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Take a boat ride into the Black Canyon of the Gunnison

Join a park ranger for a leisurely 1½ hour boat tour on the Morrow Point Reservoir. You will travel into the famous Black Canyon of the Gunnison, learning about geology, wildlife, early inhabitants, the narrow-gauge railroad, dams, or reservoirs. Be sure to bring your camera!

Schedule

Tours operate twice daily, except Tuesdays, from early June to early September, at 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Start and end dates may vary based on water conditions.

Reservations

Prepaid reservations are required, and can be made in person at the Elk Creek Visitor Center, US Highway 50, milepost 142. Reservations can also be made by calling (970) 641-2337, extension 205.

Fees

Adults	 \$24.00
Children (12 and under)	 \$12.00



Ride through the upper Black Canyon on the Curecata II, a 42 passenger pontoon boat.

Directions

Tours begin at the Pine Creek boat dock, accessed from the Pine Creek Trail at US Highway 50, milepost 130 (35 miles east of Montrose and 25 miles west of Gunnison).

From the Pine Creek Trail parking area, you will walk down 232 stairs, then enjoy an easy 3/4-mile scenic walk along the old narrow-gauge rail bed before reaching the boat dock. We suggest departing the trailhead one hour prior to the tour, or more time for a slower pace. Plan to meet the ranger at the boat dock 30 minutes before your tour; tours begin promptly at the scheduled departure time.

Be Prepared

Dress for the Colorado mountains, where a warm sunny day can quickly become cold and stormy. Bring drinking water, snacks, sun protection, rain gear, and your camera.

For security reasons, carry-on bags and packs are subject to search. All passengers under 13 are required to wear a Personal Flotation Device (provided). Pets, smoking, firearms, and alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the boat.

Accessibility

Due to the rugged nature of the trail leading to the boat dock, the boat tour is inaccessible to most visitors with mobility impairments. Accommodations can be provided for alternative programs with a two week notice. Accommodations for visitors with hearing impairments can also be made with a two week notice.

For More Information

Please contact the Elk Creek Visitor Center at (970) 641-2337, extension 205 or by email at cure_info@nps.gov.