



# DOLORES RIVER PONDEROSA GORGE / SLICKROCK CANYON

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## DEPARTURE and RETURN TIMES

Please arrive 30-45 minutes before your trip departure time

**Departs**  
9:00 am

**Returns**  
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

## WHERE TO MEET COORDINATES

**Decimal Degrees:** 37.343902 / -108.59646  
**Degrees, Minutes & Seconds:** N 37 20 38 / W 108 35 47  
**GPS:** N 37 20.634 / W 108 35.788

## WHERE TO MEET

Travelodge Motel – 440 S Broadway, Cortez, CO, 81321 Phone 1-800-578-7878

You may leave your car parked here during our trip. Ask at the desk where you should park. We will transport you to the trip departure point by van or bus. At the trip's conclusion, you will be transported back to the Travelodge Motel.

## WHAT TO BRING

### DAY GEAR

- Do Not Wear Cotton on the River (no jeans or sweats)
- Wetsuit (available to rent – and Strongly recommended on this early season river)
- Splash Jacket (available to rent)
- Swimming Suit and/or Shorts
- Booties (available to rent) Tennis Shoes or Secure Sandals (no flip-flops or Crocs)
- Sunglasses with Securing Strap
- Hat or Visor
- Fleece Jacket or Synthetic Insulating Layer
- Waterproof Sunscreen
- Waterproof Camera (available for sale)
- Cash For Souvenirs and Tipping Your Guide
- Water Bottle (if you don't wish to share)

### CAMP GEAR

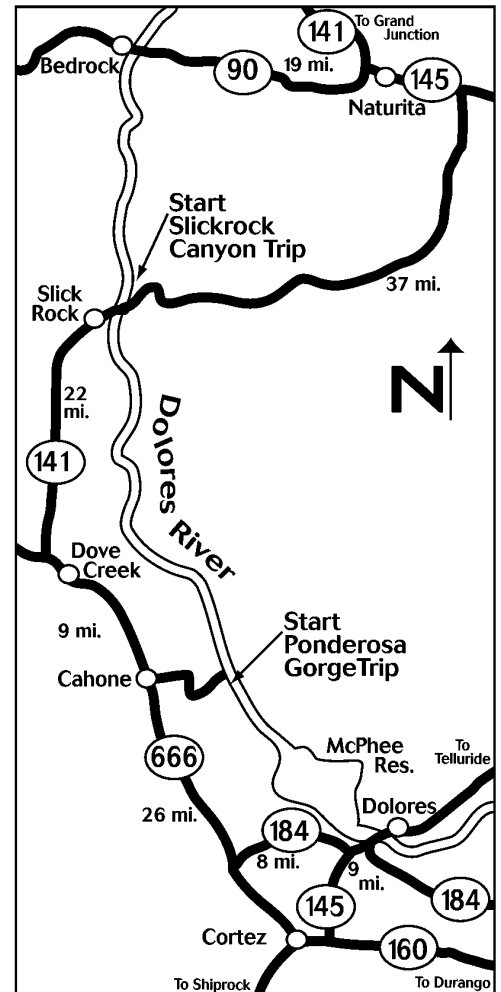
- Warm Sleeping Bag / Ground Pad (available to rent)
- Nylon Tent (available to rent)
- Warm Jacket
- Rain Jacket or Poncho
- Lightweight Boots or Tennis Shoes
- Change of Clothes and Small Towel
- Toiletries
- Headlamp or Flashlight
- Plastic Bag for Wet Clothes
- Favorite Beverage (Beer or Soda)
- Favorite Book or Toy

### ADVANCE RENTALS

Wetsuit - \$10/day (booties free with 2-day rental)  
 Splash Jacket - \$5/day  
 Booties - \$5/day  
 2-Man Tent - \$17/trip  
 Sleeping Bag w/ Ground Pad - \$15/trip  
 Self-Inflating Ground Pad Only - \$4/trip

## WE PROVIDE

- Meals from Lunch on the First Day Through Lunch on the Last Day
- Lemonade and Water with Meals and Hot Drinks in Camp
- Personal Waterproof Storage Bags
- All Kitchen & Group Camping Equipment
- Transportation Back to Your Car at the End of the Trip
- Professional Guides
- Rafting and Safety Equipment
- Portable Chemical Toilets
- Lots of Fun!



**ORIENTATION:** Prior to boarding your raft, you will receive a complete safety orientation.

**LIABILITY RELEASE:** Everyone will be required to sign a liability release form prior to trip departure. Youths not riding with their parents will need to provide a copy of our youth liability release signed by one or both parents. You can download a copy of our liability release from our website at [www.inaraft.com/pdf/youthliability.pdf](http://www.inaraft.com/pdf/youthliability.pdf)

**RIVER TIME:** The first day of the trip we are usually on the water by 10:30-11:00 am. The following days we are usually ready to be on the water by 9 am. We pull into camp between 3:30 and 5 pm, depending on water levels and amount of playtime. During the day we will pull over to scout rapids, eat lunch, and explore points of interest.

**MEALS:** We provide fresh hearty meals starting with lunch on the first day through lunch on the last day. Special diets can be accommodated upon request. Remember we provide only lemonade and water. If you would like to bring your own drinks in metal or plastic containers, please feel free. We will provide a place to carry them.

**CAMPING CONDITIONS:** All campsites are primitive-no plumbing or electricity. We provide a portable chemical toilet for use in camp. You may wash in the river.

**TIPPING:** Tipping is appropriate, particularly if you have received exceptional customer service. If you believe that a tip is appropriate we recommend an average tip of 10%-20% of your trip cost. We always appreciate hearing from you so that we can recognize extraordinary customer service and we also appreciate hearing from you if you feel that there are areas that we can improve upon. We strive to exceed your expectations!

**NON-SWIMMERS:** Many of our participants cannot swim. We provide U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices designed to float you face-up in whitewater. Personal floatation devices are required to be worn at all times.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** We do not provide alcohol on our trips, and alcohol is not permitted while on the river. On multi-day trips you may bring alcohol for consumption in camp but it must be in plastic or metal containers (no glass). Guests that have been drinking prior to their trip will not go on the river and will not receive a refund.

**DAY GEAR:** Each raft will carry a waterproof bag for your rain gear and small items that you may need during the day.

**DRINKING WATER:** We carry drinking water on each raft. If you don't wish to share with others, feel free to bring your own water bottle.

**SOUVENIR T-SHIRTS AND HATS-** These items will be available for sale at the conclusion of your trip.

**ALTITUDE:** You will be rafting at altitudes between 5000 and 6000 feet. Most people don't have serious problems here, but shortness of breath and dehydration are possible. Come a day or two early to acclimatize yourself if you can. We recommend that you drink plenty of water during your stay.

**FISHING:** Feel free to bring fishing gear! If there is space on an oar boat, you may fish from the raft even if you aren't on a "fishing only" trip. You may also fish at lunchtime and in camp. A lightweight rod is best for these 6-22 inch trout. 4-6 lb. test line is best. Bring several lures, as they tend to snag out of reach occasionally. Old standby lures include silver and brass colored #1, #2, or 1/6 oz. "Blue Foxes" and "Mepps" brands. You will need a Colorado fishing license, available at sporting goods and hardware stores. Licenses can be purchased for terms of 2 days or more.

**LITTER:** Please keep in mind that on our trip we will carry out all of our trash and whatever other trash we may find as we travel down the river. We appreciate your assistance in keeping the river clean and beautiful.

**PREGNANCY:** We cannot take you rafting if you are three months or more pregnant. This policy is for your own safety and that of your unborn child.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If you cancel more than 10 days prior to trip departure, we will refund all of your deposit less a \$50/person cancellation fee; if you cancel less than 10 days prior to trip departure, there is no refund. We reserve the right to reschedule, move or cancel any trip due to insufficient reservations or poor water levels.

**TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE:** If insurance is purchased, you may cancel up to 48 hours prior to your trip departure with no penalty. If you cancel within 48 hours but with at least one hour's notice we will give you trip credit in the form of a gift certificate good through the following season. Gift certificates cannot be extended beyond their expiration date. Cancellation insurance can be purchased at the time of your deposit for 10% of your trip total and is non-transferrable. Insurance does not cover no-shows.

## LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

### Motels

Travelodge..... 800-578-7878  
(This is where we meet and is most convenient)

Comfort Inn ..... 970-565-3400

Holiday Inn Express ..... 888-465-4329

Mesa Verde-Cortez Chamber .....800-253-1616

### Bed and Breakfast

Kelly Place .....800-745-4885

Grizzly Roadhouse..... 800-330-7286

A Bed & Breakfast on Maple Street.....800-665-3906

### Camping

Cortez-Mesa Verde KOA.....970-565-9301

## MORE WILDERNESS AWARE RIVERS

**North Platte River-** Flowing through the forested Northgate Wilderness Area, the North Platte is the best-kept secret in Colorado.

**Gunnison Gorge-** Scenery reminiscent of the Inner Gorge of the Grand Canyon makes the Gunnison a place not easily forgotten.

**Upper Colorado-** A good family trip, this mild whitewater float takes us through the steep, narrow Little Gore Canyon

**Arkansas River-** America's most popular rafting river. Trips range in duration from ½ to 5 days.

**Salt River, Arizona-** World-class whitewater, giant Saguaro cactus in bloom, and canyons carpeted in Sonoran Desert wildflowers.