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"Colorado Company of the Year"!

River: North Platte River

Trip: 1 – Day Northgate Canyon Whitewater Raft Trip, North Platte River, Class III – IV, 9 miles.

Meeting Place: 21 miles north of Walden, Colorado just off CO Hwy 125 just across the river to a road on the right marked "Route Access". The meeting place is a parking area about 1/2 mile down this road from the highway.

Times: Meeting time is 8:45am, trips depart at 9:30am. Get back to cars at about 4pm. River times outlined below are approximate.

Closest Major Airports: Steamboat Springs (HDN) – 1 hour, Vail-Beaver Creek (EGE) – 2 hours, Denver (DIA) – 5 hours.

Meals Provided: Delicious smorgasbord lunch along the river.

Season: May – Late June

Itinerary: Come explore the North Platte River and Northgate Canyon Wilderness on a great full-day trip, far removed from the hustle of the more crowded full day rivers in Colorado. The North Platte River is one of the best-kept secrets in Colorado.

Northgate Canyon wilderness is a forested canyon featuring Douglas Fir, Spruce and a variety of pine trees. The water boasts Gold Medal designation for its fishery and offers challenging Class III-IV whitewater. Close up views of majestic Bald Eagles only add to the exceptional beauty of this special place.

8:45 am: You will meet your guides at the Route Access where they will check you in and give you a pre-trip briefing. Given the remote location of this wilderness trip, we may ask that your driver follow our van to the take-out, about a 45 minute round trip drive. This will place our van at the "take-out", so it will be waiting for us at the trip's end. Next, the guides will outfit you in a Coast Guard approved life jacket and paddle. Your trip leader will give you a comprehensive orientation and safety talk with plenty of time for questions. You will have the confidence needed to handle anything that comes up during the trip.

9:30 am: You will have some mildwater time to practice before getting into the Class IV Windy Hole Rapid. This is a great warm up rapid for the more continuous whitewater section to come after lunch.

11:00 am: Depending on the nesting habits of the local bald eagles in this section, we may be able to stop and take a short, but very steep wildflower lined hike up to the remains of an Indian "wickiup". Dating from the 1800's this teepee shaped log structure will remind you of the long history of human habitation we often forget about in our modern world.

12:00 pm: After our hike, you'll be ready for a well-deserved lunch break. Enjoy some tasty hors d'oeuvres while the guides prepare a hearty deli-style lunch.

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1:00 pm: After you have filled your belly, we're off to the whitewater maelstrom that include Cowpie, the Narrows and Stovepipe. These rapids are steep with a boulder choked channel requiring aggressive maneuvering.

2:300 pm: We will arrive Six-Mile Gap where we bundle up our equipment and carry it a short distance to the edge of the vehicle-free wilderness area. Guides and the stronger folks on the trip will carry the rolled up rafts. Everyone else can carry the lighter equipment.

3:30 pm From there, we will make the short drive back to Route Access where your vehicle awaits.

4:00 pm: Back at the put-in you can change out of your river clothes and say good-bye to new found friends and reflect on this rapid-filled wilderness canyon trip. You may also choose to remember your trip with a T-shirt, hat or small souvenir. There is no better way to spend a day!