



The Arkansas River offers options for adrenaline seekers as well as families and novices who want smaller waves.

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Shovel Now, Paddle Later; Arkansas River Outfitter Says Big Snow Means World-Class Flows for Whitewater Rafting

CAÑON CITY, Colo., March 15, 2019 - While this week's blizzard brought plenty of travel headaches and sore muscles from shoveling, adventurers dreaming of the rafting days ahead have lots to celebrate. Andy Neinas is one of those adventurers.

As owner of [Echo Canyon Rafting Expeditions](#), the largest tourism company in central Colorado's Royal Gorge region, Neinas knows that those same sore muscles from shoveling will soon be used for the much more enjoyable activity of whitewater rafting. And with mountain snowpack upstream now more than [150 percent of normal](#) on the popular rafting river, Neinas anticipates a good long season of healthy water well into the summer, with both world-class rapids for experienced rafters and good flows for family floats and milder river experiences.



The 8 Mile Bar & Grille is a popular post-rafting gathering spot.

"I know most people weren't celebrating the snow and wind on Wednesday, but we'll experience an awesome silver lining this spring, when the Arkansas River becomes a playground for winter-weary adventurers who are ready to go outside and play," said Neinas.

Echo Canyon River Expeditions offers an array of half-, full- and multi-day rafting trips on different stretches of the river. There are trips suitable for beginners and families as well as experiences for intermediate and advanced paddlers.

Rafting season with Echo Canyon typically begins in April and ends in September, and whitewater conditions change significantly during the long season. Spring snowmelt results in fast river flows, and early in the season experienced paddlers seeking challenging waters will find it on the Arkansas. As the initial, fast snowmelt slows, the flows become more gentle, making the Arkansas a great choice for rafters seeking a more relaxed adventure.

In addition to its rafting trips, Echo Canyon operates nine one- and two-bedroom [Royal Gorge Cabins](#) and eight glamping tents to appeal to guests who love the rafting and would prefer to linger instead of driving home afterwards.

The resort's [8 Mile Bar & Grill](#) is a central meeting point where rafters watch videos of their trips, compare notes and unwind with a beverage or meal on the patio.

More information about rafting trips can be found [online](#) or by calling 1-800-755-3246.

Reservations for the cabins and glamping tents can be made online at [www.royalgorgecabins.com](#) or by calling 1-800-748-2953.

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[Echo Canyon River Expeditions](#) is the leading whitewater destination resort in central Colorado and one of the country's top [adventure resorts](#), according to *U.S. News & World Report*. The resort is located west of Cañon City, Colo. on U.S. Route 50. Drive time is approximately two and one-half hours from Denver and one hour from Colorado Springs. The Colorado Springs Airport (COS) offers non-stop service from several major cities throughout the country including Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Chicago and Phoenix.

Contact Echo Canyon by email at info@raftecho.com or by calling 1-800-690-3246, or follow the resort on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#) or by signing up for the resort's [newsletter](#). Travelers can also read about visitors' experiences on [TripAdvisor](#) and see why Echo Canyon is consistently named the No. 1-rated tour in Cañon City.

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