# RAFT& PLAY

IN THE ROYAL GORGE REGION

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RAFT TRIPS ON
THE ARKANSAS
RIVER



#### AUTHENTIC COLORADO ADVENTURE

# **The Echo Effect**

In the heart of Colorado, near Cañon City, you'll find an adventure basecamp offering not just elegant lodging, but also world-class rafting, activities, and dining. You'll find true Colorado charm with class and service to match.

You deserve this. An experience you can share with family and friends that captures authentic Colorado – the mountain views, the rivers, the great outdoors, the countless activities and attractions to make the everyday hustle and bustle fade away. Echo Canyon River Expeditions and Royal Gorge Cabins offer that authentic Colorado destination experience – a basecamp for your adventures in the Royal Gorge and Colorado Springs area. With luxury lodging

options, dining, and activities like white water rafting, you'll find a true escape from the everyday.

Echo Canyon is one of the largest and most respected river rafting outfitters in the state. White water rafting in this part of Colorado is truly world class, with options suitable for a variety of ages and ability levels. Echo Canyon partners with a number of other local attractions and operators in the area, to ease your planning and maximize your

play time. Lodging options include the newest and most luxurious cabin rentals in the region, as well as mountain chic canvas tent rentals so you can experience glamorous camping or 'glamping'. Also on-site is our full-service restaurant and bar open seasonally, and featuring freshly prepared meals and some of Colorado's best craft beers on tap.

So go ahead – escape to the mountains and breathe in the fresh air. You've earned it.

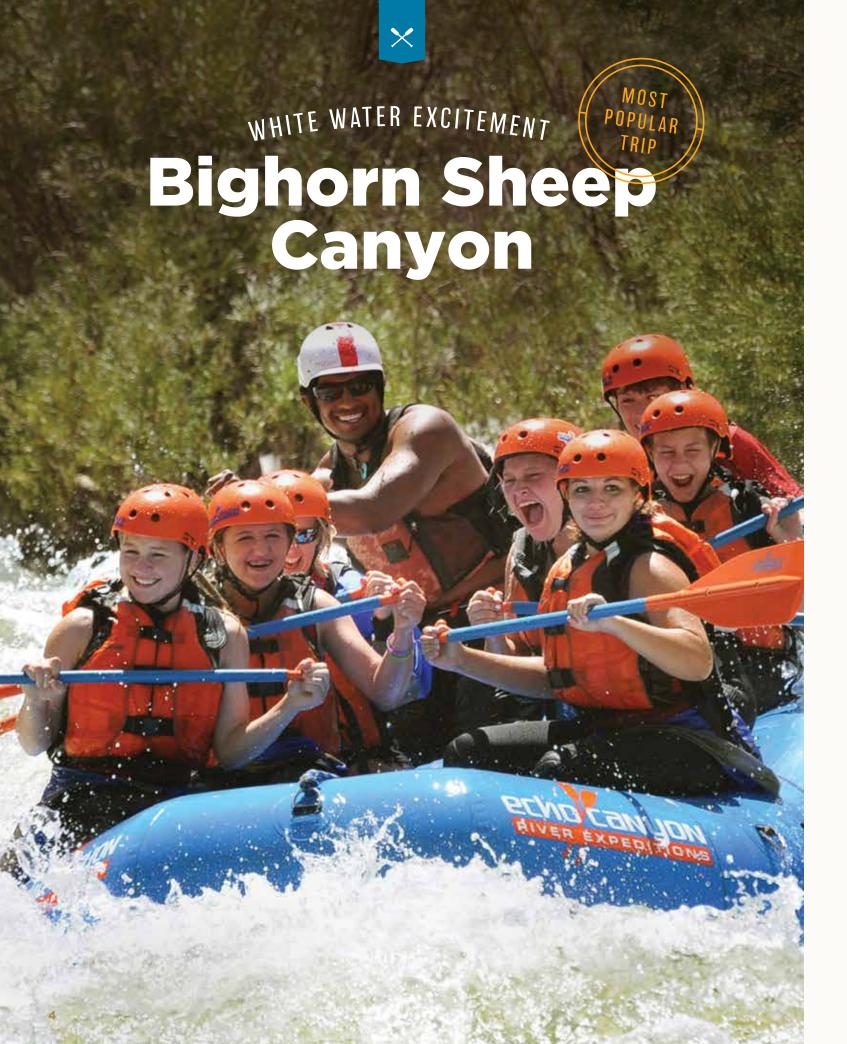








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#### FIRST TIME & FAMILY RAFTING —

Give your family a taste of white water adventure paired with the perfect amount of Colorado scenery. Bighorn Sheep Canyon is calm in just the right places to catch sight of a few Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, and offers exhilarating class II, III, and occasionally class IV white water sections – just enough to keep younger river rafters' attention.

Before you all start this family adventure, our certified guide will walk you through a safety

orientation and rafting training so you're ready for the rapids. We'll work with you to make



The Bighorn Sheep Canyon full-day trip includes a gourmet style boxed lunch!



All Echo Canyon rafts are equipped with GoPro cameras. Details and prices at RaftEcho.com/memories



8 Mile Bar & Grill, located on site, it's the perfect spot to grab a meal after an exciting day on the water.

**HALF-DAY** (Departs daily at 9:30 and 1:30) \$87 per person

sure yours is one adventure you'll never forget.

**FULL-DAY** (Departs daily at 9:30) \$153 per person







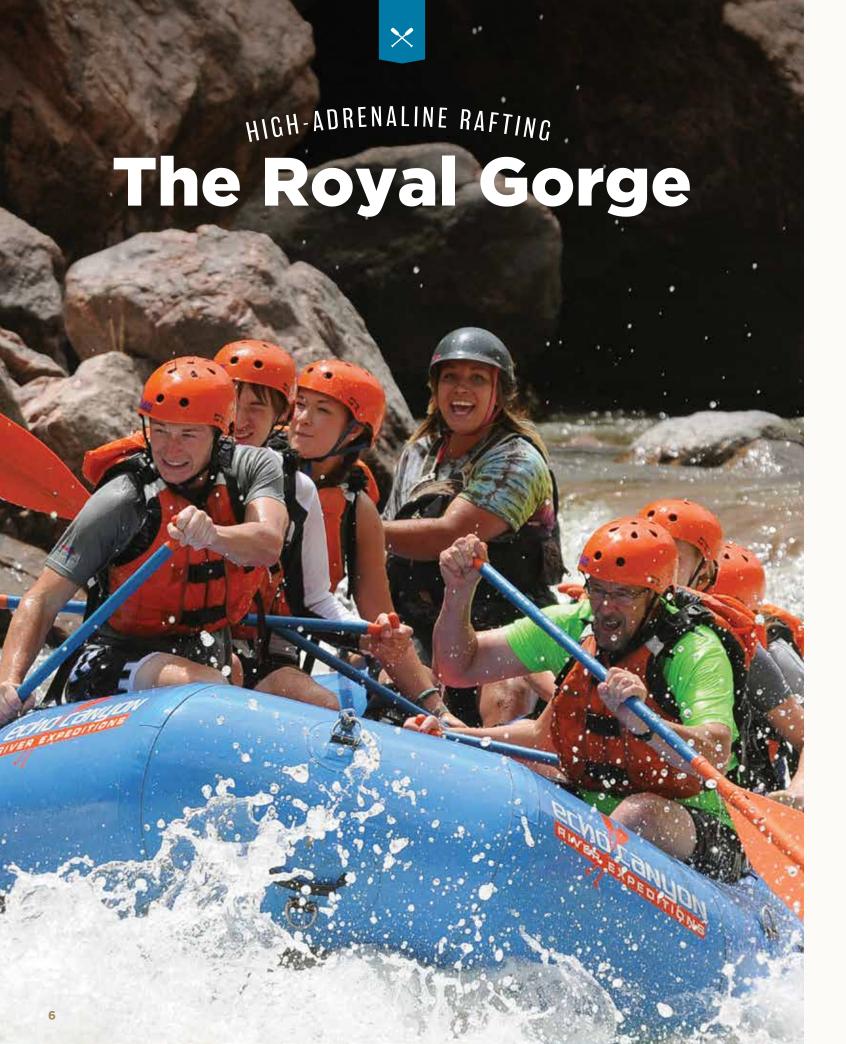
#### **RAFT-N-RAIL® PACKAGE**

Combine a river rafting trip with a Royal Gorge Route Railroad ride. You'll see the river from both the perspective of the Royal Gorge Route train and from inside an Echo raft.

RAFT-N-RAIL\* + BIGHORN SHEEP CANYON

Coach Class: \$162 per person Vista Dome: \$192 per person

Departs daily at 10:30.



#### HEART-POUNDING ADVENTURE ——

The Arkansas River flows near Colorado Springs, outside Cañon City, through 1,000 foot canyon walls. Dive into class III to V rapids through the heart of the magnificent Royal Gorge. If you live on adrenaline then this rafting trip is the one for you. You'll find yourself paddling white water beneath the famous Royal Gorge Bridge, and you'll definitely taste adventurous Colorado white water as you and your crew take on rapids with names like Sunshine Falls, Sledgehammer, and Boat Eater. In between these, soaked and exhilarated, you'll see astounding geology, witness local wildlife, and feel the history of the Arkansas River and the Colorado mountain west.

**HALF-DAY** (Departs daily at 9:00 and 1:00) \$105 per person **FULL-DAY** (Departs daily at 10:00) \$175 per person



The Royal Gorge full-day trip includes a gourmet style boxed lunch!



All Echo Canyon rafts are equipped with GoPro cameras. Details and prices at RaftEcho.com/memories



8 Mile Bar & Grill, located on site, it's the perfect spot to grab a meal after an exciting day on the water.



(SUGGESTED)





#### **RAFT & ZIP PACKAGE**

This package deal includes a half-day rafting trip through the Bighorn Sheep Canyon or Royal Gorge and a two hour ziplining tour in Manitou Springs, just outside of Colorado Springs.

**RAFT & ZIP + BIGHORN SHEEP CANYON** (See page 4 for rafting trip details)

\$182 per person

**RAFT & ZIP + ROYAL GORGE** 

\$200 per person

Call for departure times and check-in locations.



#### GENTLE WHITE WATER RAFTING —

There's nothing better than spending a half-day on the water with the whole family, experiencing the beauty of southern Colorado while enjoying each other's company. Young children and grandparents especially enjoy this scenic and mild section of river. You'll experience a handful of class II and III rapids on the 5-mile stretch of the upper Bighorn Sheep Canyon. These rapids are a fantastic introduction to white water, but aren't too challenging for our littlest river adventurers. Children must weigh at least 35 pounds to fit in our smallest life jacket.

**HALF-DAY** (Departs daily at 1:30) \$87 per person \$77 per child (ages 4-6)



Check out RaftEcho.com/deals to see rotating discounts.



All Echo Canyon rafts are equipped with GoPro cameras. Details and prices at RaftEcho.com/memories



8 Mile Bar & Grill, located on site, it's the perfect spot to grab a bite to eat and relax after an exciting day on the water.







## ADD ROYAL GORGE BRIDGE TICKETS

Add tickets to the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, and take in two exciting attractions in one fun, easy day. A short 4-mile drive from the Echo Canyon rafting office, the Royal Gorge Bridge features one of the highest suspension bridges in the world at close to 1,000 feet above the river! Included in admission is the aerial gondola, children's three-story playland, and more. Additional rides can be added and paid for at the gate. Check out the Royal Rush Skycoaster or brave the Cloudscraper Zip Line - the highest zip line in America!

**ROYAL GORGE BRIDGE & PARK TICKETS**Adult \$29 | Child \$24

# **Echo Experience**

We're ready to set you up with a customized rafting adventure, filled with all the white water you're looking for.



#### CHECK IN

Arrive 45 minutes early, so you'll have time to get geared up. Use your vehicle as a locker for change of clothes and valuables, and leave the car keys with our staff - your key valet service.



#### WAIVERS

Online waivers must be completed before check in. A link will be included in your email



#### GEAR UP

We'll get you set up with a life jacket and a helmet. We recommend wearing a quick-drying shirt and shorts along with secure footwear.



#### **CLOTHING**

Consider rentin wetsuit gear available at



#### MEET YOUR GUIDE

They'll lead you through a training session on river safety, how to experience the white water, and paddling instructions.



#### RIDE THE RIVER

You'll get a seat on the boat, and some final instructions on white water rafting safety, and then you're off to pure adventure!



#### GRAB A BITE

The 8 Mile Bar & Grill is the perfect place to relax, enjoy world-class food and drinks and start building memories that will last forever.



#### **CROWD FAV**

Want a delicious bite after rafting? Try the Buffalo Burger at 8 Mile!



#### STAY THE NIGHT

Book a cabin at Royal Gorge Cabins or one of the glamping tents and you can enjoy the mountain air and a campfire all evening long.



#### THE FINE PRINT

#### Waivers / Release Forms

All participants are required to complete our Rafting Warning. Assumption of Risk, Release of Liability & Indemnification Agreement. Anyone under the age of eighteen must have a parent or legal guardian signature. A link to the Echo Canyon release form will be emailed to you after you complete your reservation. Release forms for other activities/ vendors can be completed on the day of your arrival, or by contacting Echo Canyon. If you are overweight or have medical conditions or physical limitations consult your physician before attempting a raft trip and notify the booking agent when making the reservation. For safety reasons, we reserve the right to refuse service to anyone we determine to be unfit for a raft trip. This includes guests who appear to be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

#### **Cancellation Guarantee**

At the time of making a reservation and for an additional fee of 7.5%, guests may opt into the Cancellation Guarantee. With this added, cancellations made prior to 48 hours in advance of check-in time receive a refund less the Cancellation Guarantee fee. Cancellations made prior to 24 hours in advance of check-in time receive a credit for a calendar year. Cancellations made within 24 hours of check-in time are not subject to a refund or a credit. Guests who opt out of the Cancellation Guarantee or reservations not eligible for the Cancellation Guarantee are subject to the Standard Cancellation Policy.

#### **Standard Cancellation Policy**

Once payment has been submitted reservations will not be refunded for any reason. All trips depart as scheduled regardless of weather conditions.

#### **River Use Fees**

Be advised that land, water and access or user fees vary from river to river averaging 9.4%. A fee of \$.50 is added per rafter to benefit the Arkansas River Conservation Cooperative An additional gas surcharge may be applied to your reservation at the time of booking. All or part of this operation is conducted on Public Lands under special permit from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Companies utilized are not limited to Echo Canyon River Expeditions, Wilderness Aware Rafting, Arkansas Valley Adventures, Adventures Out West, Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, Royal Gorge Route Railroad, Royal Gorge Anglers, Royal Gorge Dinosaur Experience, Pikes Peak Mountain Bike Tours, Play Dirty ATV Tours, and Colorado Jeep Tours.



# **Get Started**

#### CALL OR BOOK ONLINE

Our knowledgeable, friendly rafting experts are here to help you decide which river rafting adventures will pair best with other options, and with your expectations. Our handy online tools can guide you through the steps to craft the most fun you can handle, and help you pair all that with more adventures, too.

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#### WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE

Here's a list of items that can be rented from Echo Canyon River Expeditions:

#### WATER SHOES

Water shoes are the best footwear while in the raft. They provide warmth from the cold water and protection against rocks outside

#### SPLASH JACKETS

your first defense
against the cold wat
and inclement
weather. They'll als
protect you from the

#### WETSUITS

We offer both long wetsuits and short wetsuits to insulate your body adequately based on the weather. Suits are washed and maintained daily.





#### COLORADO LODGING

# Two Ways to Stay

Royal Gorge Cabins offers first-class amenities, outstanding guest services to help you plan your activities, close proximity to an abundance of outdoor adventures, and incredible mountain views – all just an hour from Colorado Springs.



#### **LUXURY CABINS**

Royal Gorge Cabins brings the heart of the Rocky Mountains to the door of your private Colorado luxury cabin. Each detail of every cabin has been designed with your comfort and authentic experience in mind.

- ✓ King beds with luxury linens
- ✓ Indoor / outdoor fireplace
- ✓ Unlimited Wi-Fi
- ✓ Private patio
- √ Flat screen TVs



#### **LUXURY GLAMPING TENTS**

If you're up for 'roughing it' a bit, check out our glamping tents. Just like our other cabins, these have the same top quality bedding and pillows you'll love – this time on a queen bed. It's the ultimate way to go camping!

- ✓ Queen beds with luxury linens
- ✓ Fire ring with campfire kit
- ✓ Unlimited Wi-Fi
- ✓ Evaporative cooler for summer cooling
- 24/7 access to shower house



### STAY IN A TRUE

# Colorado Cabin

You work hard every day so you can escape from time to time – to reconnect with family and friends while exploring all the adventures Colorado has to offer. You deserve a distinctly modern and well-appointed cabin for your adventures where you can continue the experience of the Colorado outdoors – either from the covered porch, lounging in front of your fireplace, or from the comfort of the living room side of the fireplace while streaming your favorite TV series. Located just an hour from Colorado Springs, and just far

enough to escape into the mountains, our cabins will provide the amenities you deserve and the classic Colorado views you can't miss.

While your stay in the Royal Gorge area may release your inner explorer, you won't have to endure a simple cabin like the days of old. Our modern cabin rentals feature all of the comforts you would expect – a well-equipped kitchen, comfortable beds, unlimited Wi-Fi, large flat screen TVs with cable, and views that are unparalleled.



## DO BRING

- Your favorite beverages
- Food to stock the fridge
- A sense of adventure
- Board games
- ✓ A book to enjoy

#### DON'T BRING

- Pots, pans, or cutlery
- Your furry friends
- Cigarettes or vape pens
- Linens or bath products
- Hair dryer







#### STAY AWHILE ==

# **Amenities**

Your cabin rental includes all of the amenities you need. Wi-Fi fast enough to stream your favorite shows and movies, flat screen TVs with cable in each bedroom and the living room, and close proximity to the best attractions around. Additional cabin features include:

- Covered patio
- ✓ Indoor/outdoor fireplace
- ✓ BBQ grill
- ✓ Kitchenette
- ✓ Spa-style bathroom
- ✓ On-site restaurant open seasonally

#### TWO OPTIONS =

# **Cabin Details**

#### Single King Cabin STARTING AT \$419 PER NIGHT

**SLEEPS 2 GUESTS:** The Single King Cabin is the cozier of our cabin rentals. Designed for couples, this vacation cabin rental will keep the mountain views as a backdrop to your vacation or intimate getaway.

#### Double King Cabin STARTING AT \$489 PER NIGHT

**SLEEPS 4 GUESTS:** Bring the family together in the larger of our vacation cabin rentals. The Double King Cabin is a perfect cabin for those who want to spread out a bit more, while enjoying the well-appointed features of a luxury cabin.



# LET ADVENTURE FIND YOU Glamping Tents

Royal Gorge Cabins offers glamorous camping or 'glamping' in tents with modern luxuries.

Enjoy the crackle of a camp fire and sleep comfortably in a cozy bed in one of our new Glamping Tents! Two tent sizes are available – one queen or two queen bed options sleeping up to 4 guests. Tents include high speed wireless internet and an evaporative cooler for summer cooling.

Just one hour from Colorado Springs, Royal Gorge Cabins is in close proximity to a variety of popular Colorado vacation activities like

white water rafting, the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, historic train rides, first-rate mountain biking and hiking trails, fishing, and so

With the 8 Mile Bar & Grill just across the road, you won't have to worry about cooking in camp – relax and recharge and let us worry about the details for a few days. Make it a true vacation and allow Royal Gorge Cabins to be your basecamp for adventure.









- Cooler for food and beverages
- Electronic gadgets
- √ S'mores
- **Board games**
- A book to enjoy

#### DON'T BRING

- Sleeping bags
- Your furry friends
- Camp chairs
- Linens or pillows

#### STAY AWHILE ==

# **Amenities**

Available April into October, Glamping Tents have power and unlimited Wi-Fi, and include bath products and towels for use in the shared shower house. You won't find running water or kitchens in your tent, but then again it's still camping! Keep the meal planning simple and join us at the 8 Mile Bar & Grill - open seasonally for lunch and dinner. Here are some additional amenities you'll enjoy:

- ✓ Ultra-comfy euro top mattress
- Luxury linens and pillows
- Campfire kit each night
- Evaporative cooler for summer cooling
- ✓ Picnic table and seating around your private fire pit

#### TWO OPTIONS =

# **Tent Details**

#### Single Queen Tent STARTING AT \$219 PER NIGHT

SLEEPS 2 GUESTS: One queen bed with luxury linens, comfortable sofa, desk and chairs, and French doors are featured in this tent perfect for a romantic getaway.

#### Double Queen Tent STARTING AT \$269 PER NIGHT

**SLEEPS 4 GUESTS:** With two queen beds, this larger tent comfortably sleeps a family of four or two couples. Double Queen Tents feature in-floor radiant heat for cooler evenings, a large concrete patio with table and chairs, and private fire pit with additional seating.



# With so many things to do right here in Cañon City and around the Royal Gorge region, the problem isn't finding things to do, but deciding what to do first! 18

#### ROYAL GORGE REGION

# **Fun for Free**

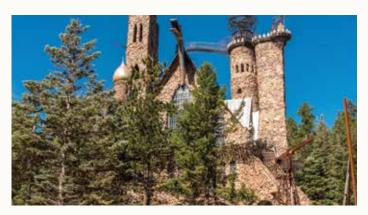
You don't have to spend money to have amazing adventures in the Cañon City region. Check out these free activities near us, and go to RaftEcho.com/Insider-Info to learn more.



#### **Hike or Bike Canyon Rim Trail**

Located minutes from Echo Canyon, the Canyon Rim Trail is part of the 22-mile Royal Gorge Park trail system with stunning views and exciting trails. Please check trail conditions at JoinFar.org/trails.

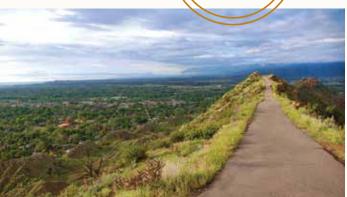
**DISTANCE FROM ECHO: 4 MILES** 



#### **Bishop Castle**

Located just over an hour away is an impressive and bizarre 160-feet tall castle constructed over the last 60 years by Jim Bishop. Always open, the 3-story monument includes soaring towers and a fire-breathing dragon!

**DISTANCE FROM ECHO: 50 MILES** 



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#### **Skyline Drive**

Not for the faint of heart, Skyline Drive is a scenic one-way drive starting 3 miles west of Cañon City off Highway 50. The narrow, razor ridge offers a bird's-eye view of the town, river valley, and surrounding mountains.

**DISTANCE FROM ECHO: 4 MILES** 



#### **Splash Pad at Centennial Park**

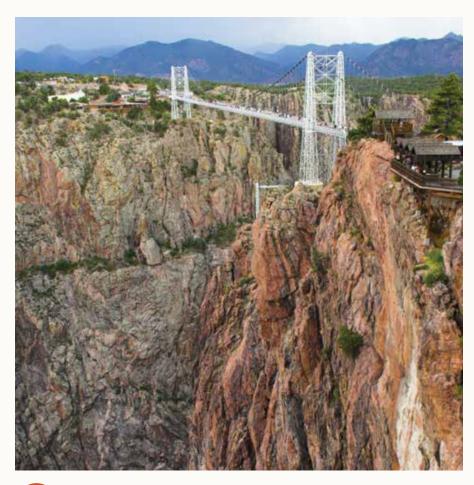
Located in Cañon City and alongside the Arkansas River, the splash pad is open daily Memorial Day to Labor Day from 10 AM to 6 PM, and will cool down your kiddos on the hottest of summer days. The park also features a new playground area the kids will love.

**DISTANCE FROM ECHO: 8 MILES** 

# CAÑON CITY

# **Attractions**

While you're in town, add some more Colorado adventure to your vacation.



# #1 Royal Gorge Bridge & Park

One of the world's highest suspension bridges, the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park is an iconic Colorado adventure. Guests of Echo Canyon and Royal Gorge Cabins can purchase discounted tickets to this incredible attraction that offers miles of jaw-dropping natural Colorado beauty as well as additional rides and activities. Open year around, the Royal Gorge Bridge is a must-see when you venture to the Cañon City region. More info and pricing on page 9.

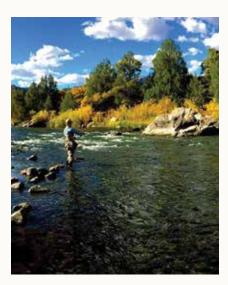
**DISTANCE FROM ECHO: 5 MILES** 





Kids of all ages will delight in the three attraction options at the Dinosaur Experience - right next door to Echo Canyon. Choose to brave the three-story Ropes Course, take the guided Museum Tour, or explore the Dino Wild Walk with a number of animatronic dinosaurs! Guests can opt for a single experience if they're short on time, or take in all three attractions. Info and tickets available at DinoXP.com

**DISTANCE FROM ECHO: <1 MILE** 



# #3 Guided Fly Fishing

Join our friends at Royal Gorge Anglers, the most established flyshop and fishing guides in Southern Colorado, as you discover the Gold Medal Fishery of the Arkansas River.

Experienced guides offer both walk wade or float fishing options while ensuring you enhance your skills along the way.

**DISTANCE FROM ECHO: 4 MILES** 



## #4 Royal Gorge Route Railroad

Operating year around, the historic Royal Gorge Route Railroad travels into the depths of the famous Royal Gorge. A variety of seating classes are available, and all riders have access to an open-air observation car so you can take in the incredible views. See page 5 for pricing and details of the Raft-n-Rail® package options.

**DISTANCE FROM ECHO: 8 MILES** 



# #5

#### **Play Dirty ATV Tours**

Take to the trails with Play Dirty ATV Tours! Guided tours lead you on mountain trails with incredible views of fourteen thousand feet peaks. A variety of machines are available for individual drivers or families with kids who will ride along as a passengers. Tours can be added to your rafting reservation.

**DISTANCE FROM ECHO: 20 MILES** 

#### FUEL FOR FUN

Open during the summer season, 8 Mile Bar & Grill is conveniently located at Echo Canyon Rafting. Choose from 16 beers on tap, relax on the outdoor patio, and feast on a choice of burgers and other comfort food freshly prepared.



#### **BUFFALO BURGER**

Seasoned buffalo patty grilled to perfection and topped with avocado and fresh pico de gallo. Served with fresh fried waffle chips and our house-made 8 Mile ketchup, the Buffalo Burger is the hunger hero after a day of white water rafting.



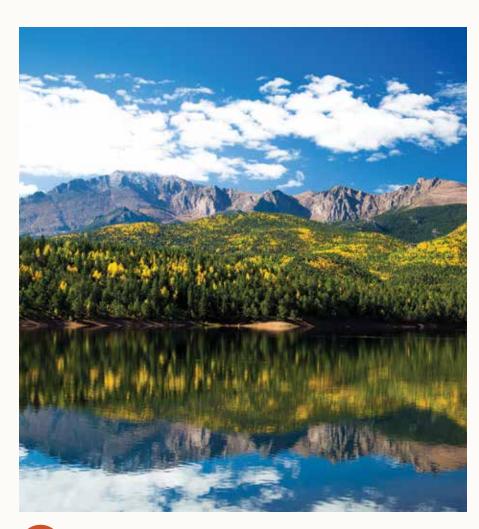
#### 16 BEERS ON TAP

Whether you prefer a malty lager or a hoppy IPA, a rich stout or something sweet and fruity - we've got you covered. Go for a flight of beers if you want to sample a number of Colorado brews.

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# COLORADO SPRINGS Attractions

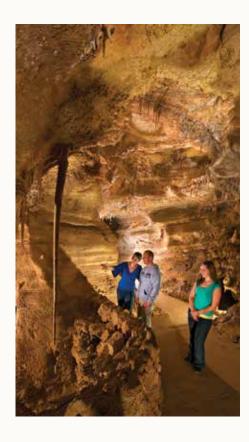
If these attractions aren't already on your to-do list, then you may want to make some room!



# #1 Pikes Peak - America's Mountain

Few places in the world so grand in scale are also accessible to experience first-hand. The scenic 19-mile highway provides you the opportunity to enjoy Pikes Peak at your leisure.

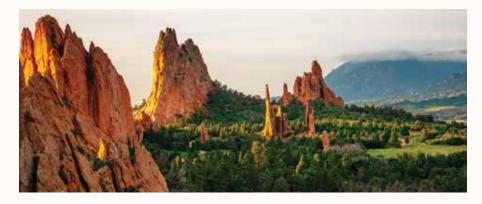
**DISTANCE FROM ECHO: 64 MILES** 



# **Cave of the Winds Mountain Park**

Discovered in 1881, Cave of the Winds Mountain Park has been a must-see Colorado Springs attraction for travelers for more than a century. Choose one of three cave tours or consider the daring attractions and rides, along with kid-friendly activities like gold panning and more.

**DISTANCE FROM ECHO: 60 MILES** 



# #3 Garden of the Gods

Experience dramatic views of 300 feet tall towering sandstone rock formations against a backdrop of snow-capped Pikes Peak. A registered National Natural Landmark, Garden of the Gods is a free attraction with easy access trails and the world-class Visitor & Nature Center. **DISTANCE FROM ECHO: 59 MILES** 



## #4 Seven Falls

Broadmoor Seven Falls is one of Colorado's most captivating natural wonders. This magnificent series of waterfalls is situated in a 1,250-feet deep box canyon between the towering Pillars of Hercules. Ascend the mighty staircase to the top of the falls, hike trails, and immerse yourself in Colorado's famous natural beauty.

**DISTANCE FROM ECHO: 52 MILES** 

# #5 Zipline Tour

Join our friends at Adventures Out West in Manitou Springs for the best two hours of zipping in the Colorado Springs area. The tour can be combined with an Echo Canyon rafting trip or added to a lodging stay at Royal Gorge Cabin to round out your vacation itinerary.

DISTANCE FROM ECHO: 59 MILES



# 8 MILE BAR & GRILL



#### BLACK AND BLUE BURGER

Caramelized onions, thick cut bacon, and blue cheese on a perfectly grilled burger and brioche bun.



# LOCALLY FAMOUS CHICKEN SANDWICH

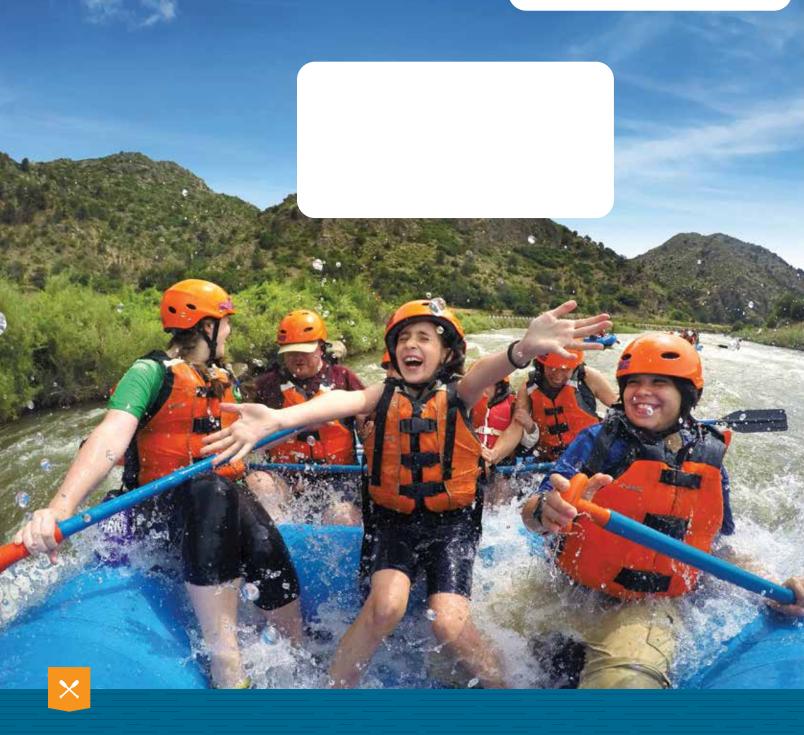
Hand-breaded chicken breast, honey cured bacon, iceberg slaw, garlic roasted tomatoes and Alabama white BBO sauce.

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