

# **RMCC Summer River Rendezvous with Covid-19 Modifications**

## **Friday evening through Sunday afternoon July 31 – August 2, 2020 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, usually, group meals. **See Covid-19 related modifications in Red.**

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 [rockmountaincanoeclub.org](http://rockmountaincanoeclub.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](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. Our large canopy WILL NOT be set up this time.

### **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](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 before the Saturday or Sunday run.

## **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. **THERE IS ALSO A COVID-19 SPECIFIC ADDENDUM TO THE WAIVER. PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BOTH WAIVERS BEFORE THE WEEKEND TO MAKE IT EASIER ON THE ORGANIZERS AND RUN LEADERS.** Both waivers are available on our website's Trip Organization page at <http://rockymountaincanoecub.net/trip-organization/>

**Covid-19 Specific Requirements:** Please **DO NOT ATTEND** if you are unwilling to follow these requirements. Liberal glaring, finger wagging, and "tsk, tsk'ing will be employed to enforce compliance.

- Maintain social distancing (6' apart) whenever possible
- Wear a mask during boat rigging, shuttling, safety talks, paddling breaks, the Saturday happy hour or any other time when 6' separation cannot be maintained in cars, boats, on beaches, or in camp.
- Bring and liberally use hand sanitizer or hand washing
- To minimize the need for assisted rescue, don't boat beyond your comfort level.
- Runs may be limited to 10 persons each in order to comply with Grand County requirements. See page 5 for Grand County details.

## **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. See the summary list on page 6.

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.

### Before the Event

- Please RSVP to participate to Kathryn at [gymutz@gmail.com](mailto:gymutz@gmail.com) or 303-499-1092
- Make registration/planning easier for us: Send in waiver forms and ACA fee, if applicable, to Kathryn Mutz, 2990 Regis Drive Boulder, CO 80305. Checks will not be cashed until after the event and there will be no penalty to cancel.
- Indicate your preferred run/level of boating when you register.

### Friday, July 31

After 4 pm

Participants begin to gather, camping at either the group sites (free) or individual sites (first come-first served; \$6). **We do not plan to set up the RMCC tent. Please leave plenty of space between your tent and others'.**

### Saturday

Trips as available:

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

**BYO Social Hour in small, social distanced groups — Rather than a large gathering under the RMCC tent, please gather only in small groups at the picnic tables or at individual tent sites. Plan to sit 6' apart or wear masks.**

7:00 pm

**DINNER ON YOUR OWN – NO POTLUCK**

### Sunday

7:00 am

**BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN and break camp**

9:00 or 10am

Trips as available – TBD (Trip Coordinators needed). See the whiteboard for last minute additions/changes to the boating schedule

### Help Needed

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

- Be a Run Coordinator or sweep for one of the Saturday or Sunday runs
- **Organize one of these mini-social events to include social distancing:**
  - **Best Mask Competition**
  - **Throw Rope Competition**
  - **Favorite Knot Tying Demonstration(s)**

**Reminders -- What to Bring** – See “Requirements and recommendations for ACA-Sanctioned Events” at: <http://rockymountaincanoecub.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/RMCC-Boating-Requirements-and-Recommendations-2020.pdf> including:

**Boating:**

- Boats, paddles, and painters
- HELMETS AND FLOTATION BAGS 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 RSVP, volunteer and for general questions, contact:  
Event Coordinator Kathryn Mutz, 303-499-1092, [gvmutz@gmail.com](mailto:gvmutz@gmail.com)

## Covid-19 Safety Parameters:

- ACA (<https://www.americancanoe.org/page/COVID19Guidelines> ),
- Colorado’s “Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors” (<https://www.co.grand.co.us/DocumentCenter/View/15141/20-28-Safer-at-Home?bidId=> ),
- BLM restrictions (group camping permit is for 30 for each of our two campsites) in place today.
- Grand County (<https://www.co.grand.co.us/1303/9866/Activity-Specific-Protective-Measures> ):

We do not currently know which category of activity Grand County would classify us. But they seem willing to categorize individual runs – rather than our whole group – as the size of the gathering.

[Campgrounds](#) Camp only with members of your household in your local region. Do not invite visitors to your campsite

[Outdoor Events](#) Limit capacity depending on venue size accounting for usable square footage with a maximum of 175 people, excluding staff, per room, maintaining six (6) feet distance between non-household

[Outdoor Recreation \(including Outdoor Recreation Businesses & Outfitters\)](#) Group size not to exceed ten (10); up to two (2) households in a boat or jeep

[Personal Recreation](#) Group size not to exceed ten (10), unless otherwise specified

[Shelters, Pavilions, Picnic Tables](#) Group size not to exceed ten (10)

## River Segment Descriptions

<b>Colorado River Segments</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Moving Downstream . . .</b>			
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.