**RMCC Lower Colorado River Trip**

**Horsethief / Ruby Canyons**

**Put-in:** Loma boat launch

**Take-out:** Westwater Ranger Station, UT

**Paddling distance:** 24 miles

**River difficulty:** Class I

**ACA Event Status**: ACA sanctioned trip. CURRENT ACA membership or $5 event fee required. NO helmets required

**Meet-up time at Loma boat ramp put-in:** 8am Saturday

**Estimated time of take-out**: approx.. 12pm Sunday

**Estimated shuttle time:** 45 minutes (each way)

**Trip Coordinator:** Bill Ashworth, 720-352-6456, washwort@gmail.com

**Registration requirement**: Contact Bill if you plan on attending

**Overview:**

Since Loma is a 4+ hour drive from the Front Range, most paddlers will arrive in the area Friday night. However, there will be no group campsite – everyone’s on their own. There’s a state park in Fruita about 7 miles from Loma and numerous others farther away. Colorado National Monument is a short distance away from Fruita and often has Friday night campsites available

After assembling at 8am on Saturday, we’ll off load all our boats and river gear and start the shuttle. Non-drivers will start rigging the boats and we’ll launch around 11:00-11:30.

We should make Saturday night camp about 15 miles downstream at our designated campsite at around 3-4pm and everyone who’s interested is encouraged to bring a LITTLE something to share for a happy hour around 5. Sunday morning launch is targeted for around 9:30am and we should be back at the Westwater BLM Ranger Station around noon.

**Paddlers should bring:**

* Boats suitable for Class I paddling (solo or tandem canoes; recreational, river, or sea kayaks)
* Standard overnight canoe camping gear (contact Bill for additional information or check out the REI suggestions <http://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/canoe-multiday-touring-checklist.html>
* Food and WATER (or filter)
* Money for the reserved Sat night campsite ($5 or less depending on group size)

**RMCC will provide:**

* Group toilet
* Group handwashing station
* Fire pan IF NOT BAN is in place

**Additional information:**

<https://www.recreation.gov/permits/map_of_Ruby_Horsethief_Canyon_Permits/r/wildernessAreaMap.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=74466>