

WESTWATER CANYON 3-DAY ITINERARY

Thank you for choosing **ADRIFT ADVENTURES!** Our Westwater Canyon Raft Trip is the best short whitewater trip available in the West. This legendary canyon of powerful rapids and outstanding scenery is highly respected by river runners and professional guides alike. Westwater Canyon is one of the finest examples of "The Mighty Colorado."

Our food is known for being among the best on the river! Juicy steaks, barbecued chicken, halibut, salmon, stir-fry, fresh salads, and much more will tantalize your taste buds throughout your stay. Our experienced and friendly guides are proud to be your hosts and they will help provide a vacation you'll talk about and remember for years to come.

There is a mandatory check-in after 5:00 p.m. the evening before your trip, to pick up your river bags and camera box. Our office is open until 8:00 p.m. each evening and is located at 378 N. Main Street in Moab. Office phone number is 435-259- 8594. Meeting time the morning of the trip is 7:30 a.m. Mountain Time.

Our three-day trip on the Colorado River averages out to a guide for every five guests. This trip offers some great whitewater during the summer and fall. Please be aware that water levels fluctuate yearly and it is difficult to determine exact water flows during departure weeks.

DAY 1: Meet Adrift Adventures at the Moab office, 378 N. Main at 7:30 a.m. Leave your vehicle in our parking lot and be transported to the river put-in via Adrift vehicles. Drive time is approximately 1-1/2 hours. Your first day will cover the fiat waters of the Colorado River. There will be a few hikes to break up the day, ranging from five minutes to half an hour. Lunch, dinner and camp are at river's shore. You're welcome to visit our library on the river or partake in horseshoes, volleyball or a little backgammon.

This trip is designed for adventure seekers and canyon lovers and especially those looking for great rapids on a remote and regulated river. The number of people allowed to run the Westwater Canyon is strictly regulated, therefore keeping the number of people on the river to a very small number. This will allow for a better chance of seeing wildlife and just experiencing the true remoteness of Westwater Canyon.

DAY 2: After an incredible breakfast cooked by your guides, you'll depart for a full day of excitement as you enter Westwater Canyon mid-morning. This proposed Wild and Scenic River is totally isolated from modern civilization. Westwater Canyon is a canyon of serene solitude surrounded by red sandstone spires. The river cascades through the ever-deepening sandstone monuments and into the narrow Black Granite Gorge. Here the river meets opposition from the canyon walls, creating the fast and furious rapids such as Funnel Falls, Last Chance, The Steps, and of course, the infamous Skull Rapid that give Westwater its reputation of a highly-exciting rafting trip on the Colorado. Lunch, dinner and camp on the shores of the Colorado River.

DAY 3: After breakfast you'll enter the Fisher Towers section of the Colorado River. Boaters will be able to view striking red- rock scenery that includes Fisher Towers, Castle Rock, and the Priest and Nuns. The area has been the setting for a number of western-style movies and many television commercials. Get the Moab Area Film Locations brochure to learn about the movies produced in this area. The first movie filmed in this area was *Wagonmaster* in 1949, directed by John Ford. Many other famous western movies followed that include *Rio Grande*, *Taza - Son of Cochise*, *Warlock*, *Ten who Dared*, and *The Comancheros*. Most recently filmed were *Thelma and Louise* as well as *Geronimo*.

The Fisher Towers Section has six named rapids that vary in size, depending on water levels. During the months of May and June these are usually good sized and can be challenging. Lunch is mid-afternoon on one of the many beaches of the Colorado River, with a return back to our office at approximately 3:30 p.m.

YOU MUST CHECK IN THE EVENING BEFORE - ALL TRIPS ARE ROCKY MOUNTAIN TIME!