

2016 RMCC Summer River Rendezvous August 5 - 7 (Friday evening through Sunday) Colorado River at Radium, Colorado

Welcome

Everyone is invited to the annual Rocky Mountain Canoe Club's Summer Rendezvous on the Colorado River. This is our big group event of the summer -- a fun weekend of river canoeing, camping, and group meals. The location is the Radium group campsite southwest of Kremmling, Colorado. Newcomers and novices are welcome! There will be river trips for most skill levels. You must be a member, or the guest of a member, to participate. Memberships may be purchased in advance by mail, \$10 per year and forms may be found at rockmountaincanoecub.org. You may also join at the Rendezvous.

Directions (BLM general location map

http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/co/field_offices/kremmling_field_office/documents/recreation/maps.Par.99688.File.dat/pumphouse_radium.pdf

From I-70 in Silverthorne, take Hwy 9 North almost all the way to Kremmling. About 1-2 miles before Kremmling, turn left on County Road 1 (dirt) AKA Trough Road. Go west and south approximately 15 miles to intersection with 11 Road where there should be a sign to Radium. Turn right onto 11 Road and go about 2.5 miles to the Radium BLM recreation site, which is on the left just before the road crosses the Colorado River. For those of you coming from west of Frisco, take I-70 to the Wolcott exit. Take Hwy 131 north 15 miles to State Bridge, then right (northeast) on County Road 1 (dirt) about 10 miles, then left on 11 Road, about 2.5 miles to the Radium campsite as above. Drive through the parking lot to the rest rooms near the boat ramp. Turn left here onto the campground loop road. Camp at either the RMCC group camp site at the north end of the loop, or one of the five individual camp sites. Look for cars with canoes on top, also our large canopy set up after Friday evening.

Facilities

The campground includes toilets and tent and vehicle camp sites, some with fire pits. There possible very strong winds and rain. Check out the BLM website for more details: http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/kfo/recreation_opportunities/radium_campground.html

BLM Fees

The only general fees for this event are Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recreation fees. Fees for those in the group camp site are a day use fee of \$5.00 per vehicle – your camping fee has already been paid by the club. If you camp at any of the five individual camp sites, the fee is \$6.00 per night for all persons and one or two vehicles plus the \$5.00 fee. If you come for the day only, without camping, it's still \$5.00 per vehicle. After you choose your camp site, go to the self service pay station at the main

entrance. Fill out a separate payment envelope for each vehicle. If you use the group camp site, write "group site" on the envelope. If you share one of the \$6.00 camp sites, write "share" and the campsite number on the envelope. Enclose fees as described above, keep the payment stub, and deposit the envelope. Camping fees also cover your daytime use of the Radium and Pumphouse boat ramp areas. Be sure to keep the payment envelope stub displayed on your dashboard.

As for all RMCC trips, you will be required to purchase ACA insurance, or be an ACA member. The fee is \$5.00 per person for the weekend, but it is waived if you already are an ACA member. All folks are asked to sign a roster during the Saturday run or at the canopy for Saturday dinner or Sunday breakfast

Waivers

All paddlers must sign the ACA waiver, which is your agreement that you know you are taking risks on the river trips, and that you are taking full responsibility for your own safety and participation.

Advance Schedule (Subject to change)

Trip organizers are needed! Possible runs include Pumphouse (Class II+ with a bit of Class III), Yarmony Bridge to State Bridge (Class II+), State Bridge to Two Bridges access (Class I with one portagable Class II), Two Bridges to Catamount (Class I) and many others. We traditionally have trip options for novices as well as higher skill levels. Please volunteer if you could coordinate a trip. At the Radium campsite we will have a white board where trips can be listed and participants can find out details (leader, departure time, etc) for trips they may be interested in. Unless otherwise noted, all trips meet on the campground exit drive, vehicles ready to go, at the time indicated.

Friday

After 4 pm Set up -- a few hands needed

Saturday

9:00 or 10am	Class I trip – TBD (Trip Coordinators needed)
9:00 or 10am	Class II trip – TBD (Trip Coordinators needed)
9:00 or 10am	Class III trip – TBD (Trip Coordinators needed)
6:00 pm	Social Hour. BYO and maybe an appetizer
7:00 pm	Dutch Oven Cook-off (fire restrictions permitting) and Pot Luck Supper

Sunday

7:00 am	Pancake Breakfast
9:00 or 10am	Trips as available – TBD (Trip Coordinators needed)

Special Events

Saturday evening 7 pm: Dutch Oven competition and Potluck dinner. Rules of Engagement are being developed by our DO Competition team (Kit H and Kathy A) but general attendees will vote near the end of the dinner for best dishes in a variety of categories. Loaner Dutch ovens are available to neophyte cooks but you must contact Bill Ashworth in advance if you need one. Everyone is welcome to join in the food! Bring

an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share even if you are not Dutch Oven cooking.

Sunday morning 7:30 am Group Pancake Breakfast,: Bill Ashworth will cook but is looking for an assistant.. Please bring toppings for the pancakes or a side dish such a bacon, potatoes, eggs, fruit, or juice.

Help Needed

To volunteer for any of the following, please contact any of the organizers below:

- Be a Trip Coordinator for one of the Sat or Sunday runs
- Partner with a beginner or novice
- Set up and take down the group canopy (Fri night and Sunday after breakfast)
- Loan a Dutch oven to a novice
- Help with Pancake Breakfast on Sunday
- Organize the Dutch oven competition
- Bring supplies for group supper
- Bring firewood and manage a fire
- Site clean-up and trash removal on Sunday morning

Reminders -- What to Bring

- Boating:
 - Boats, paddles, floatation bags, painters ; HELMETS for Class II and above
 - Life jackets, throw bag, first aid kit, bailer
 - Sun protection (sunscreen, sunglasses, hats)
 - Water, lunch
 - Dry bag, spare clothes
 - Rain suits

Camping:

- Water for drinking & washing (**Radium is a dry camp**)
- Cups, dishes, silverware, cooking stuff
- Fire pans, charcoal, marshmallows, maybe firewood
- Chairs, tables, tents, bags, pad, etc.
- Guitars, harmonicas, musical instruments
- Libations, ice, party supplies

Contact information

To volunteer and for general questions, contact:
Bill Ashworth – washwort@gmail.com 720-352-6456

**River Segment Descriptions
Colorado River Miles
Segments**

Moving Downstream . . .

	Miles	Class	Comments
Pumphouse to Radium	4	II - III	Needle Eye Rapid; ends at camp.
Radium to Yarmony Bridge	7	III	Also called Red Gorge; Yarmony Rapid, dinosaur tracks and some slow water.
Yarmony Bridge to State Bridge	4	II+	Good moving water.
State Bridge to Two Bridges	4	I-II	One Class II rapid is portagable
Two Bridges to Catamount Bridge	9	I	The easiest stretch.
Catamount Bridge to Burns	5	I-II+	Catamount Rapid is II+, single drop, large center rock. Portageable, take out early on right.
Burns to Pinball	4	II-III	Rodeo Rapid - the only III (IV at low water) - has sharp rocks but is portagable.