



The Royal Gorge Bridge & Park is near the Echo Canyon River Expeditions headquarters.



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Rediscovering Outside: Whitewater Rafting and More in the Pikes Peak/Royal Gorge Region

CAÑON CITY, Colo., May 28, 2021 - Everyone, it seems, is going outside to play this summer, and in central Colorado's Royal Gorge region - a place best known for epic whitewater rafting on the Arkansas River - paddling is just the beginning.

[Echo Canyon River Expeditions](#), the state's largest whitewater rafting as well as the home of [Royal Gorge Cabins](#), has had a front row seat as friends and families have put down their screens, tossed their full schedules and reacquainted themselves with the Great Outdoors.

"While rafting is our game, we're not the only game in town," said Andy Neinas, owner of Echo Canyon River Expeditions. "Many - if not most - of our guests like to combine a rafting adventure with cycling, hiking, climbing or one of the many other outdoor adventures in central Colorado."

Echo is located eight miles west of Cañon City within sight of the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park.

The Royal Gorge Cabins and Glamping Tents all offer private outdoor space.

Here are activity options the company recommends:

Whitewater Rafting

Start with rafting, of course. Echo Canyon River Expeditions' lineup of rafting adventures includes multi-day and half- and full-day trips on three sections of the legendary Arkansas 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.

Aerial Adventures

The Royal Gorge Bridge is the highest suspension bridge in the country at 956 above the Arkansas River. Completed more than a century ago, the bridge is the centerpiece of the immensely popular **Royal Gorge Bridge & Park** that also includes rides, concessions, a theater and restaurants. Activities include gondolas, zipline, Skycoaster and Via Ferrata. Check the website for ticketing information and the latest updates.

Hiking and Mountain Biking

Fremont Adventure Recreation (FAR) promotes human-powered outdoor recreation by maintaining trails for hiking and biking and recommending ways to use them safely and responsibly. The website includes [ideas](#) for family adventures too, such as scavenger hunts on the trail.

Ropes Course

Adjacent to Echo Canyon River Expeditions, the [Royal Gorge Dinosaur Experience](#) is an entertaining and educational attraction that celebrates the dinosaur fossils that have been found throughout Central Colorado. The Dinosaur Experience includes full-scale fossil casts, animatronic dinosaur exhibits and a multi-story ropes course.

Riding the Rails

The historic [Royal Gorge Route Railroad](#) tourist train travels through the heart of the Royal Gorge four times daily. Travelers can choose from multiple classes of service including a dinner train on select evenings.

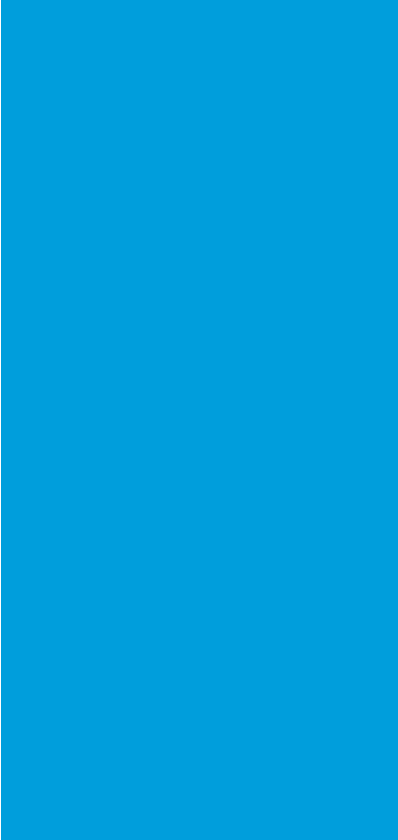
Play, Then Stay

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.

Covid Protocols

Echo Canyon River Expeditions is serious about guest safety, and the resort embraces Covid-19 protocols prescribed by the state and county. Those protocols include online release forms that must be completed in advance, robust cleaning procedures, increased guest spacing in vans and buses and more. A complete list of procedures and requirements is available [online](#).

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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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