



3 Day Gunnison River Canoe Trip Information

The Gunnison River located between the towns of Delta and Grand Junction, offers a very scenic and classic western canyon river trip ideally suited for canoeing. The river flows through beautiful slickrock canyon country interspersed with small ranches and fruit orchards. Cottonwood stands in the area hold great blue heron rookeries and the area is an April breeding ground for Canada Geese. These cottonwoods are also home to peregrine falcons and bald eagles.

The deeper reaches of the canyon include part of the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Study Area. This wilderness study area offers excellent opportunities for hiking, exploring and solitude. This area holds ancient Indian sites and petroglyphs. The Dominguez River (a tributary to the Gunnison River) cascades and falls through the side canyon dropping into several large swimming pools along the way. These pools can be accessed during an unforgettable side hike on day 2 of the trip.

This truly classic trip through the western plateau of Colorado has Class I-II water with several rapids and riffles making it both suitable and challenging for beginner and intermediate paddlers. The river has an average gradient of 7.3 feet per mile. All gear and food will be transported by the canoes.

The 3-day trip runs 37 miles and starts in Delta and ends in the town of Whitewater.

Menu is available upon request. All group equipment is provided except for sleeping bags and tents.

Trip Details:

Trip Date:

Trip Cost:

See [Canoe](#) page on our website for current per person price.

*Trip cost does NOT include:

- Transportation costs to / from Delta, CO
- Lodging on night 1 (arrival day)

Deposit Schedule:

\$100 per person due at time of reservation

Remaining trip balance due 2 weeks prior to start date of trip

Minimum Age:

12

Trip Length:

3 Days on Water

Trip Distance:

37 miles

Water Classification:

Class I to II (Beginner to Intermediate)

Previous Experience:

None Required

River Put-In:

Delta, CO

River Take Out:

Whitewater (near Grand Junction Airport)

Required Forms:

Release Form
Health History Form

Transportation:

Groups are responsible for transportation to and from Delta.

Meals: The following meals will be provided:
Day 1: No Meals provided (arrival day)
Day 2: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 3: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 4: Breakfast, Lunch

Equipment: Participants are responsible for providing:
1. Sleeping Bag
2. Sleeping Pad
3. Tent (must be fully enclosed style)
4. Personal clothing and camping gear

Meeting Time: 3:00pm on Day 1 in Delta, CO which will include:
1. canoe training
2. area history seminar
3. packing all gear into dry bags

Meeting Place: Delta, CO – Confluence Park (1/2 mile west of Comfort Inn)

Recommended Hotel Contact: Comfort Inn Delta
Gunnison River Drive
Delta, CO 81416
Phone: (970) 874-1000

*Reservations recommended – special rate when you mention you are going on a trip with Noah's Ark.

What to Bring

- Tent
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad
- Rain Gear
- Long Pants
- Tennis/sandals/water shoes
- Jacket-Light Fleece
- Flashlight
- Small First Aid Kit
- Sun Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Swimsuit & Shorts
- T-shirts
- Personal Toiletries
- Biodegradable soap
- Insect Repellent
- Canteen/water bottle
- Light Wind Jacket and Wind Pants

*Please bring your own drinks for on river time. Daytime temperatures can reach between 90-100 degrees.

Optional

- Camera & film
- Day Pack-One for every 3-4 people is fine
- Pocket knife
- Seat Cushion

Tipping Your Guides

15-20% of your trip cost is appropriate and welcomed for guides who give outstanding service.