

RMCC Summer River Rendezvous Colorado River at Radium, Colorado Friday August 4 - Monday August 7, 2023

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 a couple of 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 or on our website, \$10 per year and forms may be found at <https://rockymountaincanoeclub.net/members/join-our-club/>. You may also join at the Rendezvous.

Possible runs include Pumphouse (Class II+; Class III at some water levels), Yarmony Bridge to State Bridge (Class II+), State Bridge to Two Bridges access (Class I with one portageable Class II), Two Bridges to Catamount (Class I) and others. We traditionally have trip options for novices as well as higher skill levels. And stepping it up from last year, our Instructors are offering a Class II, Intermediate Level Canoeing workshop on Saturday morning focusing on several, specific river maneuvers.

At the Radium campsite we will have a white board where trips will be listed and participants can find out details – leader, departure time, other boaters, etc. Unless otherwise noted, all trips meet on the campground exit drive, vehicles ready to go, at the time indicated. Please volunteer if you are willing to be on-water lead for any run(s).

Directions

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 the 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 at an individual campsite. Look for cars with canoes on top or our large party tent, usually set up Friday evening, and say hello.

Facilities

The campground has NO DRINKING WATER, but includes toilets and tent and vehicle campsites, some with fire pits. There are possible very strong winds and rain and you might notice some trains through the night. Starting in 2023, the group sites and nine of the individual campsites are reservable through [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov); seven individual sites remain first-come, first-serve. We have reserved the two group sites (60 people) and several members have reserved individual sites (including sites 6, 7, 11 and 16) and are willing to share. But only one vehicle day fee is included with each group or individual campsite reservation (see below).

Event Fees

The only general fees for this event are Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recreation fees. Fees for those in the group camp sites are a day use fee of \$5 per vehicle – your camping fee has already been paid by the club. If you camp at any of the individual campsites, the fee is \$6 per night – it pays for up to 10 campers and one vehicle for each camp night paid. Each additional vehicle must pay the \$5 per day fee. If you come for the day only, without camping, it's still \$5 per vehicle.

After you choose your campsite (either one of our shared sites or your own), go to the self service pay station at the main entrance. Fill out a separate payment envelope for your vehicle. If you use the group camp site, write "group site" on the envelope and pay only your \$5 day use fee. If you share one of the individual campsites, write "share" and the campsite number on the envelope. Enclose fees as described above, keep the payment stub, and deposit the envelope.

If you pay a camping fee it covers your daytime use of the Radium and Pumphouse boat ramp areas. Be sure to keep the payment envelope stub displayed on your dashboard. Seniors and those holding certain federal recreation passes get discounts on camping and day-use fees – see the self-service pay station bulletin board for details. (In other words – I can never remember what is free or half price.)

As for all RMCC trips, you must be an ACA annual member or purchase an event membership for \$10 per person for the weekend. Payment is due before the Saturday 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. PLEASE do this on-line ahead of time either as an ACA member (annual waiver) or for the individual event.

To sign the on-line ACA waiver, go to:

<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/e/SqUztTj3LJpThakfNr2xsD/>

Otherwise PRINT OUT an ACA waiver and submit it with your \$10 ACA event fee before Saturday boating.

Reminders -- What to Bring

Boating:

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

Camping:

Water for drinking & washing (**Radium is a dry camp**)
Cups, dishes, silverware – to limit our use of disposables
Fire pans, charcoal, marshmallows, firewood
Chairs, tables, tents, bags, pad, etc.
Guitars, harmonicas, other musical instruments
Libations, ice, party supplies

Help Needed

It takes a village to rendezvous – To volunteer for any/all event tasks, please contact Kathryn:

Collect waivers/ACA fees - great way to meet people!
Coordinate a run / on-water lead / Sweep
Help with a mentoring run on Saturday
Transport the party tent to/from Broomfield
Help set up or take down the party tent (Friday night and Sunday after breakfast)
Orchestrate the Saturday Cooking Competition (materials provided)
Loan a Dutch oven to a novice
Help Bill with the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday
Organize the Rope Throw or Knot Tying competition
Bring firewood and manage a fire
Setup our handwash station; refill/dispose of water as necessary
Wrangle recycle
Supervise site clean-up and final trash removal on Sunday or Monday morning
Pitch In!

Event Coordinator Contact information

To volunteer and for general questions, contact:
Kathryn Mutz, gvmutz@gmail.com, 303-499-1092 – landline; leave a message

*See Draft Schedule
and
River Segments with Mileage
following pages*

Draft Schedule

Friday

Late morning Gather for an afternoon run; time and location TBD;
RSVP to participate

After 4 pm Party tent set up -- a few hands needed

Saturday

9:00 or 10am Class I trip – TBD (Run Coordinators needed)

9:00 or 10am Class II trip – TBD (Run Coordinators needed)

9:00 or 10am Class III trip – TBD (Run Coordinators needed)

5:00 pm Social Hours: BYOB and maybe an appetizer

7:00 pm Camp Cook-off (Dutch ovens with fire restrictions permitting) and Pot Luck Supper

Sunday

7:00 am Pancake Breakfast – Bill Ashworth Coordinating

9:00 or 10am Trips as available – TBD (Run Coordinators needed)

Monday

9:00 or 10am Trips as available – TBD (Run Coordinators needed)

Special Events

Saturday after boating: Appetizers, drinks, conversation, and competitions: Rescue rope throwing competition, Knot Tying competition and other events as they develop. Prizes will be awarded and volunteer competition coordinators are needed.

Saturday evening 7 pm: Dutch Oven (DO) and Traditional Camp Cuisine competition and Potluck dinner. Rules of Engagement are being developed by our Cooking Competition team but general attendees will vote near the end of the dinner for best dishes in a variety of categories. Loaner DOs are available to neophyte cooks but let us know in advance if you need to borrow one. Everyone is welcome to join in the food! Bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share even if you are not DO cooking. Prizes will be awarded.

To avoid the ire of experienced (aka organized) DO chefs, the dinner and competition will begin promptly at 7pm with whatever dishes are ready to devour. So plan your coal heating and food prep strategy accordingly.

Sunday morning 7:30 am Group Pancake Breakfast: Bill Ashworth will coordinate this breakfast, but is looking for assistants. If inspired, anyone should bring toppings for the pancakes or a side dish such as bacon, potatoes, eggs, fruit, or juice.

**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. |