



Rafting options include smooth water with small rapids.

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## Rafting Season on the Arkansas River Still Strong with Recent Rains Keeping Water Flows Strong

CAÑON CITY, Colo., Aug. 4, 2017 - Andy Neinas of [Echo Canyon River Expeditions](#) on central Colorado's Arkansas River knew that conditions were lined up for a good extended season of rafting this year, but he did not expect recent rains to make things even better.

"We have become pretty good observers of the weather, and this year's snowpack was exceptional with a beautiful layer of ice that has slowed down the melting process," said Neinas, owner of Echo Canyon, the largest tourism company in the region. "What we neither expected nor



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predicted, however, was the recent wave of storms that resulted in river flows a good 1,000 cfs above normal.”

Rafting on the Arkansas River follows a pattern, said Neinas. The snowpack in the Sangre de Cristo mountains begins melting in the spring, and whitewater enthusiasts begin running the rivers in April. In late June the flows reach their peak with cfs (cubic feet per second) levels typically around 2,500. The flows then taper off with more gentle flows that appeal to intermediate rafters and families with young children. The season lasts into September.

“Right now the Royal Gorge trips are similar to what we see in early June and again in early July,” said Neinas. “Even though it is the beginning of August, our conditions are still prime.”

Echo Canyon offers various rafting options with its fastest trips with the most rapids through the Royal Gorge. More gentle trips are run farther upstream.

The Bighorn Sheep Canyon trip is recommended for families with children six and up as well as intermediate rafters. The Gentle Family Float also takes place in the Bighorn Sheep Canyon and is suitable for multiple generations including grandparents and kids as young as four. Experienced rafters looking for an adrenaline rush can choose the [Royal Gorge Rafting Trips](#). With rapids ranging from challenging Class III up to Class V, this trip makes its way through the 1,000-foot deep Royal Gorge of the Arkansas.

#### **About the resort**

Situated near the famous [Royal Gorge Bridge & Park](#), Echo Canyon operates a variety of rafting adventures on the Arkansas River, the [8 Mile Bar and Grill](#), glamping tents, campground with RV and tent sites. In May the resort opened the [Royal Gorge Cabins](#), the most luxurious accommodations in the region with either one or two bedrooms, spacious living rooms and fully equipped galley-style kitchens. Additionally, the resort offers an array of [group services](#) with special event space and an innovative teambuilding platform.

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