



## Multi-Day River Trip Preparation and Packing

All of our multi day trips include double occupancy tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, camp pillow, wetsuit, river shoes and a splash jacket. This equipment is reserved automatically at the time of booking your trip.

### Trip Checklist:

- ☐ Make lodging arrangements for the night before or after your trip [Royal Gorge Cabins](#)
- ☐ Sign your release form with the link in your confirmation email before you arrive
- ☐ Notify Echo of any food dietary restrictions or allergies at least 2 weeks prior to your trip
- ☐ Pay your final balance 30 days before your trip departs

### How To Get Here And Lodging:

**If you FLY:** The closest commercial airport is a short 1 hour drive away in Colorado Springs. Of course if you are up for a 2.5 hours drive Denver International Airport offers more flexibility with many more flight options. You will want to fly in at least one day before your trip departs.

**If you DRIVE:** Echo Canyon is conveniently located 1 hour from Colorado Springs, 2 hours from Denver, and 10 minutes from our local town of Cañon City.

**Where to STAY:** Check your arrival time before planning where you will stay the night before. We recommend that you consider local lodging for early morning check-ins. Our cabins and glamping tents are conveniently located just across from our rafting check-in office. You can check them out at [Royal Gorge Cabins](#). Inquire for special lodging deals for our Multi Day guests.





### **Echo Canyon Provides The Following:**

- ☐ Parking for your vehicle at our rafting office for the duration of your trip
- ☐ Transportation to and from the river
- ☐ PFD's, Helmets, Wetsuits, Splash Jacket, and River Shoes all included for your safety and comfort
- ☐ Waterproof dry bags (if necessary for trip itinerary)
- ☐ Meals from lunch on first day through lunch on last day (Overnight Experience trips include dinner and breakfast only)
- ☐ Professional Guides
- ☐ Wonderful memories!

### **You are responsible for the following:**

- ☐ Meals and lodging before and after your trip
- ☐ Personal clothing and miscellaneous items
- ☐ Guide gratuities

### **The Morning Of Your Trip:**

Check your confirmation email for the time you need to arrive at Echo Canyon. In that same email there is a link to complete your digital waiver before you arrive. Come to the check in office dressed in your river clothes, with weather appropriate layers of course. We will grab wetsuit gear and then depart on our shuttle for the drive to the put in. Make sure you eat a hearty breakfast and you are welcome to bring snacks for the van ride!

\*Shuttle times vary by trip ranging from 40 minutes to 2 hours.

### **Weather:**

Summers in the Cañon City area are typically warm and dry but you should always be prepared for cool and wet conditions. Weather and temperatures in the mountains can vary greatly as we go up and down in elevation. We recommend you check the weather in advance of your trip and factor in your own tolerance to varying conditions.





## Packing Recommendations

All Arkansas river based trips camp at state parks campsites and/or on private land. Your personal items will stay in the van and will not be transported on the boats. You can pack personal items in a backpack or carry-on sized travel bag. One set of river clothes and one set of camp clothes is plenty for the typical 2 or 3 day trip.

Pro tip: save the cotton clothing for camp. Choose performance or active wear clothing made with synthetic fibers for on-river layering. These are much more comfortable once they get wet.

### River Clothing/Gear

- ☐ Shorts or Swimsuit
- ☐ Shirt or Sun Hoodie
- ☐ River Shoes or Sandals
- ☐ Sunglasses with Strap
- ☐ Water Bottle

### Camp Clothing/Gear

- ☐ 1+ Shirt
- ☐ 1+ Shorts, Pants, Skirt, or Dress
- ☐ Undergarments
- ☐ Warm Jacket or Fleece
- ☐ Light Rain Jacket
- ☐ Camp Shoes
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Headlamp or flashlight

### Personal Items

- ☐ Sunscreen and Lip Balm
- ☐ Toiletries and Medications
- ☐ Insect Repellent

### Optional

- ☐ Beer and Soda in Cans or Plastic
- ☐ Wine in Cans or Bags - If you bring a bottle bring a bottle opener!

### Optional Cont.

- ☐ Dramamine for the Van Ride
- ☐ Waterproof Camera or Waterproof Pouch for Phone
- ☐ Fishing Gear & Colorado Fishing License
- ☐ Frisbee, games
- ☐ Musical instruments, books, field guides, etc.

### Cold Weather Trips

Wetsuit package is provided for on-river layers. You may consider the items listed below for additional river layers or to help warm up and enjoy camp.

- ☐ 1+ Synthetic Shirt
- ☐ 1+ Synthetic Pants
- ☐ Wool or Neoprene Gloves or Socks
- ☐ Wool or Fleece Beanie

### Please Don't Bring:

- ☐ Marijuana or Recreational Drugs of Any Kind
- ☐ Pets... or people that act like pets





## Your Time On the River

Time on the river is all about the flow and not your watch. You will typically plan to spend about four to five hours per day on the river. Breakfast is served around 8 AM and we are typically on the river around 10 AM. We pull over for a riverside lunch around 12:30 PM and typically arrive at camp around 2:30 or 3:00 in the afternoon. We set up camp early to allow a little time for relaxation or activities before dinner. If you are brand new to camping the guides will be happy to help

## Meals and Alcohol

Echo will provide water and lemonade to drink along with all meals from lunch on the first day through lunch on the last day. Hot drinks like coffee and tea will be available at camp. We will do our best to accommodate food allergies and dietary restrictions with at least two weeks advance notice so the guides can make accommodations.

A small cooler with ice will be provided for beer, wine and soda that you bring along. Please let us know if you anticipate bringing more than two drinks per person per day so we can make an appropriate size cooler available.

## Fishing

You are welcome to fish at camp if you would like. A Colorado fishing license can be purchased at the [Colorado Parks and Wildlife website](#). You will need to bring your own fishing gear and pre purchase the license.

## After the Trip

Trips end between 3:00 and 4:00 PM on the last day. At this time you board the van for a short 10 minute ride back to Echo Canyon where your car is parked. Upon arriving back at Echo you will get your gear and say goodbye to your river guides. At this time you are welcome to swing by the photo counter and look at the photos and video captured of your trip.

## River Guides

They love whitewater and are passionate about sharing river experiences with you. They are happy to help you if you are an inexperienced camper or have questions about the river. Setting up a tent may look complex but we can teach you to do it like a pro.

Echo Canyon River Guides are trained above and beyond state of Colorado requirements. Skills include but are not limited to river rescue, outdoors skills, First Aid, and CPR. In addition our guides have a variety of hobbies and creative interests, making them interesting people that we think you will enjoy.

## Gratuities

We are often asked if tipping is appropriate. Tips are certainly appreciated by your guides and are usually 10% to 15% of the trip cost. Whether and how much you tip should depend on your satisfaction with the trip, your feelings about tipping, and your financial means.

