



# **JFW ALUMNI SMOKY RIVER CANOE TRIP July 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**This is an overnight, self contained and guided river trip for Alumni and JFW families to see and experience a beautiful northern waterway. We will put in at the Watino Bridge, and follow the Smoky River as it makes its last miles before emptying into the mighty Peace River. Our trip will end at the town of Peace River after approximately 12 hours of water travel. Bring your own canoe, overnight supplies, and sense of adventure!**

**Guided by: Al Wardale and Martin and Rondalene Schiebel**

**We specify 16 years and older for this trip.**

**Registration is free! Just reach out to:**

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**for more details.**

# Smoky River Overnight Canoe Trip

## July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

*The Smoky River originates in the Canadian Rockies, in the northern area of Jasper National Park from Adolphus Lake. It then flows north through the Willmore Wilderness Park until it reaches the town of Grande Cache. It continues north and merges into the Peace River south of the Town of Peace River, Alberta*

The section that we'll paddle begins at the bridge on the Smoky near the town of Watino. It is there that we will start our trip and paddle with the current north towards Peace River. Along the way there is much to see from the abundant wildlife to the boulder fields, the boreal forests to the long sloping banks of the rivers canyon. There are also gravel and sand bars in abundance to make landings easy and perfect overnight camps. It has a "swift" current and a few 2+ class rapids that can be avoided, so paddlers should have moving water experience or pair themselves with experienced river paddlers!

Participants in this weekend adventure should consider being in the Donnelly / Falher area to camp on the night of July 24<sup>th</sup>. The weekend schedule will look like this:

### Friday July 24, 2015

- 6:00pm – Informal gathering at the campsite – Watino Bridge on the Smoky River
  - Local group will assist moving vehicles to Peace River landing

### Saturday July 25, 2015

- 8:30am – Gear check and brief at launch site on Smoky River (Watino bridge)
- 9:00am – Get on the river
- 5:00pm – Claim our camp location (we'll try for "Boulder City")

### Sunday July 26, 2015

- 8:00am – Get on the river
- 11:00am – Smoky merges with the Peace River
- 11:30am – Arrive at town of Peace River
- 1:00pm – Goodbyes and tears following a great trip!

While we are not limiting space, nor charging a registration fee, we are requesting that all participants are registered to assess our group size. Equipment is not provided unless previously arranged, and all participants are expected to have the required paddles, PFD's, bailer, throw bag, whistles, lights, etc in their boat. Paddlers are expected to be completely self sufficient as pertains to meals and camping equipment. Open fires are allowed, and we'll be congregated such that you can beg and borrow.

For questions and reservations, please contact Al Wardale at [al@kpwood.com](mailto:al@kpwood.com) or Rondalene Schiebel [rondalenes@gmail.com](mailto:rondalenes@gmail.com)

Cancellation due to conditions on short notice is at the discretion of the Organizers.