

GUIDELINES AND GENERAL TRIP INFORMATION

Trip Reservations, Final Payments, and Refunds

Slickrock Expeditions accepts reservations on a first-come-first-served basis. **Guaranteed reservations are made only by payment of the stated reservation deposit, followed by payment of the balance of the fee 30 days before the trip starts.** Unless stated otherwise for special trips, for reservations canceled at least 60 days before the expedition starts, the deposit will be fully refunded. For cancellations made between 60-30 days in advance of the trip, the deposit will be refunded if the reserved spot can be filled. After the balance is due, 30 days before the trip starts, the deposit is non-refundable. For cancellations made after this time, the balance will be refunded if the spot can be filled. If the spot cannot be filled, the balance will not be refunded. Those not paying the balance on time risk losing their spots on the trip.

Trip Changes and Trip Refunds

Slickrock Expeditions go rain or shine, but occasionally circumstances beyond our control force a change in the itinerary of a trip. Examples would be the flooding by heavy rain of a river to be canoed or the closing of a hiking trail because of wildfire. In such a case, Slickrock Expeditions will make every effort to run a revised trip to a similar wild area. Such a change may have to be made at the last moment. Slickrock Expeditions reserves the right to cancel a trip due to insufficient sign-up; and the trip fee will be refunded.

Trip Cancellation Insurance

To protect yourself financially in case unforeseen circumstances (illness, family emergency, jury duty, airline cancellations, etc.) force you to cancel out of a trip after the refund deadline, or in case illness or injury make it necessary for you to need emergency evacuation during the trip, we recommend that you obtain trip-cancellation insurance. Travelex (1-800-235-7178; www.travelexinsurance.com) offer policies that cover trip cancellation and emergency evacuation costs, as well as medical care and baggage damage or loss. You can also find other companies by Googling “trip cancellation insurance” or by going to insuremytrip.com.

Medical Insurance

Slickrock Expeditions does *not* carry medical insurance for trip participants. Participants must provide their own medical insurance to cover trip injuries or illnesses or medical evacuation expenses. If you do not have adequate medical insurance coverage, we recommend that you obtain short-term traveler's insurance. Check with a travel or insurance agent. Often such a policy can be combined with one that provides trip cancellation insurance. Such policies are not that expensive. See above.

A Word About Risks and Responsibilities

No matter how carefully any wilderness expedition is run, it contains an element of risk. And it is possible for you to become ill or injured, or for you to die, while you are on a Slickrock Expedition. Slickrock Expeditions does not assume liability for injury or illness to you; and you will be asked to read and sign a “Medical Release and Assumption of Risks and Responsibilities” prior to your trip.

Also, please keep in mind that Slickrock Expeditions are not catered tours or safaris, complete with porters or pack animals, a set-up crew and chefs. Instead Slickrock Expeditions are wilderness treks, meant to give participants the experience of self-sufficient travel and camping in the wilds. Participants will be paddling their own canoes, carrying their own packs, and helping with the setting up and running of camp.

A Word About Trip Fees

What does your money pay for when you take a Slickrock Expedition? Approximately one third pays for such immediate trip expenses as food, transportation, assistance with trip packing and cleanup, federal permits and “user fees,” equipment rentals, shuttle fees, etc. One third goes to cover such year-round operating costs as equipment purchases, insurance, professional training courses, brochures, office supplies, and postage. One third goes to Slickrock Expeditions for the services it provides.

A Few Facts about the Expeditions

Burt Kornegay began Slickrock Expeditions in 1985 and he has run more than 400 Expeditions since then throughout the Southeast, as well as to Texas, Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Michigan, and Maine, as well as to Quebec, Ontario, and the Northwest Territories of Canada.