray Park, a provincial wilderness reserve is home to the wild whitewater, secluded lakes, scenic splendor and wildlife galore. Look for brown and black bears, white-tailed deer, osprey, and much much more!

Highlights begin with two days canoeing down Mahood Lake in Wells Gray Park. Hike along the remote Mahood river on day three, gaze at the amazing Sylvia and Goodwyn waterfalls and camp at the confluence of the Clearwater and Mahood River. Day four we begin the raft portion of our journey stopping for a short hike to Whitehorse Bluffs (amazing volcanic lava rock formations) and to Moul Falls, where you can experience the invigoration of a wilderness shower, Clearwater style! Your whitewater introduction is Sabretooth Canyon, a Class IV+ drop, one of the largest commercially run rapids in the province! A gourmet BBQ and a night under the stars refresh you for a second, early-morning blast through Sabretooth, a great start to your second day of whitewater adventure and spectacular scenery.

Guides—IWE guides highly skilled professionals in first aid and river safety, and will ensure the well-being and comfort of our clientele, while simultaneously providing a unique and thrilling wilderness experience.

Safety Talk A—comprehensive safety talk is carried out by our guides to familiarize rafters with canoe and river commands and rescue scenarios. Dry-land practice is supplemented with on-river drills prior to running the rapids.

Start Point Head office in Clearwater. We will have a short pre-trip meeting at 6pm the night prior to departure. Our western-style office is located 120km north of Kamloops on the Yellowhead Hwy (#5), approximately one hour twenty minutes by car. Follow the Interior Whitewater billboard on either the north or south side of town.



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You bring mandatory gear:
lightweight tent with groundsheet and fly, lightweight sleeping bag in stuffsack, fast drying clothes (Shorts, Pants, T-shirt or shirt with long sleeves, thermal underwear, warm wool/thermal socks) Breathable rain jacket, hiking shoes, lightweight warm jacket (fleece is good), sun hat, water bottle, sunscreen, insect repellent, flashlight, personal toiletries. Please pack only what you need for 5 days and 4 nights in a compact, weatherproof backpack that you will hike with on day 3. (One with a detachable day-pack is handy). Mandatory water gear: Swimsuit, sturdy lace-up style shoes (for river). You are permitted to bring a moderate amount of alcohol in plastic/tin containers only. On day 4 a vehicle will meet up with our group and may bring a small amount of supplies if needed.

We provide: full-length wetsuit, regulation lifejacket, helmet, fleece, river splash jacket, and all meals and snacks from Lunch Day 1 to Lunch Day 5. For the water portions of the trip we will provide you with a dry bag to put your backpack in.

Wilderness canoeing and Whitewater rafting are adventure sports, and completion of a waiver agreement by all is required prior to trip departure. If you are under 19, you must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, or, if you phone us in advance, we will send or fax you a waiver and indemnity agreement. Interior Whitewater Expeditions has an exemplary safety record, and our competent staff will do our utmost to guarantee your Wells Gray adventure is safe and enjoyable. However, we cannot assume any responsibility for injury to participants or loss of personal property.

Please make our guides aware of any medical problems that you may have which may arise during this outdoor adventure. Bee-sting allergies, asthma, heart conditions, or any other ailments that could potentially compromise your safety on or off the river, should be brought to the attention of your guide. Let us know in advance if you have any food allergies or specific dietary preferences that we should know about.

Our 5 day Canoe/Hike/Raft combo is a phenomenal, multi-day adventure, replete with royal treatment from start to finish. It is a unique experience, unmatched in natural splendor and sensational wilderness.

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A brief pre-trip meeting usually happens the night prior to departure around 6pm at our Clearwater base.

DAY 1

Meet at IWE office in Clearwater, load gear and drive into Wells Gray Park and the start of the canoeing leg of the trip. After a brief but thorough safety talk we are ready to head out on Mahood Lake. We will work on developing our canoeing skills and take the time to appreciate the southern edge of the Majestic Caribou Mountains. What lies ahead of us is the immense chunk of wilderness called Wells Gray Park. Beautiful beaches, old growth forests, and excellent photo opportunities present themselves to you on this first day. Set up camp at the end of the day and experience how amazing food can taste when cooked over an open fire. Nighty, night!

DAY 2

After breaky we launch the boats and paddle towards the far end of the lake and the mouth of the Mahood River. This day provides plenty of time to explore the lakes rugged shoreline—keep your eyes peeled for wildlife. Sightings of moose, deer, bear, and bald eagles are common on this wilderness trip. The day ends on the beach as you zip up your sleeping bag and dream of the adventure ahead.

DAY 3

We ditch the canoes, lace up our hiking boots, and begin our trek along the Mahood River. The River can be heard far below as it roars thru a narrow canyon between the lake and Sylvia Falls. With a keen eye native culture may be viewed along canyon walls in the form of ancient pictographs. Lush forests of cedar and fir surround you as you think to

yourself “does it get any better than this”. Well, it does—because you’ve reached the Clearwater River. The last of western Canada’s free flowing, big volume rivers that is protected from all development in its entire length, from its source to its outlet!

DAY 4

The day begins at the confluence of the Mahood and Clearwater Rivers with an in depth safety briefing on whitewater rafting. Heading downstream our first stop is Whitehorse Bluff and “The Beach of The Flat Stone”. Reminiscent of stone skipping competitions as a child, we see who can get the most skips across the water, but there are rules. Only two stones/person as not to deplete the stones for future generations. Just as every trip before the rules are quickly thrown out the window and everybody is frantically skipping as many stones as they possibly can.

A trail winds its way up towards the base of the Bluff where we take time to explore an abandoned trapper’s cabin. Whitehorse Bluff is a complex volcanic formation rising 1000 feet above the Clearwater River. You may want to take a swim in exhilarating class 2 whitewater at Popping Hoppy Point, a great way to cool down on a hot day.

We’ve now arrived at Grouse Creek to start the exciting hike to Moul Falls. Have you ever experienced the feeling of walking behind a 75’ waterfall? Wind and spray pounds you like one of the wildest storms you’ve ever experienced. If the right water levels present the opportunity, the brave at heart can experience what it’s actually like to walk through a waterfall. Back to the boats and down stream to Sabertooth Canyon. Sabertooth is in a league of its own as the premier big volume rapid

in British Columbia. Drifting down towards Sabertooth you can hear the rapid from a ¼ mile away. As you paddle along the pancake flat water above the canyon you see puffs of mist rising above the horizon. When you reach the top of the canyon you look down into a very powerful 12’ standing wave. The acceleration you experience as you drop into the canyon is unmatched by any other piece of raftable whitewater in British Columbia.

Next up is the S Bend, one of the largest wave trains on the river. At certain water levels it is not uncommon to have 10’ standing waves all throughout the rapid. Our last gourmet dinner of the trip lies 15 minutes downstream. This festive evening will be filled with recollections of the trip and will create memories that will last a lifetime.

DAY 5

Our last day is undoubtedly the most exciting day of the trip. A second run thru Sabertooth, the incredible Spahats Falls hike—standing on the bottom of a 245 foot lava canyon and watching the water pound into a huge basin right next to you is probably one of the most spectacular and breathtaking moments of your trip—Middle Granite Canyon, the infamous “Kettle” rapid, and the continuous class 3 and 4 rapids of the lower canyon all add up to “one Helluva Day”. Relax back at the base and view the photographs of this incredible trip.

