

Guidelines for Using a Dry Suit

Complete the following tasks before using a dry suit:

Please make a donation to the gasket repair fund.

Check for proper fit.

Check for rubbery, cracked and/or ripped gaskets, holes inside and outside, separated seams, broken zippers, and rips. Do not use a dry suit if it is damaged in any way.

Wear clothes under the dry suit, including socks.

On a relatively warm day, wear thin layers; you can always cool off in the river.

On a cold day, wear thicker layers, but remember that it is cold and it seems that no matter what you wear, you can still be cold.

Make sure the zippers are completely zipped; have someone check them. Do not use a dry suit if it has a ripped gasket.

Bring duct tape on your trip for emergency repairs.

Float in the river and feel for leaks. You may want to release some air from your dry suit through one of the gaskets so that you are able to swim more easily.

Complete the following tasks when finished with your dry suit:

Unzip all zippers

Moisten all latex gaskets with 303 Protectant.

If water has collected in the socks, turn inside out to dry.

Hang the dry suit in a way that facilitates air movement, i.e. not packed between other dry suits.