

RMCC Summer River Rendezvous Colorado River at Radium, Colorado Friday August 2 - Monday August 5, 2024

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Welcome

Join us for the annual Rocky Mountain Canoe Club's Summer Rendezvous on the Colorado River at Radium. This is our big group event of the summer -- a fun weekend of boating, camping, lots of gabbing, and a couple of group meals. The location is the two Radium group campsites southwest of Kremmling, Colorado. Newcomers and novices are welcome! There will be river trips for most skill levels. You must be a RMCC member, or the guest of a member, to participate. For this event, all Poudre Paddlers are invited as guests.

Boating

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, following a successful addition last year, our Instructors hope to offer a Class II, Intermediate Level Canoeing workshop on Saturday morning focusing on several, specific river maneuvers. (Stay tuned for more on this later.)

Friday boating will be arranged among those that pre-register as interested. For Saturday, Sunday and Monday boating we will have a white board at the Radium campsite where trips will be listed and participants can find out details – run coordinator, sweep volunteers, departure time, other boaters, etc. Unless otherwise noted, all trips meet on the campground exit drive, vehicles ready to shuttle, at the time indicated on the white board, typically 9:00 am.

Please *volunteer* (see more info later) if you are willing to be on-water coordinator for any run(s). See the list of river segments on the last page.

Food, Friends and Special Events

Friday – Rendezvousers dribble into the campground for conversation and informal appetizers throughout the afternoon and evening. A *volunteer* will check people in and accept paper waivers and \$10 ACA event fees for non-ACA members.

Saturday afternoon – Most folks chill out, but we hope – with *volunteer* help – to orchestrate a rope throw and/or knot tying competition. With prizes, of course!

Saturday evening – Potluck and Cooking Competition – Bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share. Appetizers at 6; Dinner starts promptly at 7 pm with whatever

dishes are ready to devour to avoid the ire of experienced (aka organized) DO chefs. So plan your coal heating and food prep strategy accordingly. Please bring reusable dinnerware to minimize trash. *Volunteers* will set up dishwash stations and trash/recycle cans.

Volunteers will orchestrate judging of the cooking competition and diners will vote near the end of the dinner for best:

- Dutch Oven Main Dish;
- Dutch Oven Side Dish or Appetizer;
- Dutch Oven Dessert; and
- Non-Dutch Oven Item.

Note that Dutch Oven cooking is subject to potential fire bans, but has not been canceled for the last several years.

Sunday morning - 7:00 am Group Pancake Breakfast. Craig Flora is following in Bill Ashworth's very large footsteps to host this breakfast with pancakes, coffee and hot water for tea. If the spirit moves you, please bring toppings for the pancakes (we'll have maple syrup) or a side dish such as bacon, potatoes, eggs, fruit, juice, etc.

Please Register!

Register on-line so that we can plan for the group. Go to:

[Rendezvous 2024 registration](#) to fill out the form

If you have not joined/renewed this year, RMCC memberships may be purchased in advance by mail or on our website, \$10 per year and forms may be found at <https://rockymountaincanoecub.net/members/join-our-club/>. Guests of members may also join at the Rendezvous (no pressure!)

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. All individual sites have been reserved on [recreation.gov](#) as of 6 23 24. Look for cars with canoes on top or our large party tent, which is sometimes set up Friday evening, and say hello.

Facilities

The campground has NO DRINKING WATER, and there is currently NO DRINKING WATER at the Pumphouse campground either. Our Radium campground includes toilets and tent and vehicle campsites, some with fire pits. Strong winds and rain are common and you might notice some trains through the night. Starting in 2023, the group and individual campsites are reservable through [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). We have reserved the two group sites (30 people each) and several members have reserved individual sites and are willing to share. But only one vehicle day-use fee is included with each group or individual campsite reservation (see more below). So be prepared to pay your day use fee.

Fees - BLM day use fee and ACA event membership for non-members

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 (for up to 10 campers) and includes one vehicle day use fee for each camp night paid. Each additional vehicle must pay the \$5 day use fee. If you come for the day only, without camping, it's still \$5 per vehicle. See the exceptions below.

After you choose your campsite (either one of our group sites or your own), go to the self service pay station at the main entrance. Fill out a separate 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 day use of the Radium and Pumphouse boat ramp areas until noon the next day. Parking areas from State Bridge to Catamount do not have day use fees. Be sure to keep the payment envelope stub displayed on your dashboard. Holders of America the Beautiful passes (federal passes covering national parks AND other federal recreation facilities) can use these passes to cover the day use fee payment. Place your pass on your dashboard with your signature facing out. Contact the *Kremmling Field Office at (970) 724-3027 for more information.*

As for all RMCC trips, you must be an ACA annual member or purchase an event membership for \$10 per boater 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 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 – specific to the 2024 Rendezvous – go to:
<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/e/oaiNK9bEMKxHpchrFUBJKe/>

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

- Adult paper waiver:
https://americancanoe.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/aca_waiver_release_of_liab.pdf
- Minor paper waiver:
<https://americancanoe.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/MinorWaiverEnglish.pdf>

Reminders -- What to Bring

Boating:

Boats, paddles, and painters;
HELMETS and floatation bags (Class II and above, but may include Class I at the discretion of the run coordinator, e.g., for high water)
PFDs for all on-water activities
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

RMCC Loaner Equipment:

Check our website for equipment that you might want to borrow from the club –
<https://rockymountaincanoecub.net/members/club-equipment/>
including a canoe – <https://rockymountaincanoecub.net/canoe-loans/>
Check ahead if you want to borrow a dutch oven to test your camp cooking skills.

Help Needed

It takes a village to rendezvous – To volunteer for any/all event tasks, please check some boxes on the Rendezvous Registration form. For example:

- 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 or other club equipment from/back to Broomfield

Help set up or take down the party tent (Friday/Saturday afternoon/night and Sunday after breakfast)
Orchestrate the Saturday Cooking Competition (materials provided)
Loan a Dutch oven to a novice
Help with the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday - Craig Flora orchestrating
Organize a Rope Throw or Knot Tying competition
Bring firewood **and manage** a fire (if there is no fire ban in place)
Setup our handwash station; bring freshwater/refill/dispose of water as necessary
Wrangle garbage and recycle – we have containers/bags
Supervise site clean-up and final trash removal on Sunday or Monday morning
Pitch In!

Event Coordinator Contact information

For questions, contact:

Kathryn Mutz, gvmutz@gmail.com, 303-499-1092 – landline; leave a message

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

Draft Schedule

Friday

Late morning	Gather for an afternoon run; time and location TBD; RSVP on Registration Form to participate
Afternoon - evening	Arrivals, camp set up and conversation
After 4 pm	Party tent set up if wind not predicted -- many hands needed
Anytime	Social Hour: BYOB and maybe an appetizer

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)
Afternoon?	Conversation, rope throwing and knot tying?
6:00 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 – Craig Flora Coordinating Take down party tent - many hands needed
9:00 or 10am	Trips as available – TBD (Run Coordinators needed)

Monday

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

Colorado River Segments	Miles	Class	Comments
Moving Downstream . . .			
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.