

Bull Run Slalom November 18-19, 2023



We are hosting a second Bull Run slalom race this year in November at the Bull Run Powerhouse. <https://bullrunpowerhouse.org>

The river is class III flowing through an incredibly beautiful, steep-walled gorge. We encourage all to come out, but you need a solid combat roll. No previous slalom skills are required and its great practice for hitting eddies and moving your boat around on the river. Race boats are not necessary, plastic boats work well, and there will be plastic boat race classes for all.

Note: There is a real possibility that the river will be too low or too high that weekend. Levels need to be at or above 500 cfs or below 1800 cfs on the Bull Run @ Bull Run gauge: <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/state-summary/state/OR>. Contact the race organizers: David Johnson (johnsoda7@gmail.com) or Rufus Knapp (rufus.knapp@thermofisher.com) to make sure the water is suitable.

*If the water is not appropriate, we will email folks on or about Thursday and move the race to **Dec. 2,3.***

*When you reach the BR, on Sat or Sunday, the gate on the right side will be unlocked and can be pushed. On Friday contact Rufus or David to gain access to the property. You must fill out a **liability form**. If you email David, he will email a form. Otherwise, these forms will be on site.*

Our hosts are Clair Guy Kellen Bateham, who live on the property. *Please be sure to drive very slowly past their house on the left and be sure that you do not let their dog or cat out of the fenced area.!* Drive past the powerplant and down the hill to parking near a shed close to the river.

Camping at the Bull Run includes the lawn outside the fence, where there is a picnic table but no bathrooms, but we might be able to arrange camping inside the fence where there is a PortiPoti. Alternatively, you can camp downstream at Dodge Park or at David's cabin in Rhododendron (20 min away). Some can stay in this one-bedroom cabin. There is also the

Best Western Hotel in Sandy, OR about 7 min away.

Course construction Friday, November 17 (11:00 am).

Slalom Practice all day Saturday, November 18. Registration: 2pm - 5:00 pm, \$15, \$5 additional fee for ACA insurance (if you are not a member). Late registration on Sunday morning will be \$10 extra.

Slalom Race: Sunday, November 19, racers meeting at shed inside the gate: 10:00 am sharp, race at 10:30 am. We would very much appreciate some volunteers for timing and judging on Sunday

Directions: Take Hwy I-84 east from Portland through Troutdale over the Sandy River and exit #18. After exiting the highway turn left and go up the Sandy River, through Springdale (3-5 miles). As you are leaving Springdale keep to the right onto Hurlburt Rd (there is a sign there for the Bull Run). Stay on Hurlburt Rd for about 4 miles then at a flashing light make a right onto Gordon Creek Rd. Take Gordon Creek Rd down a steep hill to the Sandy River, then uphill (past Trout Creek Road, veer right there) staying on Gordon Creek Road for about 2 miles then the road becomes SE Bull Run Rd and continues on for another 2-3 miles before crossing the Bull Run river on a metal bridge (about 6-8 miles from the flashing light), then turn immediately right into the Bull Run power plant.