

### Welcome!

The Green River begins on the slopes of 13,804 foot Gannett Peak, the highest point in Wyoming, and travels almost due south for nearly 700 miles before joining the Colorado River in Canyonlands National Park. The waterway is remote and vast and includes some of the most scenic desert canyons in the west.

One of these is the canyon of Lodore; named by Andrew Hall in 1869, who was reminded of the Robert Southey poem: "The Cataract of Lodore". Here, the Green cuts through the red rock of the Uinta Mountains and the cliffs rise up to dramatic heights. So impressive is the entrance to the canyon that Hall's travelling companion, Major John Wesley Powell, called it the very "Gates of Lodore". Once through the gates the whitewater begins, and exciting rapids such as Disaster Falls and Hell's Half Mile provide plenty of action.

But our visit to Lodore Canyon has many other attractions. We will hike at some intriguing side canyons with cool springs and lush green vegetation; we will visit overlooks that provide sweeping views of the river; and we will view ancient Native American rock art. Lodore Canyon itself ends where the Yampa River joins the Green at Echo Park, just over halfway on our journey. Our trips continue on past Steamboat Rock and into the beautiful Whirlpool Canyon, then on to Rainbow Park and Split Mountain Canyon where more rapids, such as Schoolboy, Moonshine, and S.O.B. ensure an exciting finish to the trip.



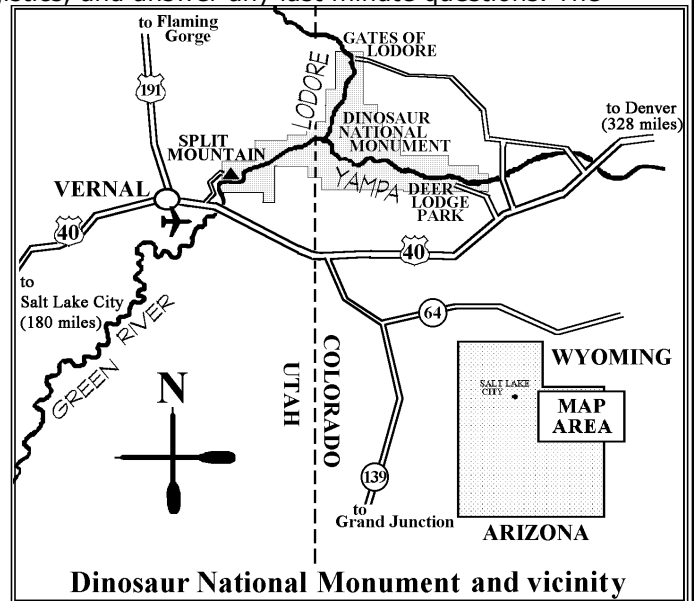
### Meeting Time and Place:

All trip guests will meet the ARTA lead guide at **8:00 p.m. the evening before the trip begins** near the swimming pool at the Best Western Dinosaur Inn in Vernal, Utah, (251 East Main Street, Vernal, UT 84078, 435/789-2660). Your trip leader will distribute water-proof bags, go over final trip logistics, and answer any last minute questions. The following morning we will reconvene at Split Mountain Boat Ramp in Dinosaur National Monument for the shuttle to the launch site. The lead guide will have directions and times. The trip will conclude at Split Mountain around 3:00 p.m. on the last day.

### Transportation:

**Flying:** Great Lakes Airlines (greatlakesav.com or 800-554-5100) offers flights between Denver and Vernal, [as of January, 2009 there was no commercial air service between Salt Lake City and Vernal]. For transportation between the airport and motel, as well as from the motel to Split Mountain in the morning, contact Wilkin's Transportation (435/789-2476). You can also fly to Salt Lake City and rent a car for the 3 hour drive to Vernal.

**Driving:** Vernal is on State Highway 40, approximately 180 miles, (3 hours), east of Salt Lake City. The Best Western Dinosaur is at 251 East Main Street, next to the museum in the heart of downtown. Directions to Split Mountain Boat Ramp, (40 minutes outside of town), will be given at the pre-trip meeting. There is a fee to enter the Park and vehicles may be left at the Boat Ramp for the duration of the trip.



### Accommodations:

Lodging in Vernal is good at the Best Western Dinosaur Inn, (435/789-2660), the Weston Lamplighter, (435/789-0312) or the Antlers Best Western (435/789-1202). At the other end of town is the Weston Plaza, (435/789-9550). Camping is available in Dinosaur National Monument, (first-come, first served), 30 minutes from Vernal. The Best Western Dinosaur should offer a 10% discount to ARTA guests if you call their local Utah number.

### Local Attractions:

Dinosaur National Monument has a museum, where you can touch real dinosaur bones, a quarry and an active paleontology site where ongoing work can be observed. Also within a day's drive of Vernal are Canyonlands and Arches National Parks as well as Flaming Gorge Recreation Area.

### Weather:

The high desert country of the Green River enjoys daytime temperatures in the 80's and 90's, cooling off into the 60's at night, with occasional thunderstorms. There is ample shade at camps and lunch stops, however while we are on the rafts, the sun can be direct. Sunblock and lightweight cotton clothing (such as surgeon's scrubs) will help you to avoid sunburn and a hat and bandanna will help keep you cool. Although the Green River flows through arid country, it does rain. We recommend that you bring good rain protection for both the day and night (waterproof rain jacket and good tent). The water temperature is chilly in June, but warms up pleasantly by late July and August.

### Equipment List:

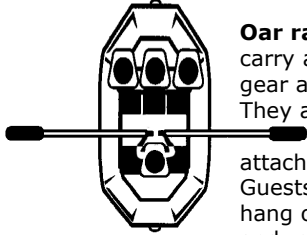
A separate Equipment List and Packing Guide should be included with your reservation information. Please call our office if you do not have one.

# 4 DAY GREEN RIVER—LODORE CANYON

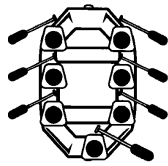
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## Types of boats:

On the Green River we offer three types of boats in which to ride:



**Oar rafts** are 18 feet long, carry all of the overnight gear and up to 5 guests. They are rowed by a guide using oars attached to a metal frame. Guests ride in the front, hang on through the rapids and relax in the calm stretches.



**Paddle rafts** are 14 feet long and carry 6 paddlers who actively paddle through the rapids and down the river. Everyone has a paddle, sits on the outer tube of the raft and follows the commands of the paddle guide who sits in the rear.



**Inflatable kayaks** are 10 - 12 feet long and are paddled by 1 or 2 people using double-bladed paddles. They are fairly stable, require no previous experience and allow you to feel the thrill of independently paddling the river.

Please note that we do not guarantee space in paddle rafts or inflatable kayaks. If there are more people who wish to ride in these boats than there are spaces, we will rotate so that everyone gets a chance to participate. Paddle rafts and inflatable kayaks are only available at appropriate flows and with sufficient interest.

## Camping:

Overnight camping will be done at riverside beaches with spectacular views of the river and canyon. There is usually a central kitchen and campfire area and guests pick out spots in the surrounding area to pitch their tents or lay out their sleeping bags. We will provide portable toilet facilities.

## Meals:

ARTA meals are well-balanced and consist of quality foods with fresh meats, fruits, and vegetables. The guides double as camp chefs and the menu includes a wide variety of dishes. Lunches usually consist of hand-foods and are served picnic-style at riverside stops. Dinners and breakfasts are cooked over an open fire and often include tasty Dutch Oven baked treats. If you have special dietary requirements or are celebrating a special event during the trip, please let us know in advance.

## Drinks:

ARTA serves fruit drinks at mealtime. If you would like soda, beer, wine, or liquor with your dinner, please bring your own in unbreakable containers (beer and soda in cans, wine and liquor in plastic bottles). Due to weight and space restrictions, we ask that you limit the amount of canned drinks to a moderate amount.

## Wildlife:

Bighorn sheep and mule deer inhabit the Green River canyon and we often spot them along shore or while hiking. Birdlife is also fairly abundant and we usually see hawks, falcons, geese and a wide assortment of smaller birds; binoculars are fun to have along.

## Fishing:

Due to the flow fluctuations and water clarity, fishing in the Green is not that good; however Jones Hole Creek, where we arrive on the third day, has very good fishing opportunities. A Utah license is required and can be obtained in Vernal. Light spinning or fly gear works best, (artificial lures and flies only); please bring the minimum and protect your rod in a sturdy case.

## Suggested Reading:

Some of the more interesting books about the Green River include Buzz Belknap's *Dinosaur River Guide*, *The Doing of the Thing* by Vince Welch, and *Explorations of the Colorado River* by Major John Wesley Powell, (detailing his historic 1869 first exploration). These and other books about river running are available online or in Vernal at Bittercreek Books on West Main Street.

## We will provide:

- ♦ Transportation from Split Mountain to the river.
- ♦ Friendly, entertaining and professional guide service.
- ♦ All meals from lunch on the first day to lunch on the last day.
- ♦ Waterproof bags, lifejackets and other specialized river touring equipment for the trip.

## You are responsible for:

- ♦ Meals and lodging before and after your trip
- ♦ Personal clothing and toiletries (see Equipment List)
- ♦ Sleeping bags and tents (these items can be rented from ARTA - see Equipment List)
- ♦ Soda, wine, alcoholic beverages (see **Drinks** to the left)
- ♦ Guides gratuities (see **Tipping** below)

## Tipping

We want you to feel like a guest in our home. Tips are never expected, but are always appreciated when given in recognition of outstanding service. Our guides have gotten tips ranging from gifts of prized river gear, to invitations to visit, to 5% to 15% of the trip cost, all of which were greatly appreciated and always put to good use.

