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Echo Canyon River Expeditions and Royal Gorge Cabins are Open, Rafters Following Guidelines are Rewarded with Superior Conditions

CAÑON CITY, Colo., May 27, 2020 - [Echo Canyon River Expeditions](#) opened Memorial Day weekend with prime Arkansas River whitewater rafting. The outfitter's luxurious freestanding and contact-free [Royal Gorge Cabins and Glamping Tents](#) and the [8 Mile Bar & Grill](#) opened as well.

"I'm happy to report that our guests got on board with our [safety protocols](#) before they got on the river where they were rewarded some of the country's best rafting," said Andy Neinas, owner of Echo



Glamping Tents feature one or two queen beds.



The 8 Mile Bar & Grill is open on weekends and features more than half of its tables outside.

Canyon. “Even though we received word we could open on Thursday, we were well-prepared to handle the demand.”

Echo Canyon is the largest whitewater rafting operator in Colorado.

The company has instituted protocols to maximize the health and safety of rafters and guides as it navigates both the familiar flows of the river and the uncharted waters of Covid-19. Most guests had already reviewed the [protocols online](#) and were ready to raft. Neinas added that everyone interested in visiting Echo Canyon should review the protocols as adjustments will be made as warranted.

Protocols developed by Echo Canyon include use of face masks while riding buses and approaching employees, reduced capacity on buses heading to and from the river, monitoring employees for symptoms daily, requiring release forms be completed online, aggressively cleaning all equipment and cabins and adhering to guidelines developed by state and county health departments.

“We learned a lot this weekend, and we feel confident that even though we started a little later than normal whitewater rafting this summer is a viable cure for our collective cabin fever,” said Neinas.

Echo Canyon is located eight miles west of Cañon City about an hour from Colorado Springs and Pueblo, two hours from Denver and three hours from Fort Collins.

Echo Canyon offers several daily half- and full-day rafting adventures on different sections the Arkansas River including [family float trips](#) and more adventurous whitewater trips through the [Bighorn Sheep Canyon](#) and [Royal Gorge Canyon](#).

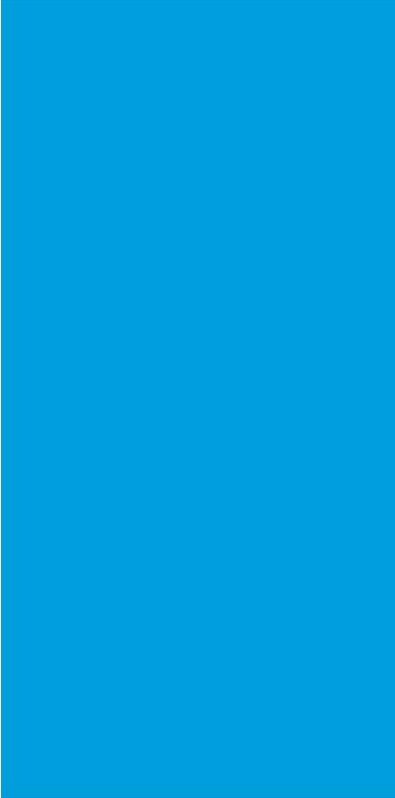
Located across the street from Echo Canyon River Expeditions are the [Royal Gorge Cabins](#), a complex of one- and two-bedroom [luxury cabins](#) with fully equipped kitchens, living areas and private outdoors spaces, and queen and double-queen [Glamping Tents](#) with private patios and fire rings.

On warm summer days and nights, the glass bay doors of [8 Mile Bar and Grill](#) open to the large patio where diners are surrounded by mountain beauty and in the evening, starry night skies. The restaurant is open on weekends for now. More than half of the restaurant’s seating is outside, and the large bay doors and radiant heaters help create an “al fresco” effect for those inside. The 16-tap bar includes a variety of Colorado brews and popular favorites and the menu offers salads, burgers, sandwiches and meals to suit every palate.

A short drive from the Echo Canyon headquarters land-lovers will find dozens of mountain biking, hiking and running trails maintained by [Fremont Adventure Recreation](#), a non-profit organization committed to promoting a “culture of community and healthy living through human-powered outdoor recreation.”

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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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