



A healthy snowpack creates rafting opportunities from spring and well into summer.

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Echo Canyon River Expeditions Optimistic for Big Year of Rafting on the Arkansas River

CAÑON CITY, Colo., Feb. 22, 2019 - With the mountain snowpack upstream at close to 130 percent of normal, rafting on central Colorado's Arkansas River this coming spring and summer is looking pretty good.

As the owner of [Echo Canyon River Expeditions](#), Andy Neinas is cautiously optimistic that early-season rafters will receive the kind of adrenaline-producing waves in the Royal Gorge they seek while novices, intermediate rafters and families will be able to get their paddles wet throughout the summer in the Bighorn Sheep Canyon and gentle stretches on the country's sixth-longest river.

"Rafting outfitters are like farmers; we are constantly watching the weather and adding up the precipitation levels in our heads," said Neinas. "We also don't want to jinx anything by making crazy predictions, so I will only say that I like where we are right now."



Echo Canyon River Expeditions offers rafting trips for all ages.

With Colorado's traditionally snowiest periods still to come and having seen similar conditions in the past, Neinas is hoping the current snowpack turns into an icy layer that will melt slowly and supply water to the region's drainages and, ultimately, feed the Arkansas River well into September.

Echo Canyon offers half-, full- and multi-day rafting trips. Per-person rates for adults are \$74 for the half-day Gentle Family Float, \$74 for Bighorn Sheep Canyon Rafting and \$84 for Royal Gorge rafting, the most challenging of the resort's rafting options.

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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