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Greetings Fishtrappers,

Welcome to the 31<sup>st</sup> Summer Fishtrap Gathering of Writers, “Living Upstream.” We’ve built a great schedule of events filled with activities, panels, evening readings, and of course, Fishtrap’s legendary writing workshops. This packet of information will orient you to the schedule, offer suggestions on what to bring, travel directions, and what to expect when you get here. Please take a moment to give it all a good look so when you arrive at Wallowa Lake you’ll be able to explore, write, and relax without worrying about logistics. We also encourage you to review your registration confirmation email just to make sure you signed up for the right workshop plus the meals and lodging options you want.

In early June, you'll receive a packet containing detailed information about the schedule of events. Need a ride? Have a room to share? Join our Summer Fishtrap Room and Rideshare group on Facebook to share your post. Not on Facebook? Send us an email with your request and we'll help you get the word out. See more detailed information below.

We can't wait to see you in July. In the meantime, please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We'll be happy to help.



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Fishtrap Executive Director

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## Important Notes

**Meals:** **June 20** is the last day to register for meals. If you haven't yet signed up for meals or want to change your meal choices, go to our registration page and have a look at the options. Breakfast is served from 7:30-8:30, lunch is 12:00pm until 1:00pm, and the dinner bell rings at 6:00pm. You are welcome to bring your own meals and dine with everyone in the lodge.

**Ride Share and Room Share:** Need a ride to Wallowa Lake? Have extra room in your cabin? Want to connect with other Fishtrappers early? Join the [Summer Fishtrap Room and Rideshare Facebook group](#) to get in touch with attendees and make arrangements. Don't use Facebook? Just send us a note ([info@fishtrap.org](mailto:info@fishtrap.org)) with your request and availability. We'll post your message.

**Lodging:** You can still reserve lodging at the camp. Go to the Summer Fishtrap registration page to make a reservation. If the accommodations you prefer are filled, there are many options available just a short walk from camp. Contact the [Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce](#) for more information.

**Workshops:** Your first introductory workshop is **Monday afternoon, July 9**. Workshops continue 9:00 AM until 12:00pm Tuesday through Saturday. They take place at your instructor's cabin, all of which are walking distance from Bailey Lodge. For folks with mobility concerns, we can make arrangements to give you a lift.

**Afternoon Events:** Every afternoon we offer a craft talks, breakout sessions, or a panel discussion. There is also time for hiking, napping, a dip in Wallowa Lake, and plenty of time to write. You'll get a detailed schedule the first day of Summer Fishtrap in our handy pocket guide.

**Open Mic Café:** The open mic café is an opportunity to gather and share excerpts of your work-in-progress in a comfortable and supportive atmosphere. Join us Monday through Thursday in Bailey Lodge from 4:30 to 5:30pm. All are encouraged to participate and attend and look for sign-ups each morning—they fill quickly.

**Evening Events:** Our Summer Fishtrap faculty step up to the podium each night Monday through Thursday and give a reading. These are always wonderful events and a great way to wrap up the day.

**Weekend Highlights:** On Friday evening, Kathleen Dean Moore delivers our 31<sup>st</sup> Summer Fishtrap keynote address followed by a weekend of panel discussions, showcases, and conversations surrounding our theme, "Living Upstream."

## What to Pack

**Dress:** Wallowa County weather is unpredictable. July will likely be warm, but you should be prepared for any weather from hot to freezing. Walking shoes or hiking boots, a good warm cap, and rain gear are strongly encouraged. Dressing in layers is often the best option. Evening events take place outdoors under the Big Tent. When the sun goes down, temperatures drop quickly. Be sure to bring a jacket or even a blanket. Summer Fishtrap is nestled on the forested south end of Wallowa Lake, so bring your suit if you like to swim!

**Sleeping:** Bring earplugs if you're sharing sleeping space with others; they come in handy. Flashlights are a must for finding restrooms and your cabin after dark. If you're camping or staying in a bunkhouse, bring a sleeping bag, a pillow, and towels. Bedding and towels are provided in the yurts, but if you prefer to sleep toasty, bring a sleeping bag too.

**Altitude and Sun:** Wallowa Lake is at 4,441 feet. Those of you coming from sea level may feel the effects of the altitude change for the first 24-48 hours. Most likely, you'll run out of breath when climbing up trails, or just feel a little tired. The antidote is to hydrate: drink water and lots of it. Sunscreen is also key!

**Digital devices:** A laptop or tablet can come in handy but many of our participants and faculty choose to go back to the old days and handwrite in a notebook. It's a wonderful opportunity to slow down and be low-tech. If you do work best on a keyboard, pack a flash drive or external hard drive to save, share, and print files. Have a plan for storing your device when not in use. The camp does not have storage lockers and power outlets are limited.

**Copy Machine/Printer:** We will provide a basic copy machine/printer. This will be a self-service station with limited hours of operation and minimal tech support. Additional printing services are available in Enterprise at [Central Copy & Shipping](#).

## Camp Facilities & Guidelines

**Communication:** You can find good connectivity for both phone and wireless in nearby Joseph or Enterprise, but prepare for limited connectivity at Wallowa Lake Camp. Cell service is unpredictable unavailable at the Camp for many carriers. Wi-fi is available, but limited to the area around Bailey Lodge.

**Getting Around:** It's a short walk—or a gorgeous hike—from camp to the many attractions surrounding Wallowa Lake. Lots of shopping, restaurants, museums, and art galleries can also be found a short six miles from camp in the town of Joseph or twelve miles away in Enterprise.

**Alcohol:** Wallowa Lake Camp allows discreet consumption of beer and wine. Please remember that this is an all-ages gathering with minors on site. If you choose to bring beverages, take a “leave no trace” approach and pack out all empty cans and bottles. We'll happily provide directions to the recycling center in Enterprise. On Friday night, beer and wine will be available for purchase during the happy hour before dinner.

**Smoking:** Smoking or vaping of any substance is not allowed at Wallowa Lake Camp. You can puff in public places off property but please keep Wallowa Lake beautiful and discard cigarette butts properly.


**Pets:** We love our pets but they are not allowed at camp. Some of the nearby cabin rentals do allow dogs. Check with them for availability.

**Books:** Have you published a book you want to make available at Summer Fishtrap? Our local bookstore, [The Bookloft](#), will have a table at Bailey Lodge featuring titles by faculty, guests, and participants. Contact Mary Swanson for details at [bookloft@eoni.com](mailto:bookloft@eoni.com).

**Music:** What would Fishtrap be without music? This year we hope the open mics and sunny afternoons are filled with melodious voices. If you like to play, bring instruments.


**Wallowa Lake Methodist Camp:** Summer Fishtrap has taken place at the [Wallowa Lake Methodist Camp](#) since the very first gathering in 1988. We ask everyone to be respectful of the camp's faith-based mission. The kitchen is staffed by volunteers and managed by dedicated camp directors, Peggy and David Lovegren. Please show them your appreciation.

## Map and Directions



### Map and directions to Summer Fishtrap at Wallowa Lake Camp & Retreat Center

(Formerly Wallowa Lake United Methodist Camp)



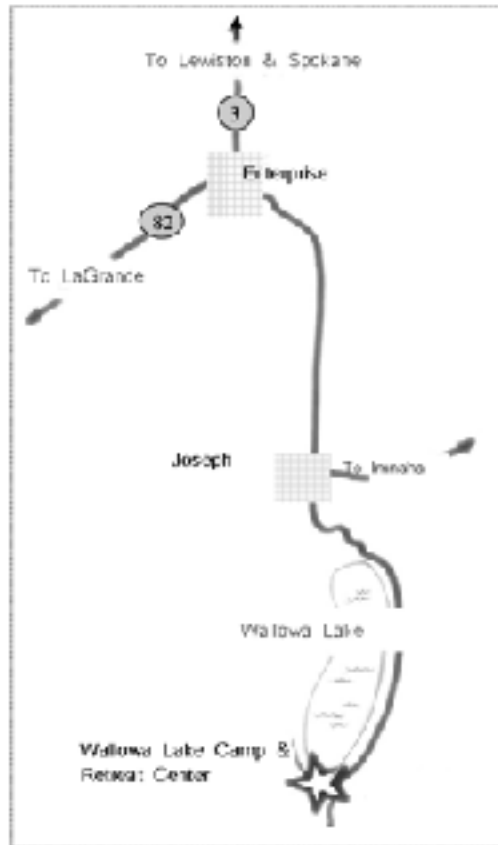
**Distance/Driving Times**

|            | <u>Miles</u> | <u>Hours</u> |
|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Boise      | 230          | 4 ¾          |
| Spokane    | 200          | 4            |
| Portland   | 320          | 6            |
| Seattle    | 365          | 7            |
| Lewiston   | 85           | 2            |
| Pendleton  | 115          | 2 ½          |
| Tri-Cities | 155          | 3 ½          |
| La Grande  | 75           | 2            |

**Directions:**

If you are using I-84, you leave the freeway at La Grande and take Route 82 to Wallowa Lake. From Lewiston or Spokane, Route 3 gets you to Enterprise where you pick up 82 to the lake.

Wallowa Lake Camp is located at the head of Wallowa Lake, approximately 6 miles from Joseph. Follow the highway through Joseph, continue along the shore of the lake. Go left at the "Y," past the Tramway, past the miniature golf, and turn right just opposite Vali's Delicatessen (watch for our sign).



## 2018 Summer Fishtrap Weeklong Schedule

*(Subject to change)*

The following is a brief look at the schedule and location of the Fishtrap facilitates throughout the week. Visit [fishtrap.org](http://fishtrap.org) for the latest updates to the schedule. At check-in, you'll receive a handy pocket guide with details that elaborate on these offerings, plus provide additional maps and information on activities. Unless otherwise noted, please meet at **Bailey Lodge** at Wallowa Lake Camp for everything—meals, off-camp departures, and all other scheduled programming.

### **Monday, July 9**

|             |                                |
|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 2:00-4:00pm | Check-In                       |
| 4:30pm      | Welcome & Workshop Orientation |
| 6:00-7:00pm | Dinner                         |
| 7:30pm      | Opening Program                |

### **Tuesday, July 10 – Friday, July 13**

|             |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7:30-8:30am | Breakfast                         |
| 9:00am-Noon | Writing Workshops                 |
| Noon-1:00pm | Lunch                             |
| 1:30-3:00pm | Presentations & Panel Discussions |
| 4:30-5:30pm | Open Mic Café                     |
| 6:00-7:00pm | Dinner                            |
| 7:30-9:00pm | Faculty Readings/Fri: Keynote     |
| 9:00pm      | Book Signings                     |



**Saturday, July 14**

|             |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7:30-8:30am | Breakfast                         |
| 9:00am-Noon | Final Writing Workshop            |
| Noon-1:00pm | Lunch                             |
| 1:30-3:00pm | Presentations & Panel Discussions |
| 4:30-5:30pm | Showcases                         |
| 5:00-6:00pm | Happy Hour                        |
| 6:00-7:00pm | Dinner                            |
| 7:30-9:00pm | Fishtrap Live                     |
| 9:00pm      | Book Signings                     |

**Sunday, July 15**

|             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 7:30-8:30am | Breakfast       |
| 9:00am      | Closing Address |
| 11:00 am    | Farewell        |

## 2018 Summer Fishtrap Weekend Gathering

*(Subject to change)*

### Friday, July 14

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 1:00-2:00pm | Weekend Participant Check-In     |
| 1:30-3:00pm | Panel Discussion                 |
| 4:30-5:30pm | Open Mic Café                    |
| 6:00-7:00pm | Dinner                           |
| 7:30-9:00pm | Keynote with Kathleen Dean Moore |
| 9:00pm      | Book Signing                     |

### Saturday, July 15

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 7:30-8:30   | Breakfast                                     |
| 9:00am      | Panel Discussion/Breakout Sessions/Activities |
| Noon-1:00pm | Lunch   |
| 1:30-3:00pm | Presentations & Panel Discussions             |
| 4:30-5:30pm | Showcases                                     |
| 5:00-6:00pm | Happy Hour                                    |
| 6:00-7:00pm | Dinner  |
| 7:30-9:00pm | Fishtrap Live                                 |

### Sunday, July 16

|             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 7:30-8:30am | Breakfast       |
| 9:00am      | Closing Address |
| 11:00 am    | Farewell        |