



Echo offers multiple rafting options suitable for all ages.



Multi-generational trips are popular.

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### Colorado's Arkansas River Whitewater Season Around the Corner

CAÑON CITY, Colo., April 7, 2022 - This time of year brings the promise of warmer temperatures, flowers, baseball, green grass and...whitewater rafting.

Central Colorado's [Echo Canyon River Expeditions](#) - the state's largest rafting outfitter - is preparing to greet its visitors and take them down the Arkansas River.

Echo Canyon will offer its guided trips starting May 7. Options are suitable for first-time rafters, families with kids as young as four, big-water fans and everyone in between.

"Rafting the Arkansas appeals to so many people because of its varied terrain and rapids," said Andy Neinas, owner of Echo Canyon River Expeditions and [Royal Gorge Cabins](#), with luxury cabins and glamping tents. "The river transitions so the smooth water of the Scenic Float is followed by the fun rapids of the Bighorn Sheep Canyon followed by the heart-pounding waves of the Royal Gorge. Our three options have something for all ages and experience."

Echo Canyon River Expeditions' lineup of rafting adventures includes multi-day and half- and full-day trips. The company's [Trip Finder](#) tool explains the variety of options. Rafters can also chat about options with the resort's travel experts by calling 1-800-755-3246.

Rafting season will end sometime in September, depending on water flow. Rafting experiences typically change significantly during the season. Spring snowmelt results in fast river flows, and early-season rafting is a favorite time for adrenaline junkies. Summer brings calmer waters, making it a perfect season for families and soft adventure travelers.

Echo Canyon offers a selection of rafting trips on three sections of the legendary river. [Royal Gorge Canyon](#) trips are a good choice for rafters seeking adventures with challenging rapids. There are also trip options on the milder [Bighorn Sheep Canyon](#) section of the river. During the spring season when the water flows especially fast due to snowmelt, there are also weekend options for big-water enthusiasts in the [Browns Canyon](#) and [The Numbers](#) sections of the river near Buena Vista.

Echo Canyon River Expeditions provides all rafters with a personal flotation device and helmet and offers rentals of water shoes, wetsuits and splash jackets. Echo Canyon pioneered the use of GoPro cameras mounted on all rafts, enabling both photos and videos to be captured throughout the trip. Due to advanced technology at Echo Canyon headquarters, rafters can view and purchase photos and videos of their adventures shortly after they arrive back to the office.

#### **More about the rafting trips:**

The [Bighorn Sheep Canyon](#) trip is a good choice for families with children six and up as well as intermediate rafters. Available now, this trip combines mild whitewater with calm stretches featuring wildlife watching in a spectacular natural setting. Rates are \$87 for half-day trips and \$153 for full-day trips. Full-day trips include a gourmet boxed lunch.

The [Scenic Float](#) is a half-day, five-mile excursion that also takes place in the Bighorn Sheep Canyon. This trip will be available beginning May 28, and it is suitable for multiple generations, including kids as young as four. Easy Class II and gentle Class III rapids are mixed with plenty of floating time. Rates are \$87 per person.

[Royal Gorge Rafting Trips](#) feature rapids ranging from challenging Class III up to Class V. These trips travel through the 1,000-foot deep Royal Gorge of the Arkansas. Minimum age is 14. Rates are \$105 for 10-mile, half-day trips and \$175 for 20-mile, full-day trips. Full-day trips include gourmet boxed lunch served at a scenic private site overlooking the river.

[Rafting Packages](#) featuring rafting trips with Echo Canyon and other regional adventures can also be booked. The packages include the [Royal Gorge Raft and Zipline package](#) and [Bighorn Sheep Raft and Zipline Package](#) in partnership with Adventures Out West in Manitou Springs, [Raft and Bridge](#) package including passes to the nearby Royal Gorge Bridge & Park, [Raft and Rail Package](#) including a trip aboard the Royal Gorge Route Railroad and [Colorado ATV and Rafting Adventure](#) with Play Dirty ATV Tours.

#### **Après Rafting**

After a rafting trip, paddlers can refuel and relax at the [8 Mile Bar and Grill](#). This popular restaurant features a 16-tap bar with Colorado brews and popular favorites as well as a menu featuring salads, burgers, sandwiches and entrees. More than half of the restaurant's seating is outside, and large bay doors allow for plenty of fresh air.

#### **Play, Then Stay**

Located across the street from Echo Canyon River Expeditions are the [Royal Gorge Cabins](#), a complex of one- and two-bedroom [luxury cabins](#) with fully equipped kitchens, living areas and private outdoors spaces, and queen and double-queen [Glamping Tents](#) with private patios and fire rings.

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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*. 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](mailto: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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