

# TROOP 65 WHITEWATER RAFTING TRIP

## JUNE 9 - 11, 2023



### ZOAR OUTDOOR

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[Booking #164628278](#)

#### Tent Site

Friday, June 9, 2023 @ 2:00pm  
26 People - Two Night Stay

[Booking #164628417](#)

#### Zoar Gap Rafting

Saturday, June 10, 2023 @ 10:30am - 4:30pm  
26 People

### Directions/Getting Here

It is best to park in our unpaved lot located at **7 Main St. in Charlemont, MA**. Our campground is a self-check-in after 2 pm on the day of your arrival. Outside of the red building, you will find a kiosk with a bulletin board, a map of the campground and check-in slips attached to the board. Your name, assigned tent site(s), and check-in/check-out dates will be listed on the slip. You can also find info on the campgrounds procedures and facilities on the self check-in guide, also located in the kiosk at the time of your arrival.

The campground is a short uphill walk from the parking lot. Handcarts are available for your use to make carrying your gear easier.

**DIRECTIONS** from Coventry, Connecticut  
to 7 Main St, Charlemont, MA 01339

**1 hr 40 min (97.5 miles)**

**via I-91 N**

**Follow CT-31 N and US-44 W to I-384 W in Bolton**  
10 min (6.4 mi)

**Take I-91 N to MA-2 W in Greenfield. Take exit 43 from I-91 N**  
1 hr 7 min (73.2 mi)

At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto MA-2 W  
Destination will be on the right



23 min (17.8 mi)

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### About Our Campground

Our camping is located a few hundred yards off Route 2 and across the river from a rail line. Train and vehicle traffic varies greatly from day to day, but some campers prefer to use ear plugs on busier nights.

**Troop 65 has Sites 1,2,3,4 and 5 Friday night**

**Troop 65 has Sites 3,4 and 5 Saturday night PLUS Cabin tents F and G (for adults)**

The tent sites are a 3-5 minute uphill walk from the parking lot, and the bathhouse is also within walking distance.

Please be aware that during the months of May - June, & Sept. - Oct., there will be no campground manager on site, and no one will be in the office after 5pm. If you are in need of assistance during these times, please check the white board outside of the Red House for contact information of the person on call during your stay.

### What To Bring

- Bring everything you may need to camp! You are welcome to bring a small cookstove with you, as we do not allow open fires in our campground. **Patrols must bring and cook Saturday breakfast & dinner and Sunday breakfast. Nothing goes in the raft except you and your paddle.**

### Campground Rules

- No open fires at the cabin tents, or tent sites.
- Quiet time is from 9:30 PM to 8 AM.
- All cars must be parked in the parking lot; campers must walk gear to their site.
- Areas downhill of the bathhouse (with the exception of the parking lot) are off limits after 8 pm (including the pavilions).
- Camping is only allowed in designated sites. No sleeping in the parking lot.

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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Can I drive my car up to the site?

- We do not allow you to drive up into our campground, please park in the lower unpaved lot. The tent sites are located a short walk up the hillside. Handcarts are available for your use to make carrying your gear easier.

#### Can I have a fire?

- While we do not allow open fires in our campground, there is a communal fire pit located behind the Lodge which you are welcome to use with the Campground Managers permission. Firewood will be provided for you.

### Emergency Response

- Please note that many of the areas we operate in are rural and have poor or non-existent cell service (including most of the Deerfield River), so emergency communications and emergency service response times may be as much as an hour or more.

### Damages

- Zoar Outdoor Adventure Resort reserves the right to charge you for any damages to the facility/grounds caused by you, or your guests during your stay in the campground. Damages include and are not limited to any property owned and maintained by Zoar Outdoor Adventure Resort. This applies to any damages made to any and all items such as but not limited to; cabin tents, cots, grills, fire rings, campground vegetation, bathhouses, campground common spaces, etc. This also applies to anything that requires excessive cleaning above and beyond our normal process; excessive trash, mud on the walls, s'mores stuck to furniture/equipment, etc.

### Cost

- **Cost Per Person is \$150.** This Includes \$24 camping fee, \$113 rafting fee (includes lunch and wetsuit), \$3 photo, and \$10 transportation cost. **The Troop covers the cost for Scouts. Adults pay their own way.** Food is extra and by patrol method.

### Waiver

- Please share this confirmation with the other members of your party. Each member is required to sign a waiver before arriving at Zoar Outdoor. Please visit the Waiver link:  
[https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5fd277c5e2064/web/?auto\\_tag=fh\\_id\\_164628417](https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5fd277c5e2064/web/?auto_tag=fh_id_164628417)  
or scan the QR code below:



- A parent or guardian must sign for any participant under 18 years of age.

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### Arrival Information

- Please arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to your start time for your trip so we can start punctually. We do start on time and if you are late, we may not be able to accommodate you. We do not refund for guests who are late.

Registration for this trip takes place at 7 Main St. in Charlemont, MA. You can park in the unpaved lot and head up the stairs to the kiosk outside the red building. There, guides will direct you to the appropriate pavilion.

- Our minimum age for the Zoar Gap trip is 7 years old.

### A Typical Day

- All guests will be required to wear a Zoar Outdoor issued PFD (Personal Flotation Device) and helmet. You will also be provided with a paddle. We raft a ten-mile section of class II whitewater with one class III rapid on the Deerfield River in Northwestern Massachusetts. We put in below the Fife Brook Dam and finish the trip at our base camp in Charlemont, MA. The trip usually takes 6 hours, including registration, transportation to the river, swimming stops, a picnic lunch, and a slide show of your run through the biggest rapids.
- The full day 10:30 trip comes with a complimentary picnic-style lunch. Lunch on this trip may sometimes be served later in the day due to water release times, weather, or other factors beyond our control.

### What To Wear/Bring

- Expect everything you bring with you on the raft to get wet! In warm summer weather, some guests are comfortable in bathing suits/swim trunks or light layers. However, we ask you to not wear cotton, as it will keep you cold and wet throughout the trip. Wool and synthetic materials such as polypropylene, nylon, and fleece, are appropriate for cooler weather and water temperatures.
- Wetsuits, splash jackets, and neoprene river booties are available if you need them. You are required to wear sneakers or other shoes that can be secured to your feet. No crocs or flip-flops! Bring any required medications as well as extra money for souvenirs, gratuities, etc. Before the trip, please leave any and all valuables including money as well as your dry clothes and towels for after the trip and cell phones in your locked vehicle. Keep your car keys with you during registration, as we will collect those and put them in a lock box before gearing up, then return them to you when you get off the boats.

### Activity Cancellation Policy

- If You Have to Cancel:
  - More than 30 days in advance of your trip date, we retain a \$10 per person cancellation fee.
  - 30 days or less in advance of your trip date, you forfeit the entire cost of your trip, unless you have purchased the Cancellation Insurance.

### Troop Permission Slip

- Each participant must complete and submit a Troop 65 permission slip prior to leaving on Friday, June 9th.