



**15 Day Comprehensive On Water Guide School**  
Rivers and locations may change do to water levels.

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

7:00 – Assemble

8:00 – Morning rafting on the Lower Animas

12:30 – Lunch/Depart for Moab`

5:30 – Arrive Moab Camp

6:30 – Dinner

Logged miles/time: 12/4

**Day 2 Topics:** Hikes/Scouts—Risk Management

7:00 – Breakfast

8:00 – Launch rafts

12:30 – Lunch Dewey Bridge

1:30 – More boating

4:00 – Arrive Whites Rapid, swift water swimming

5:00 – Camp Whites Rapid

Logged miles/time: 14/6

**Day 3 Topics:** Paddle Boats, River Maps, Planning Distance, and Camp Spots

8:00 – Breakfast

9:00 – Launch Boats

10:00 – Boating on the Colorado River

1:30 – Lunch at takeout (Moab Bridge)

3:00 – Depart Moab for San Miguel

6:30 – Arrive Beaver Camp

Logged miles/time: 12/6

**Day 4 Topics:** River Hazards, River Rescue and Safety, Remote Settings, and Watching Out for Each Other

7:00 – Breakfast

8:30 – Load Boats

9:00 – Launch Specie Creek

10:30 – Wow this is a lot harder!

11:00 – Check Horsefly Creek

12:00 – Lunch In Ponderosa Canyon

12:30 – More boating

4:00 – Arrive Pinion Camp

4:30 – Surfs Up

5:30 – Dinner

Logged miles/time: 29.5/6

**Day 5 Topics:** Putting Away Gear, and What Makes the Complete Guide?

8:00 – Breakfast  
9:00 – Load Gear  
10:15 – Launch Deep Creek  
11:00 – Class 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: 26/6

**Day 6 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: 16/6

**Day 7 - Rest Day!**

**Day 8 Topics:** Paddle Commands, Emphasize Put-In/Take Out, and Hitting Tough Eddies

7:30 – Leave for the Piedra River  
10:00 – Launch  
11:30 – Class IV rapids  
12:00 – Lunch  
1:30 – Class IV+ Rapids  
2:00 – Portaging and Rope Management  
4:00 – Take Out  
Logged miles/time: 26/8

**Day 9 Topics:** Entertaining clients/dealing with kids

8:00 – Rigging Oar Boats  
9:30 – Lets go Rafting! Lower Animas run  
10:00 – Smelter Rapid  
12:00 – Lunch (on river)  
1:30 – Take out (Heaven On Earth)  
2:00 – Launch Lower Animas at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street  
4:30 – De-rigging and taking care of equipment  
Logged miles/time: 27/8

**Day 10 Topics:** Putting it All Together. Being the Complete Guide, Eddies, Eddies, and Eddies.

8:00 – Meet at Boat Barn  
8:30 – Animas 1/2 day  
1:00 – Lunch  
1:30 – Animas 2 hr.  
3:30 – Animas 2 hr.  
5:00-6:00 – Return to Boat Barn  
Logged miles/time: 29/6

**Day 11 Topics:** Focus on the Customer!

9:00 Assemble at Boat Barn

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: 29/6

**Day 12 Topic:** How to deal with laterals and what do if off line

9:00 Assemble at Boat Barn

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: 29/6

**Day 13 Topic: Trip Prep**

9:00 Meet at boat Barn

10:30 Put on upper San Juan

2:30 Take out Upper San Juan

5:00 clean up

**Logged Miles/Time 16/4.5**

**Day 14**

Topic: Focus on the Customer!

9:00 Meet at Boat Barn

9:30 – Animas 1/2 day

12:30 – 30 minutes for lunch

1:45 – 2 hr Animas

4:00 – 2 hr Animas

Logged miles/time: 29/6

**Day 15**

**Topic:** Eddie turns and passenger Boat loading

9:00 Meet at Boat Barn.

9:30 Smelter and more Smelter

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Rafting animas river

4:00 Congratulations! You are a certified Class III guide in the State of Colorado!

4:30 pot luck and completion ceremony!

Logged Miles/Time 27/6

Total Class Miles: 352.50

Total Hrs: 84.5

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

Camp Gear:

- 1) Warm jacket for camp
- 2) Warm camp clothes, including knit or fleece hat
- 3) Sleeping bag & sleeping pad (available for rent)
- 4) Tent (available for rent)
- 5) Flashlight or headlamp
- 6) 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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