



MOUNTAIN GATEWAY TRAINING

Mountain Gateway Wilderness Intensive TRAVEL + LOGISTICS

Travel costs are **NOT included in your course cost*

Course Staging Location: Mountain Gateway Ranch

551 Rumble Creek Rd
Condon MT 59826

Arrival

Your course starts at 12 noon on your Course Start Date. You'll meet your instructors at our Course Staging Location. You will get acquainted with your instructors and fellow expedition members. You will begin Course Prep to review your route, logistics, schedule, gear, and rations. You may wish to arrive earlier than **your start date** to explore the area. We suggest traveling at least one day before your course starts. If you arrive before your start date, you will need to get a hotel.

Departure

Your course will end at 10:00pm on the night of the Course End Date, so please make travel plans accordingly. Accommodations will be provided on that night if you leave the next morning.

Please do not make travel plans that will require you to arrive late for your course or to leave early once your course is over. You may end up missing the start of your course, miss your course entirely, or miss your flight home.

Travel Arrangements

We recommend that you make your travel plans as soon as possible after you've applied, been accepted, and a Mountain Gateway admissions advisor approves your health form, to avoid complications. We recommend you consider purchasing travel insurance or tickets that are refundable or changeable in case unforeseen circumstances arise. If you need to schedule a flight to arrive earlier than your course, you must make arrangements to stay at a hotel.

- **Drive**

- **Missoula Montana Airport (1.5hr away)**
 - If you fly into Missoula there are a few options for arriving at our ranch on your course start date.
 - Take our shuttle. We will provide a shuttle from the Staybridge Suites Missoula at 10am of the course start date. The hotel has an airport shuttle that you can take once you arrive at the airport.
 - Hotel Address: 120 Expressway Missoula, MT 59808
 - Rent a car. We will have a place for you to park while you are on your course.
- **Luggage**
 - You should carry essential items onto the plane with you, including prescription medications, and keep your baggage claim stubs. These are essential for tracking any missing luggage. Promptly inform your instructors if you are missing luggage!

Accommodations

You will be provided accommodations for in-town stay for the entirety of your course. You will have a place to sleep and a place to take a hot shower so please bring a small, frontcountry bag.

Vehicles and Valuables

Personal belongings and vehicles may be stored at our facilities for the duration of your course. Due care will be taken to prevent theft or damage of your stored items. Parking is available at the facility for the duration of your course in an unfenced parking lot with little or no security.

Mountain Gateway does not assume any liability for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property while in our care. Mountain Gateway will not honor any personal claim for property loss while in our care. If you want insurance coverage for your personal belongings, you must provide it yourself.

Telephone

You will be out of telephone contact for the duration of your field experience. Your family and friends should not expect to hear from you until the final day of your course. We do not allow participants to carry their phone with them during the course.

Personal Expenses

Bring enough cash to cover expenses encountered while traveling to and from Montana. Additional expenses may include phone calls, shuttle fees, and any miscellaneous purchases like snacks, toiletries, etc.

Briefing and Reentry

The first day of your course is busy! All phone calls, emails, and personal matters should be attended to in the evening before your course begins. Instructors will check over your equipment and issue any items you need for your course. You will pack your backpack with your personal gear, group gear, and rations.

On the last day of your course, you will travel back to the ranch from the trailhead. There, you will de-issue gear, debrief with MG administrators, and have a final celebratory dinner. Your course officially concludes the night of your Course End Date.

Contacting Mountain Gateway

If you have questions concerning course content or travel logistics, please do not hesitate to reach out to bailee.bogner@mountaingateway.org