

North Platte River into Glendo

Please note, this is an *exploratory* trip as we have not yet paddled this stretch of the North Platte

Overview:

WY 319 runs just to the west of Glendo state park. About 10 or so miles north of Glendo, there is a bridge that crosses the North Platte. Just beyond the bridge, on the west side of the road (east side of the river) there is a public access point. We will put-in here. According to the sign at that point, there is a flow structure spanning the river about ½ mi (2500 ft) below the put-in. According to the sign, there is a low flow notch near the right bank. We should plan to get out there and investigate. We will be paddling into Glendo Reservoir with the first access point being the Elk Horn Access Area which has a boat ramp and campground.

When we were there last year in early August, the boat ramp was closed due to low water in the reservoir. Also, it was pretty muddy but we did not check to see if we could pull our boats across the mud flat to a spot where we could then walk them to the cars. We will leave a shuttle vehicle(s) here and can check out the shoreline at that time.

Hazards:

- (1) This is an exploratory trip. We have never paddled this section of river.
- (2) As mentioned above, portage may be needed ½ mile downstream of the put-in.
- (3) From the looks of the river section last year, it's pretty flat and there did not seem to be much in the way of current.
- (4) There are a *couple of miles of flatwater on the lake to paddle* from the end of the river to our takeout at the Elkhorn Access Area.
- (5) Possible muddy banks to negotiate.
- (6) It's Wyoming! There will be wind!
- (7) Please note, we already have 20 people signed up from the club survey in January, kind of large for an exploratory trip. Therefore, new people will be added to a waitlist.

Important!!:

ACA: this will be an ACA-compliant trip.

All boats used in Wyoming must have the Game & Fish Invasive Species Decal and must be inspected when entering Wyoming.

Wyoming Decal: If you are floating a boat in Wyoming, you need to purchase an invasive species decal. Only inflatables of 10 feet or less are exempt. You can purchase the decal for

\$15.00 at the link below or at any store in Wyoming that sells fishing licenses.

<https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Fishing-and-Boating/Aquatic-Invasive-Species-Prevention/AIS-Decal>

If you order online, you need to have a printer so you can print a receipt that is good for 15 days. They will mail you the actual decal within 10 days. You need a separate sticker for each boat you float in Wyoming. The money goes to trying to keep invasive species out of Wyoming.

Wyoming Inspection: All boats have to stop and be inspected as they enter the state during the summer months. That includes canoes and kayaks. The inspection stations are only open certain hours, so you will have to plan your trips accordingly. This will affect all floats on the North Platte. If you plan on driving up I-25 to Cheyenne, then the inspection station is at the Port of Entry, 6 miles north of the border. It is open on these hours:

- Friday: 5:30 am to 8:30 pm
- Saturday: 5:30 am to 8:30 pm
- Other days: 7:30 am to 6:30 pm

Last year there was an additional pass-thru inspection is required at Glendo (in town, just off the interstate.)

For more information click this link:

[Species-Prevention/AIS-Boating-Information](#)

Safety:

- PFDs are required on all Canoe Club events.
- Drink lots of water; Use sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses.
- Since this is an exploratory outing, please no children and no pets.
- Rescue people first, equipment second.
- Keep between lead boat and sweep boat.
- Bring a throw rope.
- Bring a personal first aid kit if you have one.
- Bring a cell phone if you have one (and keep it in a sealed bag/container)
- Expect rattlesnakes in this area, so watch where you step
- Bring lunch, drinks and enough snacks for the whole day

Itinerary:

Drive Time: 4 hours from Longmont

Thursday and Friday, August 8th and 9th:

We are planning to drive to Glendo on Thursday, August 8th, and camp at Two Moon Campground. Our paddle is planned for Friday, August 9th. We will be staying the weekend and join Bill Ashworth on his Glendo to Guernsey paddle on Saturday, August 10th.

8:00 pm Thursday: We will have a quick meeting at the campground to discuss the shuttle and float.

8:00 am Friday. Meet at the campground for shuttle. We need to leave at least 1 shuttle car at the Elkhorn Access Area (and we will need to check to be sure we can crawl across the mud to haul our boats at the end of the day). Once we are back to the campground, let's plan on getting together for snacks (bring something to share) and drinks (BYO).

Directions to Two Moon Campground -

Drive I-25 north through Cheyenne, Chugwater, Wheatland, and exit at Glendo, Exit 111. (Chugwater has a great ice cream shop on the far east side of town. Take the 1st Chugwater exit and take a right. Go to the end of the road to the "T" and take a left. The shop and parking lot are immediately on your left). Allow about 4 hours travel time from the Boulder/Longmont area Glendo, Wyoming. In Glendo, follow the signs to Glendo State Park. You'll be going south on the Glendo Park Road. See the map that follows. The Glendo Park Road is on the southeast corner of town. If you end up leaving town on 319, go back.

Once in the park you will go by the park entrance. We plan to have reservations but always stop here. Then, proceed a long way, past the marina and headquarters, until you get to Two Moon Campground on the left.

Park Fees and Website:

Out of State, Day Only Fee: \$12.00

Out of State, Camping Fees: \$32.16 (includes the daily fee)

See the website for additional information, link to reservations, maps and brochures.

Glendo State Park webpage: <https://wyoparks.wyo.gov/index.php/places-to-go/glendo>

Contact Info:

If you have questions or want to sign-up, contact **Anne Fiore** at anne_fiore@yahoo.com or leave a message at 720-210-8858 (fyi, I do not answer my phone unless I know who is calling).

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See maps below:



Map data ©2005 NAVT <-- The Streets of Glendo



Some Phone Numbers:

(Note, not verified as of 3/12/2024)

Wheatland Hospital (Platte County Memorial Hospital), 201 14th Street, Wheatland, (307) 322-3636

Glendo State Park (307) 735 4433

Glendo Police Dept (307) 735-4242

Wheatland Police, 951 Water Street, (307) 322-2141

B&M Salvage & Towing, Wheatland, WY, (307) 322-2420,

Big Rig Recovery, Cheyenne, WY, (307) 637 3334

D & S Towing and Recovery, Cheyenne, WY, (307) 634 7999

Fort Collins, towing, Kramer & Houston Towing, 970-493-3375