



Twice Named
“Colorado Company of the Year”!

River: Upper Colorado River

Trip: 2-Day Little Gore Canyon Raft Trip, Upper Colorado River, Class I-II, 20 miles.

Meeting Place: Pumphouse Recreation Area, 15 miles southwest of Kremmling, CO.

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

Closest Major Airports: Vail Eagle County Airport (EGE) 2 hours, Denver (DIA) – 3 hours.

Meals Provided: 2 Delicious smorgasbord lunches along the river, a hearty dinner, dessert and a full breakfast.

Season: June – September

Itinerary: The 2-day Little Gore Canyon raft trip is perfect for families with young children or those who are seeking a scenic river cruise. The Colorado River is in its infancy here as it meanders through the Gore Range.

8:45 am: You will meet your guides at the Pumphouse Access where they will check you in and give you a pre-trip briefing. The guides will be available to help pack your gear (camp clothing, toiletries, sleeping bag and pad) in a watertight overnight bag. Everyone gets their very own souvenir insulated coffee mug to keep after the trip. Tents are packed away separately. 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.

We also have the option to bring along the inflatable kayak or “ducky”. Paddled with a two bladed kayak paddle, the “ducky” allows you to take on the rapids individually. Be sure and request this at the time you make a reservation. We have both one-person and two-person “duckies” available on our trips. After a short training demonstration for those interested in duckies, donning a helmet, you will be ready to take on the rapids of the Upper Colorado River.

9:30 am: Shortly after you launch, the river cuts through the vertical Little Gore Canyon, composed mostly of beautiful red tinted rock. The scenery here is some of the finest in the state. Once you enter the Canyon, Class II Eye of the Needle will challenge your paddling skills and leave you with a grin on your face. Just a short time later we make a stop at Radium Hot Springs – a natural hot spring pool. As the day warms, there are opportunities to splash fight with new friends or even swim a rapid!

12:00 pm: At lunch alongside the river, our professional guides will prepare hors d’oeuvres and a hearty deli-style lunch and may even tell a tall-tale or two.

1:00 pm: After lunch, you may elect to try out the “ducky” through Yarmony rapid, Class II at lower flows and Class III at high flows. Don’t forget to look around at the beautiful layers of rock peppered with green pines. There are many animals you may see along the way – deer, birds-of-prey, perhaps even a bear!

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4:00 pm: Once we arrive at our riverside campsite, we unload all the rafts and have an opportunity to change into camp clothes and set up tents. Guides will be on-hand to assist with setting up your camp. After a brief camp orientation where you'll become acquainted with the "Groover", our solid waste toilet system and the camp routine, you will be free to take out your fishing pole, enjoy a refreshing swim, or simply breathe the pine-scented mountain air.

7:00 pm: After playing, relaxing or taking a quick nap, the guides will have put on their chef's hats and will have happy hour snacks ready, and shortly afterward will have hot dinner ready for you. Some of the dinner entrees we offer are: Grilled Chicken, Steak and Salmon, Stir-Fry, Lasagna, and Enchiladas, followed up with a Dutch-oven cake. This is not pork-and-beans camping! After dinner you can relax with a cup of cocoa or tea beside the campfire under a blanket of stars playing cards, telling ghost stories, and re-living your adventures from the river.

Day 2 – 7:00 am: In the morning, you'll wake up to the aroma of freshly brewed "Cowboy" coffee delivered to the door of your tent. When you get up, you'll see that camp is nearly in full swing and an array of fresh fruit, juice and other goodies available for you to nibble on. The smell of bacon in the air tells you breakfast is nearly ready. Our breakfast entrees may include blueberry pancakes, French toast, or Veggie eggs. After you eat, it's time to pack up your tent and overnight bags and re-load the rafts for the day's river adventure.

9:00 am: There is plenty of opportunity for fishing and swimming alongside the rafts on the fast moving but gentle river. Right above the midway point at Rancho del Rio, we have the option of taking a short hike to some well-preserved dinosaur footprints in the sandstone.

3:00 pm: Our ending point will be at the highway bridge at "State Bridge". We'll load up the equipment and the rafts in our vehicle and take you back to your car at Pumphouse.

4:00 pm: It's time to say good-bye to new found friends and reflect on this gorgeous canyon trip. You may also choose to remember your trip with a T-shirt, hat or pair of shorts. There is no better way to spend a day!