



Rafting & Jeep Trail Tours

8 Day Guide School

June 5th–June 12th

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

7:00 - Assemble

8:00 - Morning rafting on the Lower Animas

1:00 - Take out

2:30 - More rafting

5:30 - Day review

Logged miles/time: 24/8

Day 2 Topics: Paddle Boats, River Maps, Planning Distance, and Camp Spots

8:30 - Assemble

9:00 - 1/2 Day

10:00 - Flips and Swim

1:00 - Lunch

2:00 - Launch boats

3:00- Smelter laps

5:00 - Day review

Logged miles/time: 18/6

Day 3 Topics: Hikes/Scouts–Risk Management

8:00 - Assemble

8:30 - launch boats

12:30 - Lunch

1:30 - More boating

4:00 - Throw bagging

5:00 - Day review

Logged miles/time: 24/8

Day 4 Topics: River Hazards, River Rescue and Safety, Remote Settings, and Watching Out

8:00 - Assemble

8:30 - 1/2 day

12:30 - Lunch

1:15-3:30 - Inflatable kayak training

Logged miles/time: 24/8

Day 5 Topics: Paddle Commands, Emphasize Put-In/Take Out, and Hitting Tough Eddies

6:00 - Assemble

6:30 - Depart for San Miguel

8:30 - Launch Deep creek

11:00 - Class III-IV action

1:00 - Lunch

1:30 - Lots of fast boating/quick commands

2:30 - Arrive at Beaver Creek Take Out

6:00 - Return to Durango

Logged miles/time: 26/8

Day 6 Topics: How to deal with laterals and what do if off line

8:00 - Meet at Boat Barn

8:30 - Animas 2 hr.

11:00 - Begin Smelter runs

1:00 - Lunch

1:30 - Continue Smelter runs

5:00-6:00 - Return to Boat Barn

Logged miles/time: 24/8

Day 7 Topics: Interpretive Skills: Birds, Plants and Animals; Mile by Mile

8:00 - Meet at Boat Barn

8:30 - Animas 2 hr.

11:00 - Begin Smelter runs

1:00 - Lunch

1:30 - Continue Smelter Runs

3:00 - Flip and Swim

5:00-6:00 - Return to Boat Barn

Logged miles/time: 24/8

Day 8 Topics: Focus on the Customer!

11:00 - Animas 1/2 day

12:30 - 30 minutes for lunch

1:45 - 2 hr Animas

4:00 - 2 hr Animas

Logged miles/time: 24/8

Congratulations! You are a certified Class III guide in the State of Colorado!

Total Class Miles: 164

Total Hours: 54

Recommended EVERYDAY equipment and clothing:

- 1) Nylon shorts/swimsuits for under wetsuits
- 2) Polypro/capilene or similar long underwear-NO cotton on the river!
- 3) Fleece jacket (available for rent)
- 4) Wetsuit and booties (available for rent)
- 5) Sunscreen
- 6) Hat and sunglasses
- 7) Water bottle
- 8) Fleece or wool socks

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

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