



The 8 Mile Bar and Grill serves lunches and dinners.

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It's an Easy Drive to the Arkansas River and its Whitewater Rafting

CAÑON CITY, Colo., May 6, 2020 - What was once the boundary between the United States and Mexico is now home to some of the best rafting in the world. Central Colorado's Arkansas River is renowned for its options ranging from smooth water suitable for all ages on up to adrenaline-producing whitewater.

And it's easy to get to from Denver, Albuquerque and surrounding states. Colorado has also attracted many Texans and Oklahomans who head to the state's comfortable temperatures and low humidity during the summer. Some mountain towns such as Creede and Lake City have been summer homes for up to six generations of these citizens.



Cabins feature private patios.



The one- and two-bedroom cabins are positioned to maximize mountain views.

“We’re accustomed to our fellow Coloradoans taking day trips to get to the river, but many people from other states make a point of running the river,” said Andy Neinas, owner of [Echo Canyon River Expeditions](#), Colorado’s largest rafting outfitter. “There are times I’m tempted to ask strangers what part of Tulsa or Dallas they’re from.”

Located some eight miles west of Cañon City, Colo. on U.S. Route 50, Echo Canyon is often a day trip, but the recent addition of nine one- and two-bedroom [Royal Gorge Cabins](#) and eight glamping tents appeal to guests who love the rafting and would prefer to linger instead of driving home afterwards.

Drive times from Western metropolitan areas are:

- Denver, Colo. - 2¼ hours (125 miles via Interstate 25, CO 115 and US 50)
- Albuquerque, N.M. - 5½ hours (380 miles via I25 and US 50)
- Grand Junction, Colo. - 4½ hours (270 miles via US 50)
- Cheyenne, Wyo. - 3½ hours (220 miles via Interstate 25, CO 115 and US 50)
- Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas - 11 ½ hours (700 miles via US routes and interstates)
- Salt Lake City, Utah - 8 ¾ hours (520 miles via US routes and interstates)
- Tulsa, Okla. - 10½ hours (635 miles via US routes and interstates)
- Phoenix, Ariz. - 11½ hours (700 miles via US routes and interstates)
- Kansas City, Mo. - 9½ hours (635 miles via US routes and interstates)
- Omaha, Neb. - 9½ hours (635 miles via US routes and interstates)
- Bozeman, Mont. - 12 hours (815 miles via US routes and interstates)
- Rapid City, S.D. - 8¼ hours (510 miles via US routes and interstates)

Echo guides take guests through the big waves of the Royal Gorge as well as the smaller levels upstream that appeal to intermediate rafters and families who run Bighorn Sheep Canyon and gentle stretches on the country’s sixth-longest river.

Echo Canyon offers half-, full- and multi-day rafting trips. Per-person rates for adults are \$77 for the half-day Gentle Family Float, \$77 for Bighorn Sheep Canyon Rafting and \$89 for Royal Gorge rafting, the most challenging of the resort’s rafting options.

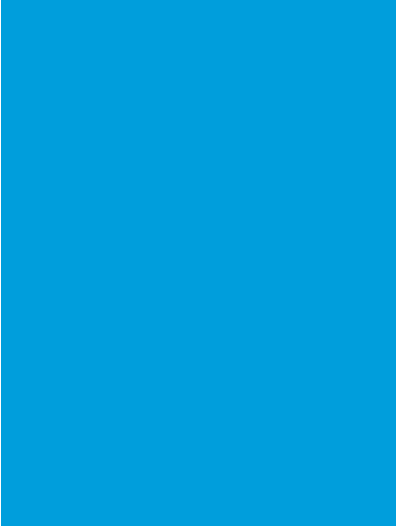
The resort’s [8 Mile Bar & Grill](#) is a central meeting point where rafters watch videos of their trips, compare notes and unwind with a beverage or meal on the patio.

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 region offers an array of outdoor adventures and attractions including [whitewater rafting](#) on the Arkansas River, mountain biking on an acclaimed [trail system](#) and the [Royal Gorge Bridge & Park](#). 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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