

## Bull Run Slalom March 25, 26, 2023



The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Bull Run slalom will be held on the Bull Run River at the Powerhouse Center near Sandy, OR. <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 it's 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 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](mailto:johnsoda7@gmail.com)) or Rufus Knapp ([rufus.knapp@thermofisher.com](mailto: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 **April 8, 9.***

*When to reach the BR, on Sat or Sunday, the fence should 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.*

**Camping** at the Bull Run includes the lawn outside the fence, where there is a picnic table but no bathrooms, but we may be able to arrange camping inside the fence where there is a PortiPotti. 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 and the Sandy Bed and Breakfast (15 min away).

**Course construction Friday, March 24 (11:00 am).**

**Slalom Practice all day Saturday, March 25. 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, March 26, 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.