



16 Day Comprehensive On Water Guide School

Rivers and locations may change due to water levels and other factors.

Day 1 Topics: River Mechanics, Routes, Ferry Angles, Reading Water, and Rigging Trips

7:30 Assemble (Meet @ Boat Barn in Durango)

8:00 Meet and Greet (Getting to know the Shop)

12:30 Lunch

1:15 Lower Animas Rafting

5:15 Daily Debrief

Logged miles/time: 24/8

Day 2 Topics: Swift water swimming 29th st practice with throw bags

7:30 Assemble (Meet @ Boat Barn in Durango)

8:00 Lower Animas Rafting

12:30 Lunch @ Boat Barn

1:30 More Boating

5:15 Daily Debrief

Logged miles/time: 18/8

Day 3 Topics: Boating Maneuvers, Shipping/Feathering Oars, Swimmers

7:30 Assemble (Meet @ Boat Barn in Durango)

8:00 Lower Animas Rafting

12:30 Lunch @ Boat Barn

1:30 More Boating

5:15 Daily Debrief

Logged miles/time: 24/8

Day 4 Topics: Paddle Commands, Emphasize Put-In/Take-Outs, and Hitting tough Eddies

7:00 Assemble (Meet @ Boat Barn in Durango)

8:00 Lower Animas Rafting

12:30 Lunch @ Boat Barn

1:30 More Boating

5:15 Daily Debrief

Logged miles/time: 24 miles/8 hours

Day 5 Topics: Mile by Mile guide Lower Animas interp

9:00 - Meet @ Boat Barn

9:30 Lower Animas ½ Day

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Smelter Laps

5:00 Daily DeBrief

Logged miles/time: 20 miles/ 8 hours

Day 6: Tired? Rest up!

Day 7 Topics: Flipped boats/ downstream angles
Paddle Commands, Emphasize Put-In/Take-Outs, and
Hitting tough Eddies
7:30 Assemble (Meet @ Boat Barn in Durango)
8:00 Lower Animas Rafting
12:30 Lunch @ Boat Barn
1:30 More Boating
5:15 Daily Debrief
Logged miles/time: 24miles/8 hours

Day 9 Topics: River Hazards, River Rescue and
Safety, Remote Settings, and Watching Out for each
Other
6:00 Assemble
9:00 Arrive Onion creek
10:00- Boating on Colorado river
1:00- Arrive take out the beach (Cover locations of
other access points Big Bend/Hittle and Dewey
2:00 Rig for Yampa and Ruby Trip.
6:00 Dinner in town
Logged miles/time: 10 miles/5 hours

Day 11 Topics: Medical Emergencies, First Aid, CPR,
Special Parks considerations
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Make Yampa Rafting
3:30 Keep those oars in the water!
4:30 Camp
Logged miles and time 26/8

Day 13 Topics: Hikes and Scouts what to look out for.
8:00 Breakfast
9:30 Yampa
11:00 YGreen River Rafting!
12::30 Lunch
3:30 Camp
Logged Miles/Hours15/8

Day 8 Topics: Hikes/Scouts---Risk Management
9:00 Meet @ Boat Barn in Durango
9:30 Smelter, Smelter, Smelter
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Five Stacks (loading and unloading) roofed boats
2:00 Lower Animas 2hr
4:00 De-rig Boat patching and Repair clinic
6:00 Depart
Logged miles/time 18/8
Logged miles/time: 20 miles/ 8 hours

Day 10 Topics: intro to large Motor rigs Drive S rig down
Ruby Interpretive Training on Rig
8:00 Breakfast
9:30 Launch Ruby
2:30 Take out Westwater
6:00 Dinner on the road (remember to bring some \$)
7:30 arrive Deerlodge
Logged miles/time 26/8

Day 12 Topics: River Games and special considerations
for kids
8:00 Breakfast
9:30 Yampa rafting
2:30 Ooh this is nice!
5:00 camp
Logged miles/time 20/8

Day 14 Topics: Time management
8:00 Breakfast
11:00 Split Mountain Green River Fun!
1:30 Take out.
12:00 lunch on the boats (Island Park keep it moving!)
2:00 Depart For Moab
6:00 Arriver Moab D-rig.
8:00 Camp
Logged Miles/Hours 20/6

Day 15 Topics: Putting it all together, Being a complete guide, eddies, eddies, and eddies
7:30 Load up Head back to D town. (Breakfast on the road)
10:30 Arrive Durango Rig for afternoon
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Smelter Laps
4:00 De-rig @ Mild to Wild
Logged miles/time: 12/ 4 hours

Day 16 Topics: Focus on the Customer!
9:00 - Meet @ Boat Barn in Durango
9:30 - Lower Animas ½ Day
12:00 - Lunch
1:00 - Smelter Laps
4:00 - Class DeBrief
Congratulations! You are a certified Class III guide in the states of Colorado/Utah!
4:30 - Potluck and completion ceremony
Logged miles/time:20 miles/ 6 hours

Total Class Miles: 230

Total Hours: 88

Recommended equipment and clothing:

Nylon shorts/swimsuits for under the wetsuit
Polypropylene or similar long underwear - NO cotton
Fleece jacket (available for rent)
Wetsuit and booties (available for rent)
Sunscreen
Hat and Sunglasses
Water bottle
Fleece or Wool socks

Camp Gear
Warm jacket for camp
Warm camp clothes, including knit or fleece hat/gloves
Sleeping Bag & Sleeping Pad (available for rent)
Tent (Available for rent)
Flashlight or headlamp
Personal toiletries

**Please limit your overnight gear to one duffel bag

***Please arrange your rentals prior to the first day of guide school

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