

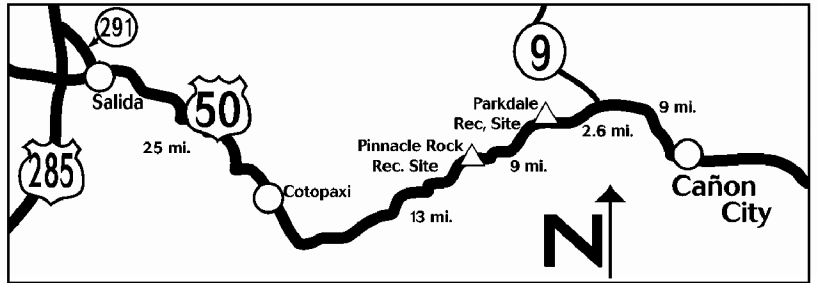


ARKANSAS RIVER BIGHORN SHEEP CANYON

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DEPARTURE TIME

9:30 am ~ Please arrive 30-45 minutes before departure time



WHERE TO MEET

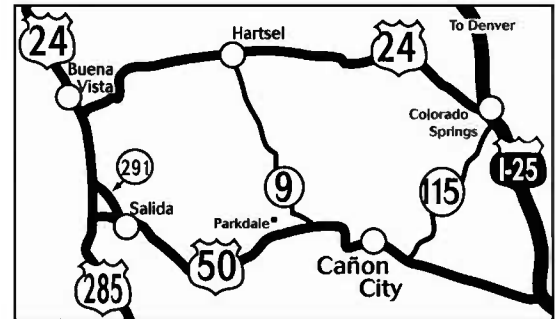
Parkdale Recreation Site. (Do NOT meet at Wilderness Aware Headquarters in Buena Vista!) Parkdale is a developed access point in the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. It is located at Highway Mile Marker 266.6. Be aware that Mile Markers are on the left (south) side of the highway as you are going west into the canyon from Canon City. Parkdale will be on the right side of the highway just after the bridge over the river. Parkdale Recreation Site is located 2.6 miles west of the junction of Hwy 50 and Hwy 9. There are parking, changing and restroom facilities at the site. Please do NOT pay the parking fee. It is already included in the price of your raft trip!

DIRECTIONS

From Denver: From the Junction of I-25 and I-225 at the Denver Tech Center, go south on I-25 approximately 62 miles to Highway 115 at Exit #140, just south of downtown Colorado Springs. Follow signs off I-25 to "Canon City". Exit to the right and then follow the signs to Hwy 115 South (also called Nevada Ave.). Go 32 miles on Hwy 115 to Highway 50. Turn right on Highway 50 following signs to "Canon City and Royal Gorge". Go 22 miles on Highway 50 to "Parkdale Recreation Site" at Mile Marker 266.6. (See "Where to Meet" at the top of this page.) From the Denver Tech Center, it is about 2 hrs ... if traffic is smooth.

From Colorado Springs: Get on Highway 115 South, (also called Nevada Ave.) which can be accessed from I-25 just south of downtown Colorado Springs at Exit #140. Follow signs to "Canon City". Go 32 miles to Highway 50. Turn right on Highway 50 following signs to "Canon City and Royal Gorge". Go 22 miles to "Parkdale Recreation Site" at Mile Marker 266.6. (See "Where to Meet" at the top of this page.) From Colorado Springs it is about 1 hour 15 minutes.

From Salida: Get on Highway 50 East and go 45 miles to "Parkdale Recreation Site" at Mile Marker 266.6. (See "Where to Meet" at the top of this page.)



WHAT TO BRING

- Swimming Suit and/or Shorts – no jeans
- Synthetic Shirt (such as polypro or polyester- avoid cotton)
- In May and June we strongly recommend a wetsuit and splash jacket. (See Below)
- Sunglasses with Securing Strap
- Sun Protection -Visor or Hat, Waterproof Sunscreen
- Old Tennis Shoes or Secure Sandals or Wetsuit Bootie Rentals
- Wool Sweater or Fleece Jacket in May and June (We have loaners)
- Change of Clothes & Towel (Leave these in your car for after the trip)
- Cash For Souvenirs and Tipping Your Guide
- Water Bottle (Bring your own if you don't wish to share with others)

WE PROVIDE

- Deli-style lunch and snack & drink at the end of the trip
- Guide on each raft and all rafting equipment
- Shuttle back to your car at the end of the trip

HIGH WATER / COOL WEATHER RENTALS- We recommend warm clothing at higher water levels and the early season in May and June. Booties are always a good idea, even in late summer. If you want rental clothing for this trip, they must be rented advance! (Prices are on the back of this page. Use the enclosed rental order form.)

Photos and T-shirts will be available at the end of your trip.

Enjoy our deli-style buffet lunch!

RENTALS:

- Wetsuits - \$10/day
- Booties - \$5/day
- Splash Jackets - \$5/day
- “Be Warm! Package”- \$17/day
(Includes wetsuit, booties and splash jacket)

ORIENTATION: Prior to boarding your raft, you will receive a complete orientation on safety, emergency procedures and other trip related matters.

LIABILITY RELEASE: Everyone will be required to sign a liability release form prior to trip departure. Youths not riding with their parents will need to provide a copy of our youth liability release signed by one or both parents. You can download a copy of our liability release from our website at www.inaraft.com/rafting-colorado-site-map.htm or you can call to have us mail you copies.

TRIP LENGTH: Full day trips return between 4-5 pm. (Time is approximate.)

TIPPING: Tipping is appropriate, particularly if you have received exceptional customer service. If you believe that a tip is appropriate we recommend an average tip of \$5-\$10/guest/day. We always appreciate hearing from you so that we can recognize extraordinarily customer service and we also appreciate hearing from you if you feel that there are areas that we can improve upon. We strive to exceed your expectations!

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Alcohol and rivers do not mix. We do not provide alcohol, and alcohol is not permitted while on the river. **Guests who have been drinking will not go on the river and will not receive a refund.**

NON-SWIMMERS: Many of our participants cannot swim. We provide U.S. Coast Guard approved life preservers designed to float you face-up in heavy whitewater. Everyone will wear these at all times while we are on the river.

DAY GEAR: Each raft will carry a waterproof bag for your rain gear and extra items that you may need during the day. We have waterproof ammo cans available for your camera, however, we recommend you purchase a waterproof camera.

DRINKING WATER: We carry drinking water on each raft. If you frequently desire water during the day, or don't wish to share with others, feel free to bring your own water container.

PHOTOS: Colorado Whitewater Photography takes photos of every raft. 8x10 prints are normally available for you to view and purchase after the trip.

ALTITUDE: You will be rafting at over 5000 feet. Most people don't have serious problems here, but shortness of breath and dehydration are common. Come a day or two early to acclimatize yourself if you can, and drink plenty of fluids while you are here. A headache often means you're dehydrated—Drink plenty of water.

PREGNANCY: We cannot take you rafting if you are pregnant. This policy is for your own safety and that of your unborn child.

RESERVATION POLICY: A 50% deposit is required to confirm a reservation. The balance is due 30 days prior to trip departure. To insure proper credit, include your trip date and group name on all payments. Any reservations with overdue or unpaid balances are subject to cancellation without notice.

CANCELLATION POLICY: For **1-day trips**, if you cancel more than 10 days prior to trip departure, we will refund all of your deposit less a \$5/person cancellation fee; if you cancel less than 10 days prior to trip departure, there is no refund. We reserve the right to reschedule, move or cancel any trip due to insufficient reservations or poor water levels.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE: Allows you to cancel all or part of your trip up to 24 hours prior to departure without penalty. The cost is \$9.00/person/day. If you must cancel with less than 24 hours notice, but more than 1 hour before departure, we can issue a gift certificate good for next year's season. Insurance must be purchased for every member of the group at the time of your deposit.

CANON CITY ACCOMMODATION & CHAMBERS

Hotels/Inns

St Cloud Hotel..... 719-276-2000
Canon Inn 719-275-8676

Chambers of Commerce

Canon City..... 719-275-2331
Buena Vista 719-395-6612
Salida..... 719-539-2068

OTHER RIVERS WITH WILDERNESS AWARE

Dolores River- The Dolores River is a classic western river, unspoiled, with majestic desert scenery

Gunnison Gorge- Scenery reminiscent of the Inner Gorge of the Grand Canyon makes the Gunnison a place not easily forgotten.

Upper Colorado- A good family trip, this mild whitewater float takes us through the steep, narrow Little Gore Canyon

North Platte River- Flowing through the forested Northgate Wilderness Area, the North Platte is the best-kept secret in Colorado.

Salt River, Arizona- World-class whitewater, giant Saguaro cactus in bloom, and canyons carpeted in Sonoran Desert wildflowers.