

Dinosaur National Monument

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Boating in the Monument

2015 Information and Regulations



Running S.O.B. Rapid on
the Green River
Photo by Jacob W. Frank

Whitewater rafting is a popular way to experience the remote canyons in Dinosaur National Monument. The Green and Yampa Rivers should never be mistaken for placid rivers. When John Wesley Powell floated the river in 1869, the scenery enthralled his group, but the rapids caused him great anguish as boats overturned, men were hurt, and supplies were lost. Even today, many boats end up pinned on rocks, their boatmen bruised and battered. For that reason, permit holders, boatmen, and trip leaders must have previous experience on comparable rivers. Depending on the water level, some rapids are rated as high as Class 4.

Boating permits are limited to protect the natural and cultural resources and leave the river canyons unimpaired for future boaters. The following rules and regulations have been put in place to assure that all travelers on the river will have a safe, peaceful, and memorable trip. You must know the rules and regulations encompassed in this booklet and inform all persons participating in your boating trip of them. You are accountable not only for yourself, but for all the members of your group. Violators may receive a citation and/or become ineligible for future permits.

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Definition of a Non-Commercial River Trip

Non-commercial boating permits will be allocated to individuals or organizations whose proposed trip meets the following criteria:

- 1) There is a bona fide sharing of cost where *no* part of the fees are:
 - a. collected in excess of actual costs of the trip
 - b. for salary or financial gain in any manner for any of the group, its leaders, or sponsors.
 - c. for capital increase of the major equipment or facilities used on the trip.
- 2) Boatmen and other crew may not be paid in ANY manner. Any or all goods, activities, services, agreements, or anything offered to park visitors and/or the general public for recreational purposes, which uses park resources, is undertaken for or results in compensation, monetary gain, benefit, or profit to an individual, organization, or corporation is considered a commercial enterprise.
- 3) There is no media or direct mail advertising or soliciting for trip participants.



Running Moonshine Rapid.
Photo by Greg Gatrell

Forms of Payment Accepted

Fees for trips that were not paid at the time of reservation (through recreation.gov or otherwise & excepting over length fees) may be paid by credit card (Master Card, Visa, Discover, or American Express) by calling the River Office, Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – Noon, mountain time. We also accept personal checks, cashier’s checks, or money orders made out to ‘National Park Service.’ Please include your permit number on your check or money order and mail to (see page 4 for amounts due):

Dinosaur National Monument

River Office

4545 Highway 40

Dinosaur, CO 81610

Phone: (970) 374-2468

8:00 AM - Noon, Monday thru Friday

FAX: (970) 374-3050

Fees and Deposits

All fees and deposits, except over-length fees, are nonrefundable.

Application Fee

A \$15 application fee must be submitted with the lottery application. Unsuccessful lottery applicants may request a one time \$15 application fee credit toward a 2015 multi-day permit issued through the call-in process. One-day Split Mountain trips are not eligible for the lottery application fee rollover. The \$15 application fee must be paid immediately upon booking a trip by non-lottery participants for either 1-day or multi-day trips. See page 3 for how to pay.

Multi-Day Trips

The permit fee for a multi-day trip is \$185. If the fee was not paid at the time of booking, the permit fee is due no later than one month prior to the launch date or the trip will be cancelled. If the trip is picked up through the cancellation process and is less than 30 days away, the \$185 permit fee must be paid at the time of booking—no exceptions. See page 3 for how to pay.

One-Day Trips

Split Mountain trips are available for booking through recreation.gov. The permit fee for a 1-day trip is \$20 which is due at the time of booking. See page 3 for how to pay.

Over-Length Trip Fee

During the high-use season, the normal trip length for river trips is 5 days on the Yampa River and 4 days on the Green River. If the permit holder wishes to apply for an extra day on either river, you must send a separate check in with your confirmation form in the amount of \$35. It must be separate from your payment for the permit fee to ensure that the river office can send it back to you if we are unable to accommodate your request for an over-length trip. This is also why we only accept checks (no credit cards) for over-length fees. Over-length trip requests cannot be determined or itineraries assigned until campsites are assigned for all other permits, and it is determined that there is room for an over-length trip. See page 3 for how to pay.

Entrance Fees

Park entrance fees are not included in your permit. Currently, the entrance fee is \$10 per vehicle, unless you have a valid Federal park pass.

Campground Fees

Boating permit fees do NOT include camping fees when you are at Gates of Lodore, Deerlodge Park, Green River, or Split Mountain Campgrounds prior to putting on the river or after taking off. Camping at Gates of Lodore, Deerlodge Park, or Rainbow Park prior to launch is first come, first served. Split Mountain group campsites and some sites at Green River Campground are available for reservation through www.recreation.gov. Please see information about camping fees at all put-in campgrounds.

Requirements and Regulations

Boating within Dinosaur National Monument is by Permit Only

All individuals boating within Dinosaur National Monument must have a valid and complete Confirmation Form on file and possess a permit issued by the River Office. Permits are non-transferable and are for one launch only. (Please see page 11 for more information on play permits for those sections upstream of the Gates of Lodore or Deerlodge Park boat ramps or downstream of the Split Mountain boat ramp).

Individuals Can Have Only One Application in the High Use Lottery System and Can Be Listed No More Than Once Within Each Lottery

Having more than one application in the Lottery System will result in any trip acquired through that lottery being forfeited.

Individuals Can Have Only One Multi-Day Permit at a Time

A person may only hold one multi-day permit in their name at any time. This includes all high-use and low-use multi-day trips.

Launch and Take Out Dates & Locations

Permit holders must launch their trips on the date and at the location listed on their permit. Likewise, they may only take out on the date and at the location listed on their permit. Permit holders may change the launch date ONE TIME if the request is made more than two weeks prior to the originally scheduled launch date and another date is available.

One High-Use Trip per Year

All noncommercial participants are limited to a maximum of one high-use trip per year through any portion of the multi-day section of the Green or Yampa Rivers within Dinosaur National Monument. Participation by the trip leader/permittee or any other planned member of a group on any prior noncommercial river trip within the same year will result in that person's disqualification from holding a permit in the Monument for the rest of that year and the subsequent year. This rule may be waived by the NPS in cases where the high use trip was picked up as a cancellation less than two weeks prior to the launch date. Individuals may be the permit holder and/or passenger on as many 1-day and low-use multi-day trips as they wish.

Wearing Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)

Every person on board any vessel shall wear a Coast Guard approved type I, III, or V PFD at all times, except PFDs may be loosened or removed by persons 13 years of age or older between Cove Campsite and Rainbow Park boat ramp. The USCG may be revamping regulations in 2015.

Age requirement for Permit Holders and Lottery Applicants

Lottery applicants, permit holders, and trip leaders must be 18 years or older by any requested launch date.

Permit Violations and Penalties

Permit holders who violate the terms and conditions of their permit (which are outlined in this booklet) may receive a criminal penalty and/or have their privileges to hold a permit in the park revoked. Violations of the permit fall under 36 CFR and the Superintendent's Compendium. Maximum fine can be up to \$5000 and/or up to six months in prison.

Trip Leader/Qualifying Boatman Experience

The trip leader and boatmen must have a working knowledge of white water safety, general first aid, river equipment repair, and the techniques of white water navigation. The trip leader must be at least 18 years of age. Experience on the Green and Yampa Rivers in Dinosaur National Monument or on other comparable class III or higher white water rivers is mandatory (such as the Rogue, Selway, North Platte, Grand Canyon, Westwater, and others). It is preferable that the trip leader or another member of the party be familiar with the rivers within Dinosaur National Monument.

Trip Size and Travel Together

Noncommercial river trips shall include no more than 25 persons (total includes the trip leader/permittee and all passengers) at any point on the trip. People traveling under one permit must launch, travel, camp and takeout together (within sight & sound).

Trip Lengths

During high-use, the normal trip length on the Green River is four days and on the Yampa River it is five days. If the permit holder requests and is granted an over-length trip, the number of days can be extended to five days on the Green, and six days on the Yampa River. During low-use season the maximum trip length for the Green River is six days, and seven days for the Yampa River. An extra charge is required for extra days (see page 4). Trips may never exceed the trip lengths listed on the permit. The length of the permit cannot be changed after the permit has been issued.

Permits are Not Transferable

Noncommercial permits are *not transferable*. The permittee must accompany the entire river trip. **If the original permittee is disqualified from the trip or cannot go on the trip for any other reason, the noncommercial trip will be cancelled.** This rule may be waived by the NPS in cases where documentation is provided for death or serious medical cases only. The NPS will make its decision on a case-by-case basis.

Passenger Lists

An accurate passenger list must be on file in the River Office three business days prior to launch. Once the permit is issued, increases in the number of people travelling on your permit are not allowed. Additions or substitutions to the passenger list will not be allowed at the launch site.

Trip Checkout Form and Required Identification/Documentation

All permit holders must present a valid photo identification (i.e. driver license, state issued identification, or passport) to the ranger during the check-in inspection. The permit holder must also present their permit, which they are required to have with them for the duration of the trip. In addition to the permit, the permit holder is **required** to have a copy of their 2015 Boater's Information Booklet and a copy of their passenger list. **Without these items, the trip will be subject to citation and/or administrative penalty.** If a ranger is not available at your permit launch point, the permit holder must complete a trip check-in form found near the kiosk at the boat ramp before departing. Permit holders must always turn their permit in on the boat ramp at the takeout.

Cancelling Trips

It is the permit holder's responsibility to notify the River Permit Office of their inability to use their scheduled launch date. All fees are nonrefundable. A no-show will result in an administrative penalty, as will cancellation within two weeks of the launch date.

Permit Holder and Member Responsibility

The permit holder must complete all portions of the permit application procedure and is directly responsible for the actions of his/her party. Failure by the permit holder or any member of the group to adhere to any of these regulations may result in revocation of the permit, citation of the permit holder and/or members, and possible administrative decision that may affect future use on the Green and Yampa Rivers within Dinosaur National Monument. Permits must be reserved and issued more than 48 hours prior to launch. This rule may be waived if the permit holder comes to the river office.

Generator Use

Because the river corridors are Recommended Wilderness, generators may only be used on boat ramps at the launch and take-out points.

Echo Park

Due to high use at Echo Park, please tie boats as closely together as possible. Any use of the river access other than day hiking requires prior approval.

Ranger River Patrols

An NPS ranger may, on occasion, travel with or inspect noncommercial parties to ensure compliance with permit conditions and to provide additional safety through major rapids. Rangers may request information, such as a copy of your permit, passenger list, and regulations. It is the permit holder's responsibility to have these items present. Rangers carry radios and satellite phones and are able to call in additional resources if there is an emergency.

Pets

Pets are not permitted on river trips.

Resource Protection

Natural or historical features, such as rocks, old mining artifacts, fossils, flowers, antlers, or Indian artifacts, may not be removed or disturbed. Removing, disturbing, or defacing natural, historic, cultural, or archeological features is prohibited. Shooting, trapping, molesting, or feeding wildlife is prohibited. Please report wildlife observations (date, locations, time) on the back of the river permit. Picking or gathering of plants is prohibited.

Fishing

Fishing is permitted, subject to all state regulations and licenses of the state in which the person is fishing. Anyone fishing must have a valid Colorado and/or Utah fishing license, depending upon the state in which they fish. People fishing should also be familiar with the rules and guidelines regarding the handling of endangered and/or exotic fish of concern. An illustrated guide to the endangered and exotic fish of concern in the monument can be downloaded from the Non-Commercial River Rafting page on the Dinosaur National Monument website.

Abandonment of property

Property left more than 24 hours or that interferes with visitor safety may be impounded by the Superintendent at any time. The owner of record or the permit holder may be liable for any charges associated with removal of property. Recovery of property must be coordinated through the river office.

Day Hikes and Lunch Spots

Please be aware of others' needs if you stop for lunch at campsite landings as the campsite may be assigned to the group behind you for the evening. If you stop for lunch at high-use trail heads or scouting locations, please ensure that others can still use these locations. There are day hike boat parking locations at Rippling Brook (250 ft downstream of the campsite at Rippling Brook 1) and Jones Hole (between Jones Hole 3 and Jones Hole 4). At Echo Park, please try not to block the access to the river.

Firearms and Other Weapons

The possession of firearms must comply with state law; however, the use of firearms is prohibited. The possession or use of other weapons, explosives, and fireworks is prohibited.

Alcohol and Other Controlled Substances

Boating under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance is prohibited. All underage drinking is prohibited.



Hikers in Signature Cave
Photo by Scott Sterling

Required Equipment Checklist

It is the permittees responsibility to ensure that all required equipment is fully functional.

Adult Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)

Type I, Type III, or Type V Coast Guard approved life jackets must be properly worn by each participant while on any craft in the river (except from Cove Campsite to Rainbow Park boat ramp on the Green River). Type III & Type V life jackets must be approved for white water activities (rafting, paddling, etc.), must have a static shell with a minimum inherent buoyancy of 15.5 lbs (for adults), must be appropriate for size and weight of the user, and must be in good condition. PFDs showing excessive signs of wear will not be approved for use. Horse-collar type life jackets and ski and fishing vests are not acceptable.

Child PFDs

Children must properly wear an appropriately-sized, Coast Guard approved, Type III or V PFD rated for their weight with a static shell and a minimum inherent buoyancy of 11 lbs at all times. Horse-collar type life jackets and ski and fishing vests are not acceptable. You must bring a spare child-size PFD for all trips with children. All children under 13 must wear a pfd at all times.

Spare PFDs

Spare PFDs must be a Type I, Type III, or Type V life jacket of an appropriate size and weight for the potential users, which includes spare PFDs for children. Each oar boat, dory, or paddleboat must carry a spare PFD. In addition, if there are small craft, see the table below:

Number of Small Craft	Number of Spare PFDs Required
1-5	1
6-10	2
11-15	3

Spare Oars/Paddles

One spare oar for each raft or dory, one spare paddle for every paddle raft, and one spare paddle for every three kayaks, canoes, or standup paddlers must be carried. Paddles designed to be strapped to or worn on the hands meet this requirement. If there are fewer than three kayaks or canoes as part of the trip, one extra paddle is required. Spare paddles and life jackets for canoes, kayaks, and standup paddlers may be carried on a support boat.

Toilet Containers

Each group must carry and use at least one container toilet system that is washable, reusable, and will not leak when inverted to carry out human waste on multi-day trips. It must be accessible for use during the day. **Bag systems (such as wag bags or PET systems) are not permitted.** Toilet systems are strongly recommended, but not required, on 1-day trips. (see also page 20)

Spray Skirts and Flotation

Water-tight spray skirts and flotation for each hard shelled kayak and/or decked canoe are required.

Strainer

A mesh strainer for dishwater and ashes is required for multi-day trips, but not on 1-day trips.

Kitchen Floor Tarp

Kitchen floor tarps must be placed under food preparation and serving tables to leave the beach free of food scraps.

Fire Pan

Fire pans must be elevated a minimum of four inches off the ground. Fire pans must be a minimum size of 100 square inches with at least a 3-inch rim. Fire pans must be elevated at least four inches off the ground with legs, rocks, or other items. Kayaks or canoes without raft support may substitute a gas stove. If there is a type I fire ban in the monument, fire pans are not required.

Fire Blanket

A fireproof tarp, blanket, or welder's cloth must be carried and placed under the fire pan. It must be of sufficient size to catch coals and ashes around the fire pan. One-day trips are only required to have a fire pan and fire blanket if building a fire.

Bailing Device

Each boat with a non-self bailing floor must carry a bailing device.

Flotation for Open Dories and White Water Canoes

Open dories and white water canoes must have securely attached flotation equal to two-thirds of volume or eight cubic feet.

Decked Dories

Closed or decked dories must have leak-proof, sealed chambers.

Helmets

Helmets are required for all canoeists, kayakers (including inflatable kayaks), and standup paddlers and must be worn in all named rapids, including: Teepee, Little Joe, Five Springs, Big Joe, Warm Springs, Winnie's Rapid, Disaster Falls, Harp Falls, Triplet, Hell's Half Mile, Greasy Pliers, Moonshine, SOB, Schoolboy, and Inglesby. Bike helmets are not appropriate. You must carry one spare helmet for every five craft.

Type IV Device

One throw able Type IV device, seat cushion, or throw bag per boat 16' or longer is required.

Rescue Kit

One rescue kit (aka sweep kit or z-drag kit—see definition on page 24) containing adequate gear to rescue a trapped boat for each group is required. Participants should have knowledge of river rescue techniques.

First Aid kits

One major first aid kit for the entire group and one basic first aid kit for each boat on the trip must be carried (see definitions on page 23).

Boat Repair Kits

Repair kits suitable for each type of boat on the trip are required.

Air Pump

An air pump is required in each group with inflatable boats.

Paperwork

A current copy of the 2015 Information and Regulations booklet, an accurate passenger list that matches the one on file in the river office, and a permit for launch signed by the river office are required to be readily available at all times.



A male bighorn sheep dashes across the Green River. Photo by Chris Dach

Play Permits

A permit is required to boat into the monument from above Gates of Lodore or Deerlodge. Play permits for launches above these locations are only issued by the River Office, or by the ranger at the Lodore boat ramp. This play permit allows groups to launch upstream of Dinosaur National Monument to begin their multi-day trip through the monument. One play permit each day will be issued for groups who wish to take out at Lodore or Deerlodge after 2 PM.

A separate play permit is required for boating below Split Mountain Gorge. Play permits for boating below Split Mountain Gorge are free and are issued by the River Office or at the Quarry Visitor Center seven miles north of Jensen, Utah. No advanced reservations are necessary.

Map of the Rivers

Distances in Dinosaur National Monument

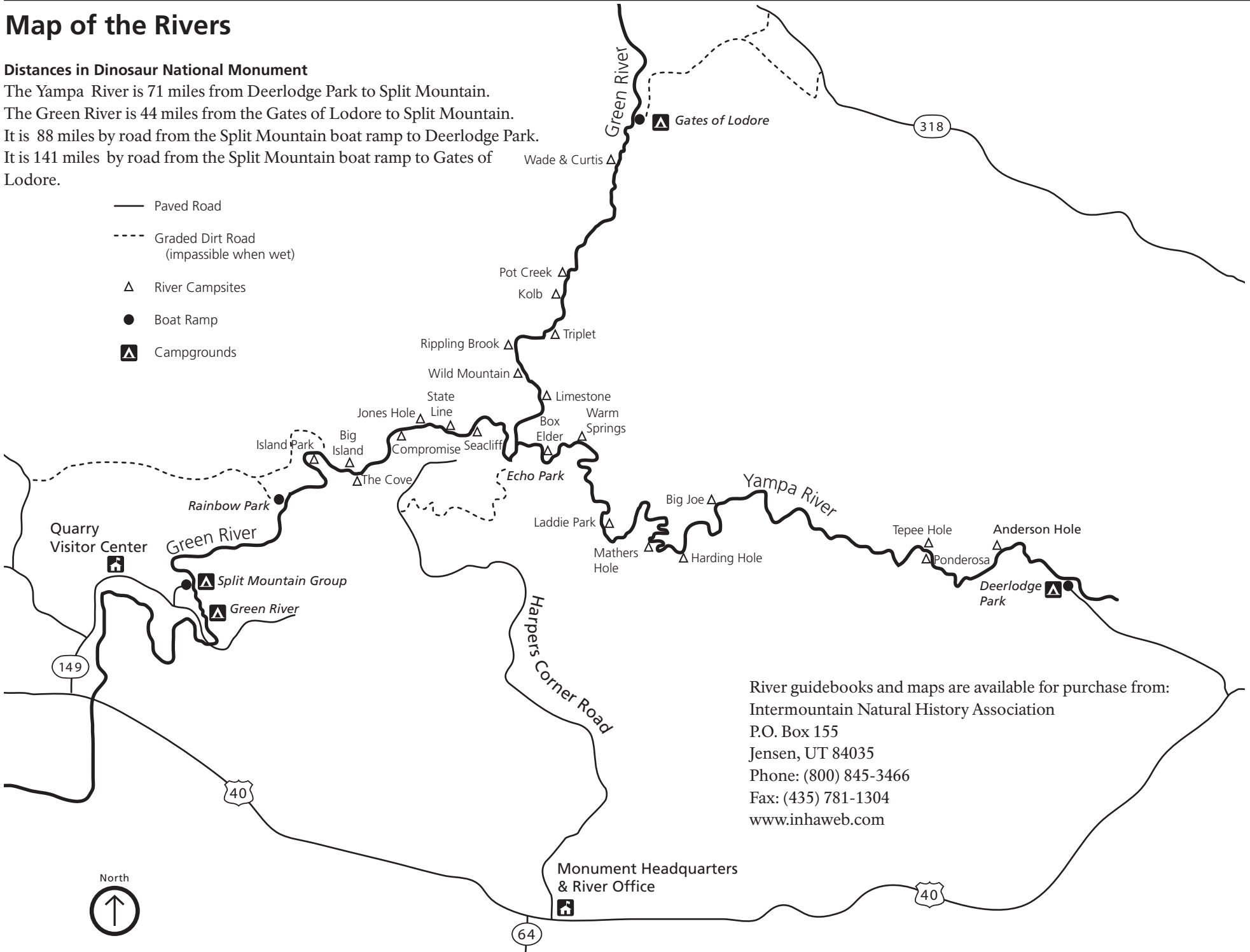
The Yampa River is 71 miles from Deerlodge Park to Split Mountain.

The Green River is 44 miles from the Gates of Lodore to Split Mountain.

It is 88 miles by road from the Split Mountain boat ramp to Deerlodge Park.

It is 141 miles by road from the Split Mountain boat ramp to Gates of Lodore.

- Paved Road
- - - Graded Dirt Road
(impassible when wet)
- △ River Campsites
- Boat Ramp
- ▲ Campgrounds



River guidebooks and maps are available for purchase from:
 Intermountain Natural History Association
 P.O. Box 155
 Jensen, UT 84035
 Phone: (800) 845-3466
 Fax: (435) 781-1304
www.inhawebsite.com

Camping Regulations

During high-use season (May 11 to September 11, 2015), camp only in campsites assigned by the River Office. During low-use season, boaters may choose when completing their paperwork which designated campsites they wish to stay at; sites are available first-come, first-served and river office will inform if there are conflicts.

1. Campsites must be packed up, and boats loaded and moved out of landings by noon to allow the next group to occupy the site. Adhere to Leave-No-Trace principles, and leave your campsite as you found it or better.
2. If not assigned a campsite at Jones Hole, use the day-use area between Jones Hole campsites #3 and #4 for short stops. If not assigned a campsite at Rippling Brook, use the day use area between the two campsites.
3. During a river trip, camping is not permitted at Echo Park, Rainbow Park, or in the Split Mountain Gorge.
4. Do not expand trails, enlarge camping areas, or trench camp or tent sites.
5. The use of kitchen ground tarps to minimize and concentrate impacts and collect food crumbs is required and a kitchen ground tarp is required equipment (see pg 10).
6. Fire residue must be strained before being deposited in the main river current. All floatable and strained fire residue must be carried out. A fire pan and fire blanket are required equipment (see page 10)
7. Human waste must be carried down river in an approved container (see page 20).
8. Pack out all trash along the river and at Deerlodge Park, Gates of Lodore, and Echo Park.
9. Only one permitted group per campsite. A maximum of 25 river trip participants per site is allowed on private trips.
10. When you are in an area with multiple campsites, remember to respect your neighbors. Quiet hours are between 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Each group must remember to stay within their assigned, designated site; do not spill over to the next site.
11. The Superintendent may close campsites for resource management or safety concerns (such as bighorn sheep lambing season, bear activity, or wildland fires).
12. Do not collect firewood in campsites (see firewood restrictions on page 21).

Watercraft Types and Quantity

Inflatable Rafts and Dories

If used on a private trip, the names of commercial river running companies on watercraft must be covered for the duration of the trip.

Cataract boats and inflatable rafts must have at least four separate chambers. Solo 2-chambered crafts are prohibited, but can be permitted when they are adjunct to a 4-chambered support boat. Rafts longer than 19 feet without frame and oars are prohibited. Drift boats without secure, appropriate flotation or sealed chambers are prohibited. Tying in some air mattresses does not meet this requirement.

Other Inflatable Crafts

Inflatable kayaks, packrafts, ‘shredders,’ paddlecats, ‘mini-mes,’ or ‘stingers,’ with three separate air chambers, designed for white water use, are approved for use in the Monument. Craft must be made from robust materials like Hypalon, Urethane, Neoprene, or PVC.

Conventional rowboats, foldboats, swimming pool type rafts and toys, inner tubes, air mattresses, and other similarly flimsy crafts are prohibited. Rangers have final discretion when approving crafts for launch.

Fiberglass or Plastic Whitewater Canoes, Kayaks, and Stand-Up Paddleboards

Kayaks and canoes must be in good condition, and the front deck must be reinforced with extra layers or a sturdy brace. Kayaks must have a hard shell and must be designed for white water use. In addition, a leak-proof spray skirt, made out of neoprene or a similar material, must be used. Stand-up paddleboards and riverboards suitable for white water are also approved for use. All trips must have the capacity to carry the minimum equipment required (see Equipment and Sanitation sections). Open or canvas-decked canoes are acceptable provided paddlers have extensive high-volume river experience. Canoes must have sturdy reinforcements and adequate flotation.

Motorized Watercraft

Motor-powered boats, except for those authorized for administrative use, are prohibited on the Green and Yampa Rivers within Dinosaur National Monument.

Watercraft Capacities

Exceeding passenger carrying capacities on boats is prohibited. Capacities for boats shall be determined from manufacturers’ specifications. As a general guideline, capacity may be determined by the dimensions of the boat (approximately 22 square feet per person for boats with frames and oars or approximately 18 square feet per person for paddled craft).

Emergency Information and Incident Reports

Communication and Signaling

A satellite telephone or ground-to-air radio transceiver is recommended (although not required) equipment. In the event of an emergency, please dial one of the following numbers to connect with the appropriate 911 dispatch center:

Above Echo Park, call the Craig, CO dispatch at (970) 824-6501

Below Echo Park, call the Vernal, UT dispatch at (435) 789-4222

Main Park phone number: (435) 781-7700, seven days/week during business hours

If you are not carrying a satellite phone, be aware that river rangers and many outfitters carry emergency communication equipment. Additionally, an emergency radio is located on the south exterior wall of the ranger station at Echo Park.

Requirement to Report Incidents

Any incidents resulting in injury, death, or disappearance of any participant or property damage greater than \$2000 must be reported to Dinosaur National Monument within 24 hours or as soon as practical.



The Milky Way above Anderson Hole. Photo by Jacob W. Frank

Safety Recommendations

1. Trip leaders should review river safety procedures with the entire group before and during the trip, including what to do if you fall out of the boat.
2. Always properly wear an approved life jacket, protective footwear, and appropriate clothing.
3. Stand up only in shallow, calm water.
4. Keep hands and legs inside the boat to avoid crushing limbs between boats and obstacles.
5. Tie gear inside the boat to avoid injuries in the event the boat flips. “Rig to flip!”
6. Allow the group ahead of you to pass through a rapid before you enter it.
7. Bring more medication than you expect to use. Bring medications for all known allergies. Consider storing medications in two different locations, so if you lose some due to an accident, you will still have some.
8. Bring enough drinking water for the entire trip. Do not drink water from natural sources without treating appropriately.
9. Be prepared for temperature extremes. Protect skin from sun and be prepared for cold night temperatures. Snow is not uncommon in spring, early summer, and fall.
10. During lightning storms, stay away from metal objects, solitary trees, and high elevations. Lightning can also strike the water and inner canyons. Watch for flash floods when camping near the mouth of side canyons. Immediately move to high ground if you suspect a flash flood.
11. Due to swift currents, sharp drop-offs, sandbars, and other unseen hazards, swimming is not recommended. If you are swimming, you should wear a PFD.
12. Inquire about the availability of water at Gates of Lodore, Deerlodge Park, Echo Park, and Split Mountain before your trip.
13. ‘SPOT’ communicators or Personal Locator Beacons work intermittently in the canyon corridors. It can take a couple days for the message to be relayed to anyone in the Monument.
14. Be aware of the placement of your tents and kitchens; box elders and cottonwoods have a propensity to lose limbs, sometimes unexpectedly. Also, be aware of the potential for rockfall from cliffs near your camp.
15. Dinosaur National Monument is bear country: be very bear aware while camping along the river. Store your food appropriately so that we do not create habituated bears.

Launch Ramp and Take-Out Procedures

1. **The permit holder is required to check in with the ranger on duty prior to unloading equipment on the launch ramp.** Please look for the ranger at the launch ramp or office. If a ranger is not available, please fill out a self check-in form found at the information kiosk and deposit it in the box near the boat ramp.
2. **Only one designated lane may be occupied by a group to unload or load gear at the launch site or take out sites.** After unloading or loading is complete, vehicles must be moved to the parking lot. Please limit your time on the ramps to 30 minutes.
3. Due to the congestion at the launch ramps, rigging between the hours of 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM will be only for those trips leaving that day. Please do not operate radios or tape players on the ramp.
4. Vehicles at Deerlodge Park must be parked along the paved road above the campground. Vehicles parked in other areas will be towed.
5. Bathing, washing dishes, and sleeping in the launch ramp rest rooms is prohibited. The water spigots near the rest rooms are only to be used to fill water containers.
6. Preparation and cooking of meals or setting up tables on the ramp is prohibited.
7. **Sleeping, camping, and/or overnight parking is not allowed on the launch ramp or the sandbar.** Instead, use the Gates of Lodore or Deerlodge Park campgrounds and pay the campground fee.
8. One-day trips must launch from Rainbow Park before 1:00 PM to minimize congestion at the Split Mountain boat ramp. A 1-day permit may only be used once; groups may not travel the 1-day section more than one time in a day.

Shuttle Companies

Three licensed companies run shuttles for rafters within Dinosaur National Monument:

River Runners Transport, Inc.
www.riverrunnerstransport.com
(800) 930-7238
(435) 781-4919

Wilkins Bus Lines
www.wilkinsbuslines.com
(435) 789-2476
(435) 828-6660

Flaming Gorge Resort
www.flaminggorgeresort.com
(435) 889-3773

Environmental Protection and Sanitation Requirements

Refuse

Please keep a clean campsite. Cans, rubbish, and other refuse may not be discarded in the water or along the shore of the river in side canyons, trails, or any other portions of the canyon. **All refuse material must be carried out.** Directly strain liquid garbage and dishwater into the river through a rigid fine-mesh screen capable of holding small food particles; place the solids in garbage bags which are stored in an animal proof container. Use the acceptable disposal containers located at Split Mountain boat ramp or remove trash completely from the monument. Do NOT put garbage into the groover dump station.

Crushing food and beverage cans must be done on a tarp or below the high water line in a manner that will not leave food particles, liquids, or paper on the beach. The trip leader must ensure that participants properly dispose of refuse. Kitchen floor tarps must be placed under food preparation and serving tables to leave the beach free of food scraps.

Wildlife

You are camping in bear country. All food, garbage, and equipment used to cook or store food **must** be kept sealed in a container that is constructed of solid, non-pliable materials. Proper food storage will also help keep smaller animals, such as skunks, from causing issues at river campsites.

Do not leave trash in your vehicle at the put-in or the take out, or in the vault toilets. This can habituate local wildlife, including chipmunks, squirrels, mice, skunks, and bears to human food.



Approaching Tiger Wall on the Yampa River
NPS Photo

Use Of Soap

Use of soap in side streams or within 100 yards of any side stream junction with Dinosaur National Monument is **prohibited**. The use of solar showers must occur in the main flow of the Green and Yampa rivers. You must stand in the main flow of the river to rinse off with a solar shower. The biodegradable dishwashing setup should be placed in the wet sand below the high water mark or in such a way as to leave the beach free of soap and food spillage.

Portable Toilets

All river runners must carry their solid human waste out of the river corridor. A waste carry-out system will accompany all multi-day trips on the river. The toilet system must provide for secure containment and an adequate volume of storage. The river trip toilet system must be the washable, reusable type allowing for the sanitary transfer of waste materials to septic vaults or sewage treatment facilities. Plastic or metal waste containers must be sturdy enough to withstand strong impact, and they must have a leak proof lid (even when inverted). This system must be approved by Dinosaur National Monument. Your toilet system must be accessible during the day. The use of bag systems (such as WagBags or PET) for transporting human waste is prohibited

URINATE IN THE RIVER OR IN THE TOILET. If you must urinate while hiking away from the river, go “HIGH and FAR” at least 100 feet from trails, backcountry campsites, and side streams, to avoid the buildup of urine. Due to the impact of high volumes of people visiting the same areas, when hiking away from your river camp, bag all human waste (feces) and bring it back to your river camp and deposit it in your reusable toilet.

Only put feces, urine, and toilet paper in the washable reusable container, not feminine hygiene products or baby wipes of any kind. The park uses a septic system and these items are not appropriate for a septic system. Do not burn toilet paper.

The number of containers needed is dependent on the number of people and the length of the trip. It is easy to contain about 50 uses in a container measuring 2,000 cubic inches.

Many commercially available chemical additives and holding tank deodorants are available. The park strongly suggests the use of non-toxic, non-formaldehyde based additives to lessen the impacts to sewage treatment facilities. Formaldehyde is a known carcinogen.

Dump Stations

A sewer dump station is located at the Split Mountain take-out ramp from early spring until the first freeze in the fall. Inquire at the River Office for specific dates.

Dump stations in the local area include:

Outlaw Trail RV Park
9650 East 600 South
Jensen, Utah 84035
(435) 781-6000

\$5.00 (free if staying at RV park)

Dinosaurland KOA
930 North Vernal Ave
Vernal, Utah 84078
(435) 789-2148

\$10.00 (free if staying at RV park)

Buck “n” Bull RV Park
2811 E Main Street
Rangely, Colorado 81648
(970) 675-8335

\$5.00 (free if staying at RV park)

Craig KOA Campground
2800 East Highway 40
Craig, Colorado 81625
(970) 824-5105

\$12.00 (free if staying at RV park)

Limitations On Firewood Collection

Gathering firewood of any kind is prohibited on the Green River above Echo Park year-round.

Driftwood may be collected:

- along the Yampa River, and
- along the Green River below Echo Park.

Gathering other types of wood (dead, down or live) is prohibited at all times on both rivers.

Explanation:

Driftwood has become scarce in Lodore Canyon because 1) Flaming Gorge dam blocks wood from upstream source areas and 2) reduced spring peak runoff volume is insufficient to wash new woody material in to the river. High spring floods still occur on the free-flowing Yampa, where large driftwood piles can still be seen. Coarse woody debris (driftwood, trees, branches, etc.) provides an important food source for aquatic invertebrates, so food webs in the Green River have been altered and diminished by Flaming Gorge dam operations. Restrictions on driftwood gathering in Lodore help preserve this dwindling resource. Standing dead, down and live wood provide habitat for cavity-nesting species and insects, which are food for birds and other animals. These resources are protected in all national parks.

Stop The Spread Of Multiple Trails

'Multiple trailing' and its consequent impact on vegetation and soils comprise a perennial problem at attraction sites and along backcountry trails. All river runners should stay on established trails and avoid short-cutting across fragile desert soils.

Campsite Impacts

Impacts above the sandy, post-dam riparian zone at camping areas continues to be a problem. Desert and old pre-dam riparian plant communities are particularly susceptible to damage and erosion due to trampling. River runners should set up camp in the more resistant, post-dam, sandbar areas. Please use already established tent sites.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

While not currently mandatory, the monument strongly encourages responsible cleaning & inspection of boats as a preventive measure to minimize the spread of AIS. AIS (such as zebra mussel, New Zealand mudsnail, or quagga mussel) can have devastating effects on the ecology of river ecosystems.



River Mileages and Camping Areas

Lodore Canyon			Yampa Canyon			Whirlpool/Split Mountain		
	Number of Sites	Mileage between Camps		Number of Sites	Mileage between Camps		Number of Sites	Mileage between Camps
Gates of Lodore *			Deerlodge Park *			Echo Park	0	
Wade & Curtis	1	3	Anderson Hole	1	4	Seacliff	1	4
Pot Creek	2	6	Ponderosa	1	5	State Line	1	1
Kolb	1	1	Tepee Hole	1	1	Jones Hole	4	2
Triplet	1	2	Big Joe	1	12	Compromise	1	1
Rippling Brook	2	2	Harding Hole	4	4	The Cove	1	4
Wild Mountain	1	1	Mather's Hole	1	2	Big Island	1	0.5
Limestone	1	2	Laddie Park	2	7	Island Park	1	0.5
Echo Park	0	2	Warm Springs	1	7	Rainbow Park	*	4
			Box Elder	3	2	Split Mountain	*	9
			Echo Park	0	2			

Definitions

Canoe

An open boat propelled with a single-bladed paddle.

Cataraft

Boats constructed from two inflatable pontoons on either side of the craft that are bridged by a frame upon which the oarsman sits to row.

Decked Canoe or C-1 or C-2

Canoes that have a top deck (must have float bags and water-tight spray skirts).

Dory (approved)

Boat with sealed chambers or floatation designed for rivers.

Fire Blanket

A fireproof tarp or blanket (commonly referred to as a welder's cloth) of sufficient size to catch coals and ashes around the fire pan. Fire shelters are prohibited.

Fire Pan

A metal pan with a 3-inch rim that can be elevated. Must be used with a fire blanket.

Flotation Bag

An inflatable bag placed in the bow or stern of a boat for flotation in case the boat is swamped.

Foldboat

A collapsible boat made of waterproof material stretched over a light framework. Illegal within Dinosaur National Monument.

High Use Season for 2015

On the Green River, it is from May 11th to September 11th. On the Yampa River, it is from May 12th to July 12th. The rest of the year is considered the Low Use season for these river sections.

Inflatable Kayak

Boat designed like a kayak, but inflatable (sometimes known as a 'ducky').

Kayak

A decked boat propelled with a two-bladed paddle.

Major First Aid Kit

A first aid kit that includes supplies for treating medical emergencies and traumatic injuries, including gloves, facial barrier (for rescue breathing), splinting material, trauma dressings, etc.

Minor First Aid Kit

A first aid kit that only includes supplies for treating minor wounds and injuries.

Definitions

Pack Raft

A boat for one person that is small, light, and portable enough that one person can personally carry (usually within a backpack) or move it without significant exertion or special equipment, made of highly durable material, and built for white water.

Paddle Board (SUP)

A board similar to a surf board or a windsurf board. The paddler and the board are propelled across the top of the water by the use of a long single-bladed paddle.

Paddle Boat

Frameless raft designed to hold several rafters who each have a paddle.

Personal Flotation Device (PFD)/Lifejacket (approved)

U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, or white water endorsed Type III or Type V. They must be endorsed for white water use. Ski vests, although type III, are not endorsed for white water use and are therefore prohibited.

Repair Kit

A kit with supplies capable of repairing tears in fabric and replacing or repairing valves and frame components.

Rescue Kit

Gear for rescuing trapped people or stranded boat, including throw bags, rope, pulleys, carabiners, etc.

Spray Skirt

A seal between the paddler's torso and the deck of the boat that prevents water from getting into the boat.

Strainer (mesh)

Screen or sieve used to filter food or ashes from gray water.

Throw Bag

Rope, which floats on the surface of the water, stuffed in bag used to throw to person in distress.