Raft the river with CCA's very own paleontologist, Rob Gay, and learn about the billions of years of history written in the rocks. From the earliest dinosaurs to Ice Age mammoths, this scenic area encapsulates a vast timespan of life on the planet. Journey on trails to find evidence of massive geological cataclysms and explore rugged canyons for traces of prehistoric deserts fiercer than the Sahara. Enjoy locally-sourced, freshly-prepared meals throughout the day freshly by our expert guides. Spend your evening talking about the geology of the canyons while sipping local wine and beer under the amazing night sky. All while enjoying the unparalleled hospitality of CCA's renowned guides and experts.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE:
Trip begins at the Loma Boat Ramp in Loma, Co. Please lock your vehicle. Please do not leave valuables in your vehicles as CCA is not responsible for lost or stolen personal property.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY:
- Full payment of $525/person (CCA members), $575/person (non-members), due at time of registration.
- Payments will be refunded if cancellations are made 10 or more days before trip departure. No refunds for cancellations made after that time.

ITINERARY:

- Day 1:
Please arrive at the Loma Boat Launch in Fruita by 9:00 am to meet your river guides. Leave the busyness of life behind as you glide lazily through Horsethief Canyon on the Colorado River. After setting up camp near the mouth of Mee Canyon, guides will prepare your first delectable camp dinner while you explore the area, compare notes on the geological wonders you’ve experienced, play a game, or just bask in the soothing beauty of the canyon.

- Day 2
Awaken to a hearty breakfast and hike a short distance up Mee Canyon. Enjoy a riverside lunch buffet and travel downstream deep into Ruby Canyon. Marvel as the river cuts deep into the the plateau, exposing uplifted metamorphic rock that is 1.5 billion years old. Savor a night camping at Colorado Canyon Association’s Catalpa Camp under the innumerable stars of the western Colorado sky.

- Day 3
After a restful night, you awaken ready to relish another day on the river. After a riverside breakfast, you’ll travel downstream, crossing over the state line into Utah and the afternoon will be spent scanning the sky for bald eagles and the shoreline for great blue herons. After taking off the river at the Westwater Ranger station between 1 pm and 2 pm, you’ll be transported by a 1-hour van ride back to your awaiting vehicles in Loma.
*Note: The itinerary provided is a sample. Daily activities and sites will vary based on weather conditions and other considerations.

**FOOD:**

- One of the best aspects of a multi-day rafting trip is often the food. Expect to eat as well—or better—than you do at home, without having to do any of the work. That means hearty and sumptuous meals, complete with fresh fruits and vegetables. Enjoy local wines and beers in the evenings.
- **If you have food allergies, restrictions or other special dietary requests, we will do our best to accommodate your needs. However, some specific needs can only be met if we charge you a supplemental menu fee to cover our increased costs. If you are a vegetarian or vegan and you let us know well in advance, we can provide meals for you without additional cost. We cannot always provide for the same diversity or sophistication as our regular menu for special dietary requests.**

**EQUIPMENT:**

**What you bring:**

- Participants are responsible for personal camping gear. Please see attached packing list. Limited gear rentals available, please contact CCA for more information.
- Be sure to bring your binoculars!

**What we bring:**

- Your trip leader will provide a detailed safety talk and distribute appropriate gear on the first day of the trip.
- CCA will provide waterproof dry bags to keep your gear protected from the elements.
- Guides will handle all the heavy lifting and prepare camp- including a private location for the “groover” (portable toilet system required on this section of river), provided by CCA.
- Plates, bowls, utensils and all serving utensils so you can enjoy all the yummy goodness coming out of our riverside kitchen (yes, we bring that too).

**TIPPING:**

All proceeds generated from our Adventure trips go directly into our youth education programs. Tips for our River Guides, while not necessary, are greatly appreciated. If you loved your Adventure, show our guides your love WITH MONEY.

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