

# RMCC Summer River Rendezvous Colorado River at Radium, Colorado Friday July 17 – Monday 20, 2026

## 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, Poudre Paddlers members are invited as guests.

## Boating

We'll have trip options for novices as well as higher skill levels. Likely runs include Two Bridges to Catamount (Class I), State Bridge to Two Bridges access (Class I with one portageable Class II), Pumphouse (Class II+; Class III at some water levels), Yarmony Bridge to State Bridge (Class II+), and others.

Although the club boating begins on Saturday morning, there are usually some folks that want to boat on Friday, indicate that on the registration form and I'll help coordinate that boating. 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 9:00-9:30 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 afternoon** – Folks dribble into the campground for conversation and informal appetizers throughout the afternoon and evening. *Volunteers* will check-in folks and help coordinate group site parking & camping. They will also confirm on-line waiver has been complete or obtain paper waivers, check membership and ACA status, and if needed collect \$10 ACA event fee for non-ACA members.

Note: campground sites officially open at 1pm.

**Saturday afternoon** – Most folks chill out, but we hope – with *volunteer* help – to orchestrate some fun competitions.

**Saturday evening** – Potluck and optional Cooking Competition with Dutch Ovens (DO) encouraged.

Appetizers at 6 pm

Dinner starts promptly at 7 pm with whatever dishes are ready to devour. So plan your coal heating and food prep strategy accordingly, if needed, ask experienced DO chefs for advice.

**Please bring reusable dinnerware to minimize trash.** *Volunteers* will set up dishwash stations and trash/recycle cans.

Diners will vote near the end of the dinner for best:

- Main Dish (Dutch Oven or any other preparation)
- Side Dish
- Dessert

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 Breakfast. Breakfast will include pancakes, French toast, coffee and hot water for tea. If the spirit moves you, please bring toppings (we'll provide maple syrup and whipped cream) or a side dish such as bacon, potatoes, eggs, fruit, juice, etc. Note: our goal is to finish breakfast and get cleaned up by 8:30 so we can get ready for boating by 9 am.

## **Please Register!**

Register on-line so that we can plan for the group. Use link below to complete the form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddIPt5R1AmdSzdxJofx7TDCDT81GHCI\\_gFs-Buy4ORbIZceQ/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=114185611983928825139](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddIPt5R1AmdSzdxJofx7TDCDT81GHCI_gFs-Buy4ORbIZceQ/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=114185611983928825139)

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 [Join/Renew - Rocky Mountain Canoe 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 one of the RMCC group campsites at the north end of the loop or at an individual campsite, if previously reserved. Note: Group site A is for folks staying until

Monday, site B is reserved just until Sunday. After getting set-up, stroll around and say hello to fellow club members.

## Facilities

The campground has NO DRINKING WATER, and there is currently NO DRINKING WATER at the Pumphouse campground either. Our Radium campground includes pit toilets, tent and vehicle campsites, some with fire pits. Strong winds and rain are common and you might notice some trains through the night.

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

RMCC has reserved the two group sites (30 people each) with camping fees paid by the club and several members have reserved individual sites and are willing to share (max occupancy 10). But only one vehicle day-use fee is included with each group or individual campsite reservation so most folks will need to purchase a day use fee.

BLM day use fees are payable at the self service pay station at the main campground entrance - cash or check. Fill out a separate envelope for your vehicle. If you use the group camp site, write "group site" on the envelope. If you share one of the individual campsites, write "share" and the campsite number on the envelope. Enclose fees, keep the payment stub, and deposit the envelope.

See the exceptions below:

Day use passes and camping fees for individual sites cover 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, all Rendezvous participants (paddlers and non-boaters) must be an ACA annual member or purchase an event membership for \$10 for the weekend. Payment is due before the Saturday boating run. **Warning: If you cannot attend the event or it is cancelled, you will not get a refund.** So given the risk there may be insufficient water to paddle this year due to the dry winter, you may want to hold off and pay at the event as the on-line payment is non-refundable.

## Waivers

All event participants (paddlers and non-boaters) 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. Be sure to

use the Event Name and Event Date(s) noted in the calendar post about waivers because that is the way your leaders look up who has signed waivers and paid the event fee in advance.

**NOTE: ACA waivers are now only valid for 30 days from signing, so do NOT submit the waiver until at least June 20th so the waiver will be valid throughout Rendezvous.**

For non-ACA members who want to sign the on-line waiver AND pay the event fee, use this link: <https://aca.sport80.com/public/wizard/a/1371/home>

For non-ACA members who just want to sign the on-line waiver and will pay the event fee on-site, use this link: <https://aca.sport80.com/public/wizard/a/1370/home>

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](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>

Note: as there is no internet access, for folks that completed the ACA waiver or joined just a few days before the event, bring paperwork to confirm. Otherwise we'll have you complete the paperwork again on-site.

## 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  
Cash or blank check(s) for fees

## **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/>

On the registration form, indicate 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

Loan a Dutch oven to a novice

Help with the group breakfast on Sunday

Bring firewood **and manage** a fire (if there is no fire ban in place)

Set-up 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:

Craig Flora, [craigflora2000@yahoo.com](mailto:craigflora2000@yahoo.com), 303-210-6766

*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 After 4 pm	Arrivals, camp set up and conversation Party tent set up if wind not predicted -- many hands needed
Anytime	Social Hour: BYOB and maybe an appetizer

### Saturday

9:00	Class I trip – TBD (Run Coordinators needed)
9:00	Class II trip – TBD (Run Coordinators needed)
9:00	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	Pot Luck Supper and optional cooking competition

### Sunday

7:00 am	Club Breakfast – Craig Flora Coordinating Take down party tent - many hands needed
9:00 am	Trips as available – TBD (Run Coordinators needed)

### Monday

9:00 am	Trips as available – TBD (Run Coordinators needed)
11:30 am	Camp litter clean-up
12:00 pm	Camp vacated

## River Segment Descriptions

Colorado River Segments	Miles	Class	Comments
<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.