

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB

May 1977

Dear Rocky Mountain Canoe Club Members:

Enclosed are descriptions of the first four canoe club trips-- we hope you will be able to participate in these forthcoming trips.

We are having an informal "coffee klatch" from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., May 12th at the Department of Commerce Building (NBS), Room 1107, 325 South Broadway in Boulder for any new people in the area that might be interested in learning more about our Club. I would like to encourage you to come and participate as the more people we can gather the more input we can gather from the new people with new ideas.

The final schedule for the first part of this season is also enclosed. After last Saturday's experience with no water we feel that we cannot as yet publish any further plans for later in the summer. It looks like we may have to be thinking toward running the more predictable, dam-controlled rivers. We'll keep you informed and welcome any suggestions.

Hope to see you on the 12th if not this weekend on the Blue!

P.S.

Don't forget that the Club needs your financial support as well as your enthusiasm so if you haven't sent your \$3.00, please do so today. Future mailings will only be sent to paid-up members.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>River</u>	<u>River Miles</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Difficulty</u>
4/30	So. Platte	15	Milliken to Greeley	Easy
5/7	Blue River <i>color</i>	10	<i>Green Mtn. Reservoir</i> Green Mtn. Reservoir to Kremmling	Intermediate
5/14-15	Colorado	25	Grizzly Creek (Instructional Trip)	Intermediate
5/28-29	White River	24	Meeker to Rio Blanco Lake (2 days)	Intermediate

6/18-19	No. Platte	25	Pickeroon Campground to Plattoga Ranch	Easy - Inter.
7/2-4	Green River	46	Flaming Gorge Dam to Ladore	Difficult
7/16-17	Rio Grande & Conejos	14 20	Wagon Wheel Gap to So. Fork Spectacle Lake to Aspen Glade	Intermediate

5/28-6/5	San Juan River	110	"Week of Rivers" in Utah	Difficult

CONTACT POINTS: Contact the Trip Leader by the Wednesday before any trip if you plan to go know how many and who will be going and thereby be able to plan car shuttle possible. If you have any questions about the Club, our officers are list they will be happy to answer any questions they can. Don't let the rating call the Trip Leader and he should be able to give you a more accurate acc water level etc. which can make some difference.

OFFICERS: John Shugrue, President, [redacted]
 Linda Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer, [redacted] (Boulder)
 Bruce Waters, Program Chairman, [redacted] (Longmont)

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB

May 7, 1977 - Blue River from Green Mountain Reservoir to Kremmling, Colo.

Tripleaders: John and Pat Shugrue,

The upper section of this 14 mile intermediate run requires constant rock dodging. There are 2 small drops which can be portaged and a diversion dam that must be carried. The lower section is an easy paddle on flat water. There are no high standing waves. Last year a couple of children were brought by experienced canoeists without incident.

The meeting point will be north of the Green Mountain Dam where the Spring Creek Road crosses the Blue. We will begin the car shuttle at 10:00. The total time for the trip including a stop for lunch will be about 5 hours. After we've loaded our canoes and gear those who are interested can drive into Kremmling for a super dinner at the Wagon Wheel.

To reach the put-in for Saturday's trip drive west on I-70 to Dillon and then north on Colo. 9 past Silverthorne to the Green Mountain Reservoir. Turn left on Spring Creek Road, about a mile north of the reservoir, and follow it's winding path to the Blue. Travel time will be about 2½ hours. Please call us by Wednesday, May 4, if you plan to come.

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Basic River Canoeing Training Trip

Date: May 14-15, 1977

River: Colorado River near Glenwood Springs

Leader: Jeff Keeler

Rendezvous: May 14, 10:00 a.m. at the Grizzley Creek Picnic Ground
(4 or 5 miles east of the town of Glenwood Springs)

This weekend will be devoted to river canoeing instruction during the mornings and practice during the afternoons. Saturday's sessions will emphasize basic canoeing techniques and is suitable for persons with only minimal (some) canoeing experience. Sunday will emphasize intermediate river canoeing skills (possibly on the Roaring Fork River). Small children and pets are welcome on Saturday's moving but mild waters, but on Sunday, we will probably all get wet.

Overnight camping will be arranged in the area and reasonable motels are available in Glenwood Springs. Try to find a partner in advance, but call me if you have trouble. This is not a whitewater session, we will work on learning new strokes and making old strokes more efficient. Camping gear will not be carried in the boats. I would also encourage experienced canoeists to come on Saturday to assist with instruction. Let me know if you can help.

Call me before May 13 as most people will leave Friday night and camp along the way. Sunday night the hot springs in Glenwood just might cure all those sore muscles!

~~Jeff Keeler~~ - Leader
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White River Trip

Memorial Day Weekend

Location: White River, Meeker to Rio Blanco Lake (about 30 river miles)
Difficulty: Intermediate
Rendezvous: Meeker City Park
Times: 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 28 for Part 1 (20 mi.)
9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 29 for Part 2 (10 mi.)
Trip Leaders: Bruce and Jeanne Waters,
Travel Time: Five hours drive from Denver-Boulder area via I-70 (about 240 miles)

Camping Facilities: Free camping at the City Park in Meeker. It has running water and flush toilets even! Electric hookups are available at a nominal fee.

The White River meanders through shady, tree-lined farms and open range land and provides some of the best features of our scheduled trips. There was an abundance of wildlife the last time we ran the river. We saw deer at the water's edge, beaver, eagles, herons and vultures.

While this river can be run by anyone with a little experience, it is not a safe place to learn to canoe. We recommend that only experienced canoeists plan to bring children. With swift current, tight turns and overhanging trees, this will be an interesting trip.

This area is historically interesting. You may wish to visit the White River Museum in Meeker and find out more about the Ute Indians, the Meeker Massacre, and later white settlement. There are a number of original log buildings, inhabited and vacant, along the roads.

We will rendezvous at the Meeker City Park. Drive into Meeker and turn south on 5th Street. The park is on the river. We look forward to having you join us on a trip down the White River. Please call us by Wednesday, May 25, 1977 to let us know if you plan to come. We have been down the river and will be happy to answer any of your questions.

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Week of Rivers - May 28 to June 5, 1977

San Juan River - Bluff to Clay Hill Crossing, Utah
Colorado River - Horsethief and Ruby Canyons, Colorado

Coordinator: Bob McLaughlin

The week of rivers is a result of two years of frustration with spending more time on the road than in the water. The original plan was to devote most of this period to exploring the Delores River, however the low spring run-off has forced us to select the San Juan instead. (I would be happy to have any other suggestions for this year or for those years to come since we plan to continue this type of trip in the future.)

This will be a wilderness trip for experienced canoeists. All food and equipment for the trip will be carried in the canoes. The 81 miles of the San Juan will offer a variety of paddling from scenic valleys to thrilling whitewater canyons. The 30 miles of the Colorado will be less challenging but equally beautiful. Here is a tentative schedule for the week.

Saturday (May 28) Drive to Bluff, Utah (9 hrs.). Scout the river.

Sunday (May 29) thru Wednesday (June 1) Canoe the San Juan.

Thursday (June 2) Drive to Grand Junction (6 hrs.) and resupply.

Friday (June 3) and Saturday (June 4) Canoe the Colorado River to Westwater.

Sunday (June 5) Return to Denver (6 hrs.)

The week includes driving a total of about 1200 miles and canoeing about 110 miles.

I need to hear from everyone who wishes to go on the trip not later than Wednesday, May 18th. We will get together at my house on Sunday, May 22nd to meet each other, arrange car pooling, and compare equipment lists. There are three boats signed up now, we would like to have a few more for this unique trip!

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North Platte River
Saratoga, Wyoming

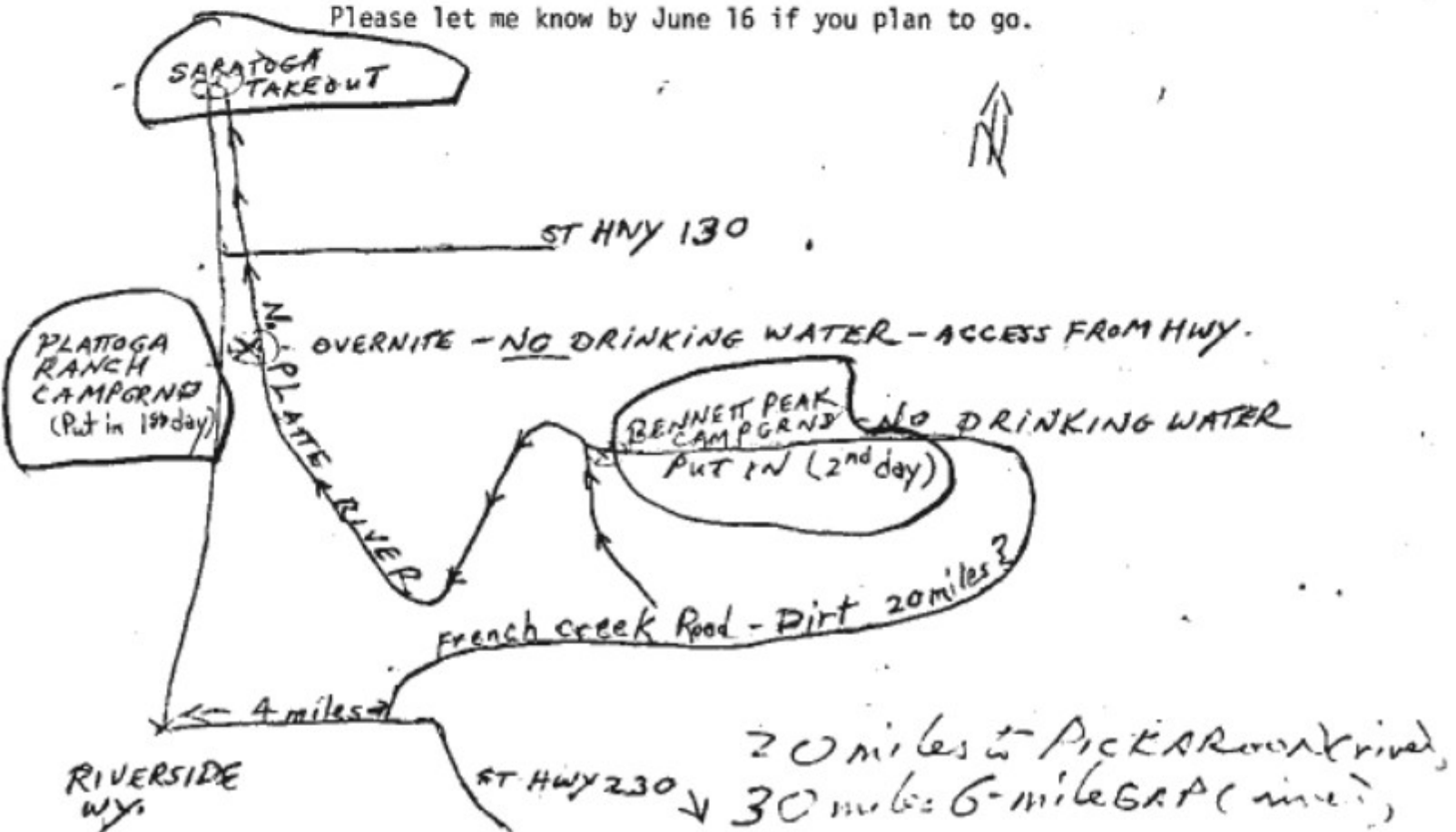
June 18-19, 1977 Trip

TRIP LEADER: Don Walker

We canoed from Six-Mile Gap to Bennett's Peak (30 miles) on Memorial Day and found the river lower than last June 19. This trip took 8 hours. I doubt the river will be passable above Bennett's Peak, possibly Pickaroon, by June 19 this year.

Because of the uncertainty of water level, we will meet Saturday, June 18, at 11:30 a.m. at Plattoga Campground (see map). This is about 4 1/2 hrs. driving time from Denver. We can float to Saratoga (12 miles) on Saturday afternoon and, depending on water, decide on Sunday's float.

Please let me know by June 16 if you plan to go.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB

Trip: Green River from Flaming Gorge Dam, Utah
to Lodore Ranger Station

Date: July 2-4, 1977

Trip Leader: John Shugrue, 8194 Robinson Way, Arvada,

This will be a 46-mile trip on the Green River starting at the Spillway Boat Ramp about half a mile down river of the Flaming Gorge Dam and ending at the boat ramp at the Lodore Ranger Station. The first 11 miles of the trip has fast current, a few Class I rapids and one Class II rapid (Red Creek Rapid). The remainder of the trip is flat water through historic Browns Park, Swallow Canyon and the Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge.

We plan to leave Denver Friday evening and drive part way that night. We'll meet at the Lodore Ranger Station at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. After spotting a few cars there, we'll continue on to the town of Dutch John, Utah and the Spillway Boat Ramp. A mid-afternoon start should allow us to take advantage of increased water flow to run the first 11 miles through the Red Canyon. Saturday night we will camp at the Red Creek Float Stop.

Sunday will be a long day on the river since we plan to run 26 miles down to the Refuge Campgrounds where we will camp that night.

On Monday we will have a run of slightly over 8 miles down to the boat ramp at the Lodore Ranger Station where the trip will end.

Camping gear and food for 2 days will be carried in the boats.

Driving time from Denver to the Lodore Ranger Station is approximately 7 hours.

Please let me know by June 25 if you plan to go.

July 26, 1977

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB NEWSLETTER

Dear RMCC Members:

We've had an exciting canoe season so far with more water than we had anticipated in this year of drought and even more water than we have wanted--or so I've heard from those of you who made the July 4th wk. trip! Though we have had enough water so far it has really been best-suited for experienced canoeists rather than beginners because of the extremes of high, crashy water and low, pick-your-way-thru water. It is difficult for a trip leader to judge, by a phone conversation, how experienced you really are so please be honest with yourselves and honest with us as to your true capabilities. We don't want to have any accidents that could endanger you (or anyone who is aiding you) or even have to spend a whole trip having people continuously dump just because they were totally unprepared. Even continuous dumping gets tiring physically and emotionally.

Because of problems we've had this season we have decided to draw up a waiver that will have you take full responsibility for yourselves, family members, and gear besides very cautiously requesting detailed information on your experience.

One thought we've had is to limit the number of boats on a trip. Each trip leader will set a limit, and if necessary, will ask for a volunteer to lead a second group starting about 1/2 to 1 hr. later so that there isn't such a pile-up of boats on the river. Where there are too many boats it means dodging boats as well as rocks and sometimes that can be a real problem. Also, it isn't fair or reasonable for a trip leader to wait for 3 hrs. at the end of a trip for everyone to straggle in.

We don't at all want to be a selective club, but we do want to enjoy canoeing and we don't want to be worrying about everyone's welfare constantly. This just simply is a bad year for beginners as I said earlier. We hope that these new ideas will help make your trip more enjoyable.

We won't be having another meeting until our end-of-the-season get-together which is tentatively planned for October 29th. It will no doubt be similar to last year's outing as it was lots of fun and there was so much wonderful food! I will be sending out one more mailing with the remainder of the trip reports so I'll add more details on the picnic at that time.

The rest of the schedule for this summer may sound a bit discouraging, but don't hesitate to call the trip leaders to get an idea as to whether you might enjoy and be able to handle the trip or not. We're all hoping for more rain and heavy snows this winter for a better season next year!

Linda
Secretary/Treasurer
John
President

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB

REST OF SUMMER SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>River</u>	<u>River Miles</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Difficulty</u>	<u>Dr T</u>
7/30-31	Colorado	30	Burns to Dotsero	Difficult	3
✓ 8/13	Colorado	15	Grizzly Creek to Newcastle	Intermediate	3
8/20-21	No. Platte	20	Glendoe Dam to Guernsey Res.	Easy	4
✓ 9/3,4,5	Colorado	27	Ninemile Bottom to Moab, Utah	Difficult	6
9/17	Blue	10	Green Mtn. Reservoir to Kremmling	Intermediate	2
✓ 10/1	Colorado	14	Radium to Rancho del Rio or State Bridge	Difficult	3

Telephone Numbers of Trip Leaders:

Dan Chiras [redacted]
 Bob McLaughlin [redacted]
 Bruce Waters [redacted]
 John Shugrue [redacted]
 Don Walker - [redacted]
 Nick Haren - [redacted]

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Trip: The Colorado River from Burns to Dotsero

Date: July 30 and 31, 1977

Trip leaders: Dan Chiras and his trusty side kick, Kay Gilles

Phone: (call late in evenings or before 8:00 if you have trouble reaching me)

Requirements: Advanced canoeing ability, no exceptions will be made!

For those experienced canoeists, wishing to delight in some of the finest rapids the mighty Colorado has to offer, this is the trip for you. There are sections of flat water but Burns and Red Dirt Canyons, through which we will venture, offer some exciting whitewater and will provide you the opportunity to test your abilities in rock dodging.

We will canoe Saturday and Sunday and will camp out in Red Dirt Canyon Saturday evening. All gear will be carried in the canoes so go lightly and definitely pack your gear in preparation for a few buckets of water over the gunwhales. Double-bagging of your gear with those confounded garbage bags so popular today, may not be adequate to keep your gear dry and there's nothing worse than soggy food and sleeping bags after a long day's canoe trip. It is advised that you use a backpacker's discretion in planning your menus, i.e., limit cans and other heavy items. Some of the dehydrated foods would be ideal for this trip.

Absolutely no children will be allowed on this trip. Only two people per canoe will be acceptable. No dogs, canaries, or cats. You can bring goldfish if you like, but these must be trained to swim behind your boat and we will ask that all goldfish wait until the last canoe is through the rapids before they proceed (It's hard enough canoeing in the rapids without having to watch out for goldfish). Shallow-draft canoes are not recommended. At least one expert whitewater canoeist per boat is required. If you have not canoed this type of water before, you're asking for trouble, and we will ask that you stay at home.

Day 1: Rendezvous at the highway bridge 5 miles or so upstream from Burns. Hopefully the car shuttle will already have been made. We need volunteers to go Friday evening and perform the car shuttle, especially people with 2-canoe racks. We will meet at 10:30 and be on the river by 11:00 sharp.

Day 2: After a restful night at Jack Flats (BLM) campground, where once again you are revitalized by the sound of flowing water and the pure air, we will begin canoeing at about 9:00. We will canoe about 16 miles or so.

The total canoeing distance is about 30 miles give or take a few.

The fastest way for those who are not going to help with the car shuttle on Friday is to take I-70 to the Wolcott exit and head north on 131 to McCoy. About 1 mile past McCoy turn left on the dirt road that leads to Burns. There is a small sign, I believe, on the right-hand side of the road which indicates the turnoff to Burns.

Call for more details.

P.S. Sorry about the lack of a sense of humor, or at best, poor display of humor. I'm doing this at work and this place always brings out the best of me.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB
TRIP REPORT

Date: Saturday, August 13, 1977
Trip: Colorado River from Grizzley Creek to Newcastle, Colorado
Leader: Bob McLaughlin
Difficulty: Intermediate

The Colorado River near Glenwood Springs offers the experienced river canoeist an excellent opportunity to improve his skills. This section is exciting even at this year's low water levels. When I canoed this river earlier in the season I found a lot of rock dodging and some of the highest standing waves I've ever paddled into. It is undoubtedly one of the best one-day trips within a reasonable distance of Denver.

We will rendezvous at the Grizzley Creek Picnic Ground, about 5 miles downstream of the dam in Glenwood Canyon. The put-in is a wide shoulder on the south side of U.S. 6 and is directly across the road from two gas stations. Please have the boats unloaded and the cars lined up facing West for the shuttle by 10:30 a.m. The area is heavily used for raft launching and can be quite congested, so it is important to get our cars to the other end before the trip. Driving time from Denver is about 3 1/2 hours. We will canoe about 5 hours including time for lunch on the river and cover 18 miles.

Call me by Wednesday evening, August 10, if you would like to join us.

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1. Jim Gifford + son
 2. Ken + Bruce
 3. Dan + Kay
 4. Henry Bauer + wife
 5. Jeff ?
 6. John + Pat
 7. ~~Bob Farley~~ ?
 8. George Kennedy
 9. George Poplar

NORTH PLATTE RIVER
GLENDO RESERVOIR TO GUERNSEY RESERVOIR, WYOMING
AUGUST 20 and 21, 1977

Leaders: Bruce and Jeanne Waters

Approximate distance, Denver to Glendo: 200 miles

Approximate driving time from Denver: 4 hours

River Rating: Easy or low intermediate (because of having to carry the gear in the canoes)

Meeting time and place: We will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday the 20th at the Ranger station at Glendo Reservoir, and will complete the car shuttle Saturday afternoon. Take Interstate 25 north to the town of Glendo. The main turnoff (right) to the reservoir should be marked, but just about any right turn in town will take you to the Glendo Reservoir Road. Glendo is about 95 miles north of Cheyenne.

Put-in time and place: We will put in at 8 a.m. Sunday just below the power plant at Glendo Reservoir. To get there, turn right off of the main park road onto the road marked "to Power Plant." At the power plant, turn left onto a narrow, primitive dirt road and follow it around. The road crosses the river on a natural dirt levee just below the dam. If you have a car with low clearance, check with us for a carpool.

River Conditions: The river is fairly flat and slow, with no major rapids. We may encounter a few areas with low standing waves. The main river channel travels through grassland, and we will probably see deer and plenty of cattle. From the prairie area, the river drops into a canyon. Just before Guernsey Reservoir, a cave high in the canyon wall provides an interesting side trip.

Take-out point: After a pleasant 15 or 20 miles of canoeing, we will take out at the picnic ground on Skyline Drive at Guernsey.

Additional Information: Because the car shuttle will be run Saturday afternoon, with the majority of the cars being left at the take-out point, we will have to carry our camping gear down in the canoes. There should be no difficulty with this.

Deadline: Please let us know by August 15th if you would like to go on this trip. If you need further information which is not covered here, give us a call (after 5 p.m.)
See you on the river!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB
TRIP REPORT

Date: September 3,4,5, 1977 (Labor Day Wkd.)
Trip: Colorado River (Ninemile Bottom to Moab, Utah)
Leaders: John & Pat Shugrue,

Trip Rating: Difficult (No children or pets--experienced canoeists only)

We plan to run a 27-mile stretch of the Colorado River immediately upstream of the town of Moab, Utah. We will meet at 12:00 noon on Saturday, September 3, at Ninemile Bottom. From Denver take I-70 20 miles west of the Colorado/Utah border into Utah and exit onto a road marked "Cisco." This is route 128 which runs south through the semi-ghost town of Cisco and continues on to Moab, paralleling the Colorado River much of the way. This road crosses the Colorado River on a single lane bridge referred to as the Dewey Bridge. Approximately 3 river (and road) miles south of the bridge look for Ninemile Bottom at a prominent bend in the river. We will have a relatively easy 2-hr. car shuttle from here to Moab. We can camp on either side of the river at Ninemile Bottom on Saturday night or run 4 or 5 miles downriver on Saturday afternoon and then camp.

On Sunday, September 4, we will run the major portion of the river including six rapids. There are two Class I, three Class II and one Class III rapids with the first rapid appearing about 6 1/2 miles downstream of Ninemile Bottom. We will camp out Sunday night on the river about 5 or 6 miles above the pull-out at Moab with all the rapids behind us.

An early morning start on Monday, September 5, should get us down to our cars by 10:00 a.m.

Food and water for two days must be carried in the canoes.

The distance from Denver to Ninemile Bottom is slightly over 300 miles (allow 6 1/2 hrs. to get there).

Please register no later than Thursday, September 1.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CANOE CLUB

September 17, 1976 - Blue River from Green Mountain Reservoir to Kremling, Co.

Trip Leader: Don Walker,

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This trip should be a fine finale to the season's schedule. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and provide a brilliant aspen show. The upper section of this 14-mile intermediate run requires constant rock dodging. There are 2 small drops which can be portaged and a diversion dam that must be carried. The lower section is an easy paddle on flat water. There are no high standing waves. Last year a couple of children were brought by experienced canoeists without incident.

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