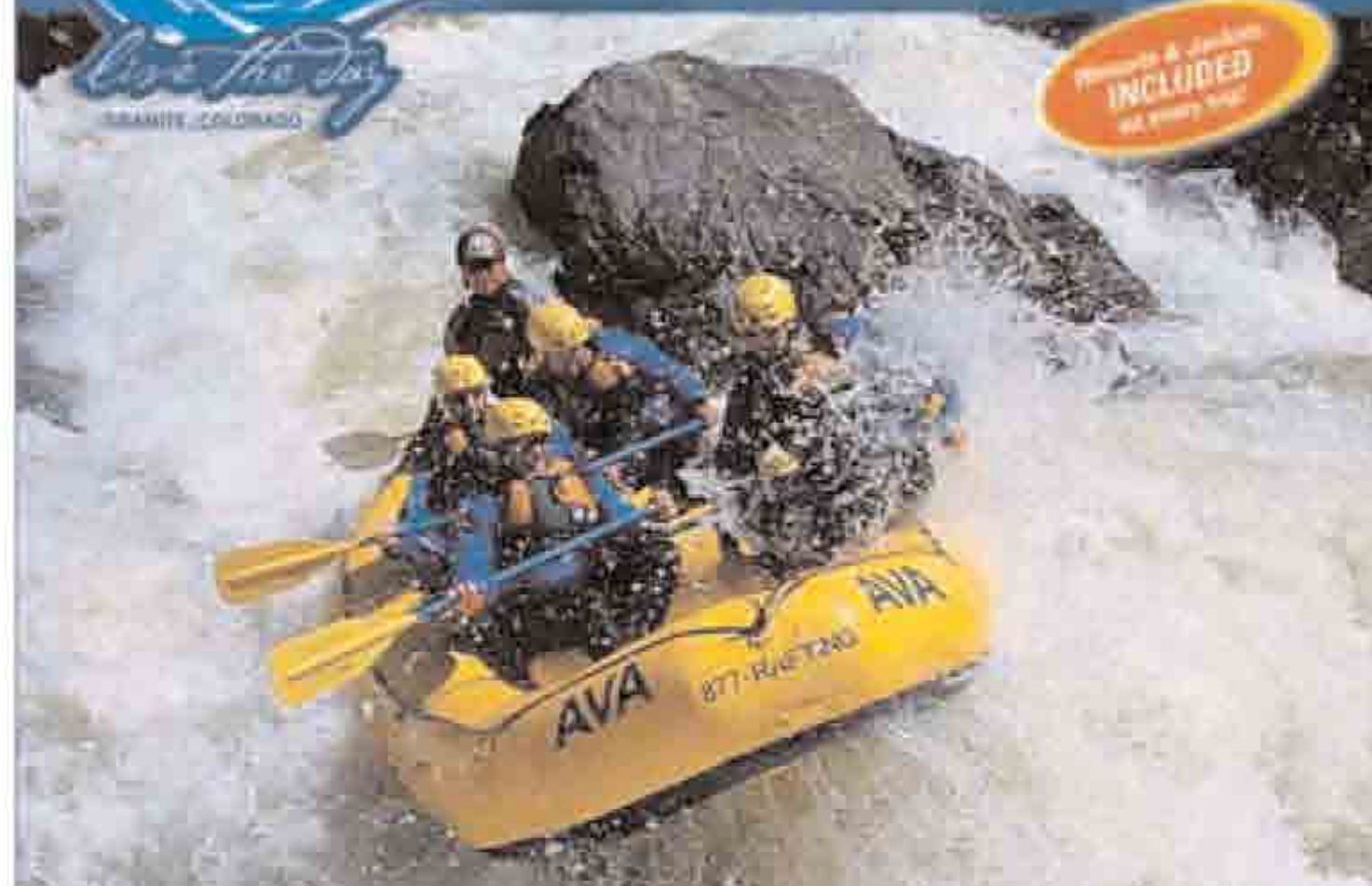


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**Why Arkansas Valley Adventure?**

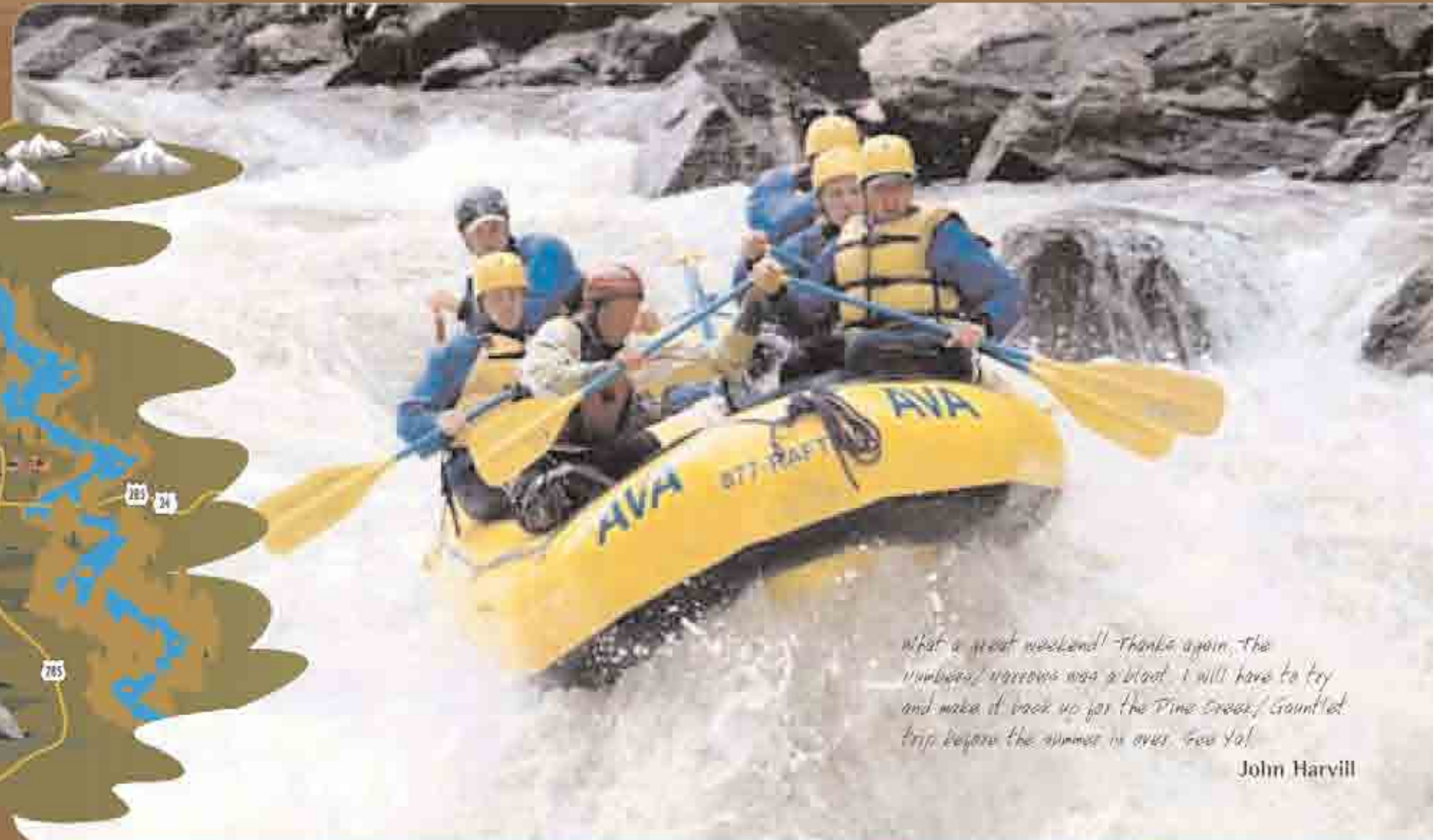
- AVA is a regional company offering trips on several rivers in the Rocky Mountains.
- Multiple purposes and pick-up locations throughout Central Colorado for your convenience.
- Trips for all ages and abilities, from beginner Class II to the most advanced Class V whitewater in Colorado.
- Our guides exemplify the very highest levels of guest service and professionalism. Their priority is to make sure you have a safe and enjoyable time.
- Wet suit, splash jacket, helmet, life jacket and paddle included in the price of your rafting trip.
- Rafting only 30 minutes from Denver!
- World-Class Rafting, Rock Climbing, Fly-fishing and Hiking available at AVA's 9-acre main outpost in Granite. Scenic 14,000-foot peaks provide the backdrop to this location.
- Log cabins and camping available on site.
- Full day trips include our great chicken fajitas (bunch cooked right on the river).
- Creating custom trips is our specialty. We have years of experience working with large groups and have great resources such as the Fun Bus. Tell us what kind of adventure you want to create and we'll make it happen!
- Our guides are handpicked and go through one of the longest training programs in Colorado.
- Photos available after your trip.
- Travel information and assistance.
- AVA prides itself on recycling and on using sustainable practices. Our goal is to provide low-impact environmental recreation.
- We use only top-quality equipment. Our Wing and Matasie self-bailing rafts are the performance vehicles for whitewater descents. Our Loric life-jackets are proclaimed to be the most comfortable type-5 jackets available.

**Challenging you to experience the fun and beauty of the Colorado outdoors**

We strive to bring awareness and understanding of the surrounding wilderness to our guests. Our enjoyable adventures help instill appreciation for the natural environment.

# Arkansas Valley

Rafting, Climbing, Fly-Fishing, Hiking



*What a great weekend! Thanks again, the narrows/warrens was a blast. I will have to try and make it back up for the Pine Creek/Gauntlet trip before the summer is over. See ya!*

John Harvill

WHATEVER DIRECTION you take to get to our Granite outpost, you are sure to be astounded by the beautiful views of the Arkansas Valley and by the line-up of 14,000 foot peaks in the Collegiate Peaks mountain range that parallels Highway 24. The Arkansas Valley boasts an abundance of activities. Rafting, Climbing, Biking, Fly-Fishing, Hiking, Backpacking, and Horsback Riding are popular activities in the valley. After playing all day, leave enough time in the evening to soak in the area's natural hot springs.





## Ability

### RATE YOUR ABILITY

- Easy** - All Ages & Abilities
- Intermediate** - All Ages & Abilities
- Advanced** - Active Lifestyle
- Adventurous** - Active & Adventurous

### WHAT DO THE DIFFICULTY RATINGS MEAN?

- Class I**  
(All Ages) No significant waves. No obstacles.
- Class II**  
(All Ages) Easy Rapids with regular waves, clear passages and wide channels.
- Class III**  
(Minimum age 5 yrs/50lbs.) Moderately difficult. Irregular waves, often narrow channels, maneuvering to avoid obstacles required.
- Class IV**  
(Ages Vary) Difficult. Complex channels with many significant obstacles to be avoided. Precise maneuvering is required.
- Class V**  
(Minimum Age 15) Extremely difficult. Long continuous rapids, often following each other almost without interruption.
- Class VI**  
Considered unrunnable. High possibility of serious injury.

\*Water flows can vary depending on river flow



*Saturday was amazing! Chris and I had an absolute blast! You guys run a great business with a great staff! I will most certainly let as many people as I can know all about AVA! Hope to join you again, soon! Huge thanks!*

Robin Marcus

# Arkansas River

## The Arkansas River

Season May thru September

There's a reason the Arkansas is one of the most rafted rivers in the country. Combine the scenic beauty of the Arkansas Valley and the excitement of continuous whitewater and you get one of the most enjoyable recreation options available. All trips on the Arkansas River leave from the AVA outpost in Granite. Please call for reservations.



### Arkansas Valley Specialty

Full Day Intermediate Class III

Check In - 9:30am

\$79 Adult, \$69 Child (ages 5-12, min. 50 lbs.)\*

This trip offers Colorado's incredible scenic beauty with 14,000-foot mountains, valleys, & canyons accompanied by miles of white-water fun for all ages! The adventure begins immediately with whitewater rapids like the Silver-Bullet Dam & Beaver Falls. This trip continues through the beautiful Arkansas Valley and down into the famous Brown's Canyon. Here we'll break for a riverside lunch before tackling rapids such as Zoom Flume, Siedel's Suck Hole, & The Seven Stairs. Hot Lunch included.

### Brown's Canyon Express

3/4 Day Intermediate Class III

Check In - 11:30am

\$59 Adult, \$49 Child (ages 5-12, min. 50 lbs.)\*

Raft the nation's favorite stretch of river, the famous Brown's Canyon. Supreme rafting for all ages and experience levels, this trip delivers a mix of exhilarating whitewater and the majestic quality of a granite canyon. Rouse your spirits in rapids like Zoom Flume, Pinball and many others.

### Granite Gorge

1/3-Day Intermediate Class III

Check In - 9:00am

\$39 Adult, \$34 Child (ages 5-12, min. 50 lbs.)\*

This beautiful narrow Gorge begins up in the little mountain town of Granite, Colorado. This trip is great for people on a schedule or who are just looking for a quick introduction to whitewater rafting. You'll enjoy class III rapids, with names such as Wake up, Maytag, Cat Creek, Topsoil, and more. This amazing Gorge can be enjoyed by all ages!

\*AVA reserves the right to change minimum age requirements depending on water levels and individual qualifications.

## Arkansas Valley Rafting Trips



### The Numbers

Full & 1/2 Day Advanced Class III-V  
 Check In - 8:30am, 12:30pm  
 \$95 Full Day, \$63/\$69 1/2 Day (a.m./p.m.)



The punter/whitewater enthusiasts who first ran this northern section of the Arkansas didn't bother to label rapids with intimidating names describing their thrills. They are simply numbered, but you may lose track counting off the 8 rapids on this section. Each Class III-V rapid is punctuated by continuous whitewater in between, including a steep ledge drop into No. 5. The paddling demands good physical condition and a minimum age of 15 years\*. Hot Lunch is served riverside on full day trips.

### The Wydridel

1/2 Day Advanced, Class IV  
 Check In - 8:30am, 12:30pm - \$99 Adult

Grab a friend and experience the famous Class IV Numbers section in a mini nine-foot raft! The two of you plus a guide will hit this very continuous section of whitewater. As you can imagine, the smaller size of the raft makes the waves, rapids, and holes much bigger, better, and worse. This half-day trip is available morning or afternoon. This is a physically demanding trip. Good physical condition is recommended and a minimum age of 15 years is required.\*

### Pine Creek (The Gauntlet)

Full & 1/2 Day Advanced, Class IV & V  
 Check In - 8:00am  
 \$99 Full Day, \$69 1/2 Day



The most advanced section on the Arkansas River begins in the little mountain town of Granite, which quickly fades away as you enter the exciting Granite Gorge. These Class III and IV rapids are merely a warm-up for what comes next. Get ready to paddle hard as you journey through the Rio of Passage, the gates of Pine Creek, where the river narrows by half its width. Here you'll encounter the most continuous rapids in the state and the only Class V run on the Arkansas. This is where the river becomes a creek and its gradient drops an astounding 200 feet with a *must-make* creek move. Recommended as a full day trip with the Numbers—aptly named "The Gauntlet!" This run demands good physical condition and a minimum age of 15 years is required.\* Hot Lunch included on full day trip.

\*Start your day off right—with some adventure! Begin your full-day Class IV & V whitewater trip by rappelling 25 feet down to your raft. The trip starts wild and ends the same! This is a great way to fit a little climbing into your Colorado vacation. Novices are encouraged to participate. Call to request.

### Royal Gorge

Full & 1/2 day Advanced Class III-IV  
 Check In - 1/2 Day 7:45am, 12:15pm Full Day 8:15am  
 \$94-\$99 Full Day, \$64-\$66 1/2 Day

Experience the thrill of Class III and IV rapids like Sledgehammer, Sunshine, Grateful Dead and Boat Eater while you float beneath the Royal Gorge Bridge 1100 feet above you. Both the scenery and the whitewater will leave you breathless! This trip is appropriate for experienced paddlers and adventurous first-timers. Good physical condition recommended. Minimum age 16 years.\*

### 24-Hours in Brown's Canyon

Full Day Overnight Intermediate Class III  
 Check In - 12:30pm  
 \$169 Adult, \$149 Child (ages 5-12, min. 50 lbs.)\*

This is an excellent weekend getaway. This trip is our Arkansas Valley Specialty trip set up as an overnight. You'll arrive mid-afternoon the first day, raft into Brown's Canyon, camp and have dinner in the canyon. A great full-weekend of your personal gear and provisions for the overnight will accompany you. You'll awake to a delicious breakfast, then paddle our mid-morning through Class III whitewater fun. You'll be back at your car around noon the second day. All necessary provisions except sleeping bags are provided.

### 3-Day Canyon Overnight

5 Day Canyon Overnight  
 3 days, 2 nights Intermediate Class III  
 Check In - 8:00am  
 \$449 Adult, \$409 Child (ages 5-12, min. 50 lbs.)

We realize that "fun" is sometimes defined by less than a hair-raising experience. Put life's stress on hold and join us overnight on the Arkansas River for a three-day, two-night trip through the Narrows and Brown's Canyon. A great balance between whitewater fun and incredible scenery with the details arranged by us! Hearty meals are included and prepared fresh by your guide as you relax riverside.

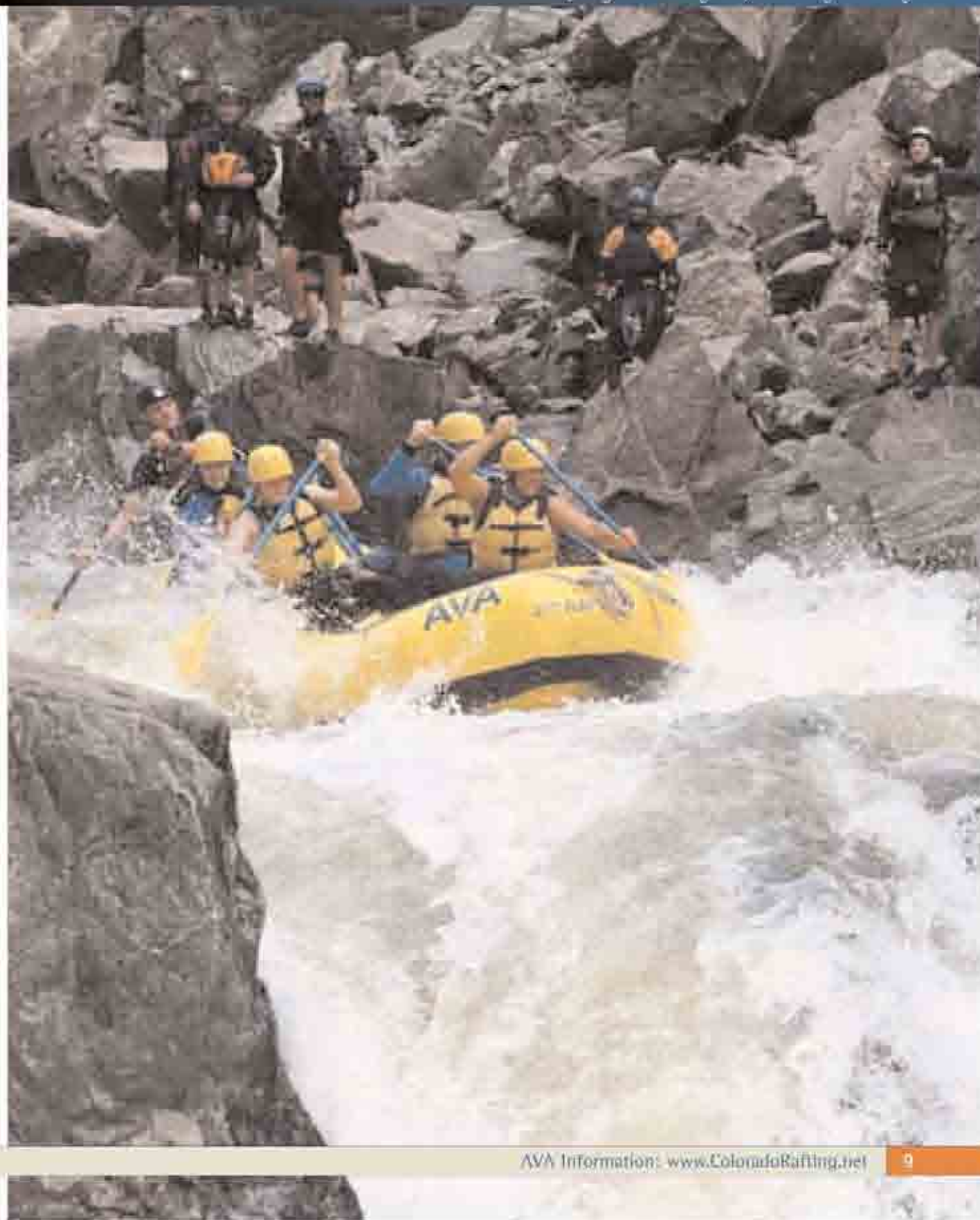
### 3-Day Mild to Wild

3 days, 2 nights Advanced + Class V  
 Check In - 8:00am at the AVA Outpost  
 \$549 Adult (min. age 15)\*

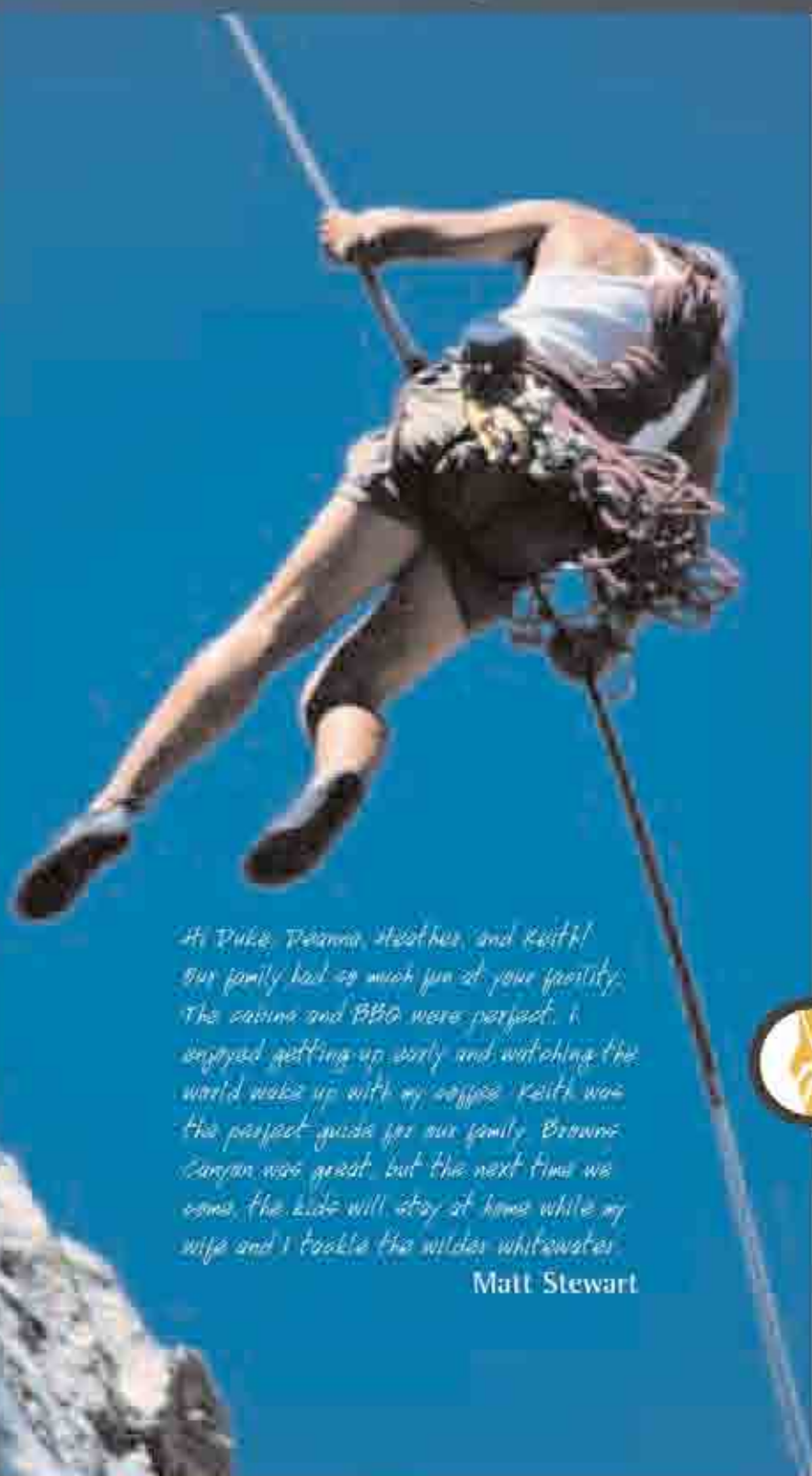
The ultimate overnight experience in Colorado! Your first two days are full of Class III whitewater fun. The first night you'll camp in the majestic and remote Brown's Canyon while your guide prepares a gourmet dinner for you. Hiking and fishing options abound at camp, or just relax under the stars. Wake up to a delicious breakfast and raft the rest of the canyon through rapids like Zoom Hums, the Seven Stairs and Seidel's Suckhole. After your second day of paddling, we take you to a riverside camp further north in the Arkansas Valley. After a hearty breakfast the third morning, prepare to run the most exhilarating whitewater on the Arkansas, the Class IV & V Pine Creek and the Numbers—also known as "The Gauntlet!" This trip provides the perfect progression from intermediate to the most advanced whitewater. We take care of all the details; all you need to bring is your sleeping bag.

Meals included: Day 1: Lunch and Dinner  
 Day 2: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
 Day 3: Breakfast, Lunch

\*AVA reserves the right to change minimum age requirements depending on water levels and individual qualifications.



# Arkansas Valley Climbing & Hiking Trips



*Hi Duke, Rebecca, Heather, and Keith!  
Our family had so much fun at your facility.  
The cabins and BBQ were perfect. I  
enjoyed getting up early and watching the  
world wake up with my coffee. Keith was  
the perfect guide for our family. Browns  
Canyon was great, but the next time we  
come, the kids will stay at home while my  
wife and I tackle the wilder whitewater.*  
**Matt Stewart**



## Rock Climbing

Arkansas Valley Adventures offers rock climbing lessons and guided climbing trips. AVA provides half-day trips for the beginner or intermediate climber. Our guides will teach you the basics of belaying, rappelling and setting anchors. Whether you want to learn more about the sport so you can do it on your own or you just want to try it for the first time and experience the thrill of climbing, our programs are perfect for you.

### Half-Day Trip

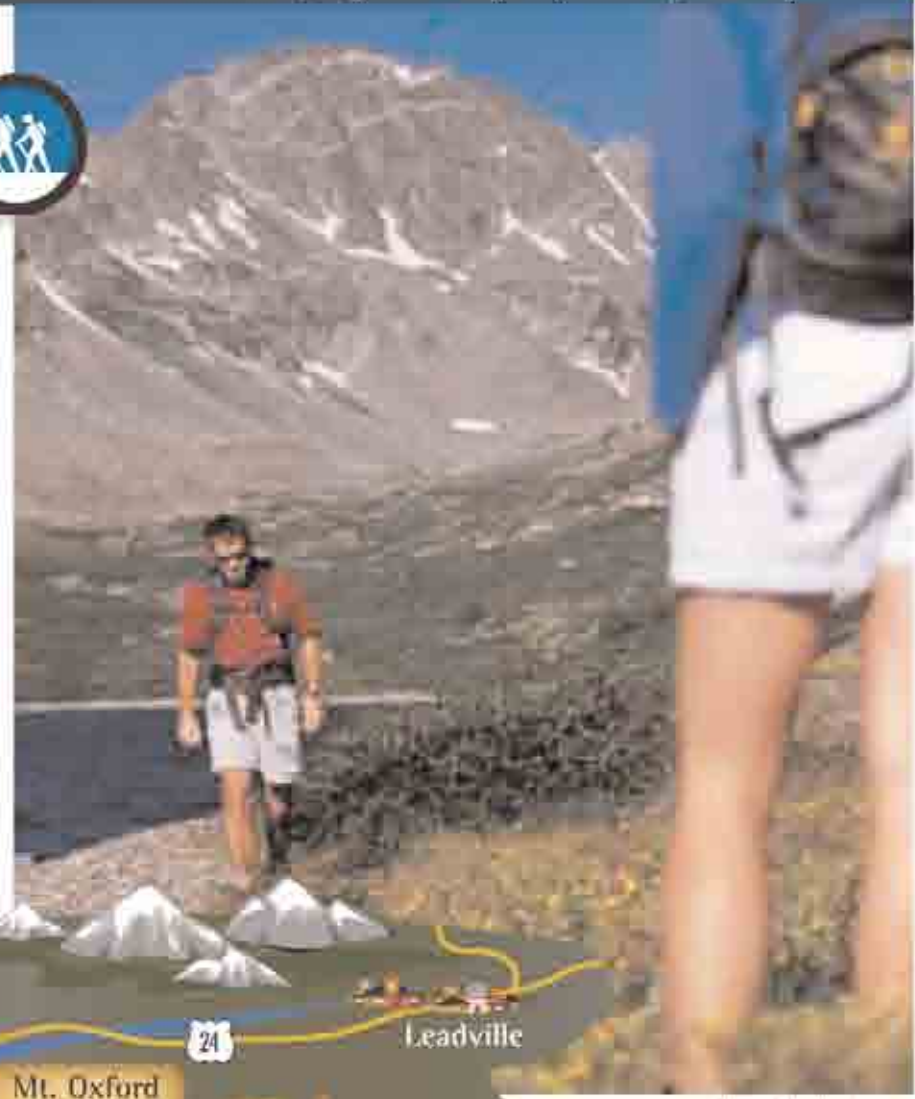
Morning and afternoon  
\$69 adult, \$59 child (ages 5-12)

Our half-day climbing trip is a great way to follow an early morning raft trip down our Class IV or V sections of river. After you have changed into your dry clothes, we set out for our afternoon climbing and rappelling adventure. Or do it the other way around: climb in the morning and raft in the afternoon! It's a full day of adventure!



## Hiking

AVA is excited to help you with your journey to the top of the mountain. We can offer lodging, provisions, advice, maps and gear for your trip. AVA is located in the heart of the highest peaks in Colorado. The Sawatch Range has the most 14,000-foot peaks of any range in the state (15 in a row). It also boasts four of the five highest peaks in Colorado. The Sawatch Range's peaks offer hikes amazing alpine challenges in the Rocky Mountains. Climbing a "fourteener" has become popular and the challenge will capture you. Standing on top of a 14,000-foot mountain, looking as far as the eye can see, is an accomplishment never to be forgotten. An adventure is waiting for you in Colorado's Rocky Mountains!





## Guided Fly Fishing

The Arkansas River has over 100 miles of floatable water and boasts fantastic fishing. This river is a unique body of water, offering Gold Medal fishing stretches that hold Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout. You'll find plenty of variety with endless riffles, runs, pools, undercut, and overhanging brush. A maximum ratio of 2 customers with 1 professional guide ensures the quality of your experience. Professional guides that know the water, know the hatches and know the fish can truly enhance your fly-fishing experience.

### Beginners Full Day Package

Spend the morning with one of our instructors. You will learn gear selection, casting techniques, knots, entomology and how to "read a river". After 2 hours of instruction and a hearty lunch, hit the river with a guide for a half day walk and wade. 1 guest \$185, 2 guests \$225. Or make it an afternoon float. 1 guest \$200, 2 guests \$240.

### Introduction To Fly Fishing

A three-hour class will teach you everything you need to know about fly fishing. You will learn gear selection, casting techniques, knots, entomology and how to identify fish habitat. \$60 per person, four-person min.

### Walk & Wade, 1/2 Day

Half-day walk & wade trips are perfect for the novice that wants to learn about fly-fishing. A professional guide will be with you to help you learn the basics of fly-fishing, knots, entomology, and how to read the river. We can also provide all your equipment needs. Experienced anglers that prefer wading will be able to fish private water and public water and tap into the guide's knowledge of the Arkansas River. 1 Guest \$125, 2 Guests \$185

### Wade & Float Combo

Get the best of both worlds. Spend half a day walking and wading, a hearty lunch, followed by a half day float trip. 1 Guest \$335, 2 guests \$515.

### Half Day Float Trip

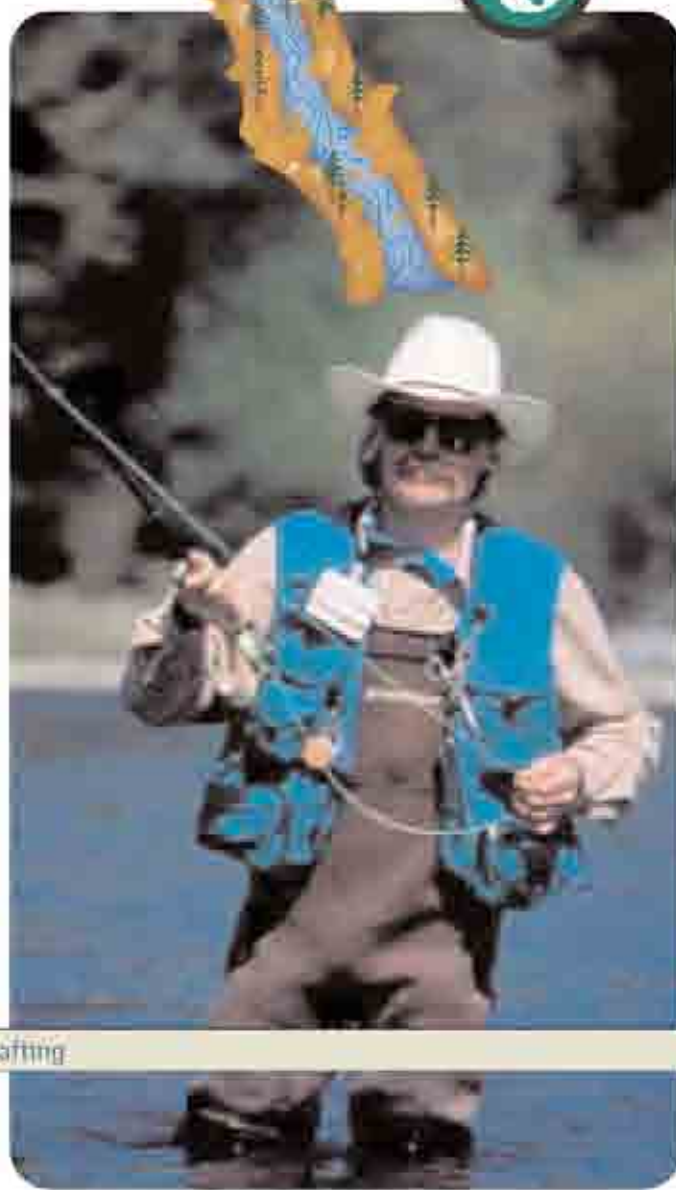
Half-day float trips (3 to 4 hours) offer a great opportunity to float fish in some very productive water. This is a great trip for the beginner that wants to try a float fishing trip or the expert who wants a productive morning or afternoon float. 1 Guest \$185, 2 Guests \$225.

### Full Day Float

Spend a day on the water enjoying fine fishing, gorgeous scenery, lots of fly-fishing, a hearty lunch and all the beauty of a 15 to 20 mile mountain float fishing trip. 1 Guest \$235, 2 Guests \$315.

### Evening Float

Some of the best fishing, best scenery and most peaceful time usually occur as the day comes to a close. \$155 for the boat and guide.



## AVA Packages

### 1 Day Beginner Package

Check In - 8:45am  
\$115 Adult, \$97 Child

Live the day by going climbing or fly fishing in the morning\*, followed by the Brown's Canyon Express in the afternoon.

\* \$18 added for fly fishing.

### 2 Day Overnight Package

Check In - 9 am  
\$215 Adult, \$187 Child

Day 1: Spend the morning rock climbing\* in Granite Gorge, then return to the AVA Outpost, where you'll pack for the 24 Hours in Brown's Canyon overnight trip. Enjoy the included lunch, and then head for an afternoon of whitewater. Camp in the canyon.  
Day 2: After a hearty breakfast at camp, paddle the morning away through more whitewater fun! Return to AVA early afternoon.

\*Change rock climbing to fly fishing for an additional \$18

### 3 Day Advanced Package

Check In - 12:30 pm  
\$225 (Minimum age 18 yrs.)

Day 1: Begin 24 Hours of Brown's Canyon (Class III); camp in canyon.

Day 2: Finish 24 Hours of Brown's Canyon, then ride The Numbers (Class IV) in the afternoon, camp at AVA.

Day 3 (optional): Hike one of the fourteeners on your own (recommendations and directions available at AVA).

### 4 Day Advanced Package

Check In - 9:30 am  
\$249 Adult (Min. Age 15)

Day 1: Raft the Arkansas Valley Specialty (Class III), camp at AVA\*\*

Day 2: Choose a half-day Climb or Fish\*, then camp at AVA\*\*

Day 3: Grouse (Class IV, V), camp at AVA\*\*

Day 4 (optional): Hike on your own (recommendations and directions available at AVA)

\* \$18 added for fishing trip

\*\* Ask us about the available cabin upgrade!

### Create Your Own Package

We are happy to work together with you to create your own, unique vacation. Stay at AVA, put some trips together however you like, and we'll cut you a deal.

### Group Rates

Discounted group rates are available for parties of 10 or more. Call 800-370-0581 or email [info@coloradorafting.net](mailto:info@coloradorafting.net) for a quote.



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# Arkansas Valley Summit Trips & Ability

## New *Summit Trips*

SUMMIT COUNTY is one of Colorado's best and most popular playgrounds. As the snow melts away, the summer activities boom. The county is home to 50 miles of paved bike trails and hundreds of miles of backcountry trails. Biking, hiking, off-road motoring, and water sports from fishing to windsurfing, as well as world class resorts, help to draw in 3 million visitors per year. Golfing, tennis, and softball are also played throughout the summer. All of this means that you won't have any problem keeping occupied. On the off chance that occupying yourself isn't what you had in mind, this is one of the best places in Colorado to simply relax. The mountain sunshine, the scent of pines, the sound of waves gently lapping against the shore, Summit county is the best prescription you'll find for urban anxiety, whether you want to blast down whitewater and single tracks, or just enjoy the scenery and relax in a spa.

### Summit County trips: Go For The Summit!

Let us take care of all the details while you enjoy your day of adventure! For the most convenience, take our Summit Express trip or the Upper Colorado Float trip. We pick you up in Keystone or Breckenridge, take you rafting, and drop you off at the end of the day. Lunch included on both trips.

#### Summit Express

Intermediate Class III

Pick-Up Breckenridge - 10:15 am

Pick-Up Keystone - 10:15 pm

\$89 Adult, \$79 Child (under 12)

Raft the nation's most popular stretch of whitewater! This Class III intermediate run through Brown's Canyon provides fun for everyone. Appropriate for all ages, it's safe enough for the little ones and exciting enough to entertain the experienced rafters. The perfect family trip. You'll splash through rapids such as Pinball, Zoom Plunge and the Seven Scams while admiring a beautiful and remote granite canyon.

#### Upper Colorado Scenic Float

Pick-Up Breckenridge - 10:15 am

Pick-Up Keystone - 10:45 am

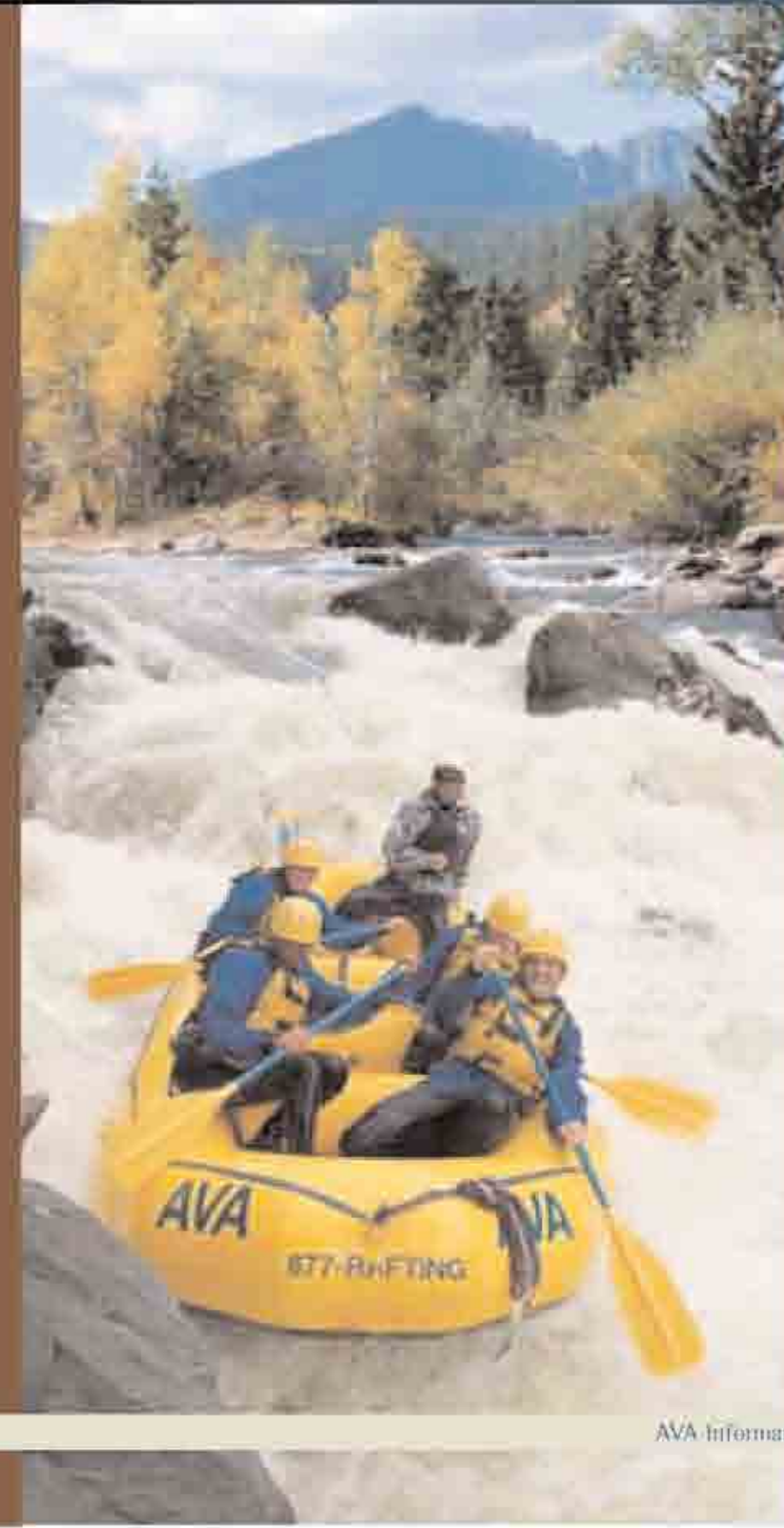
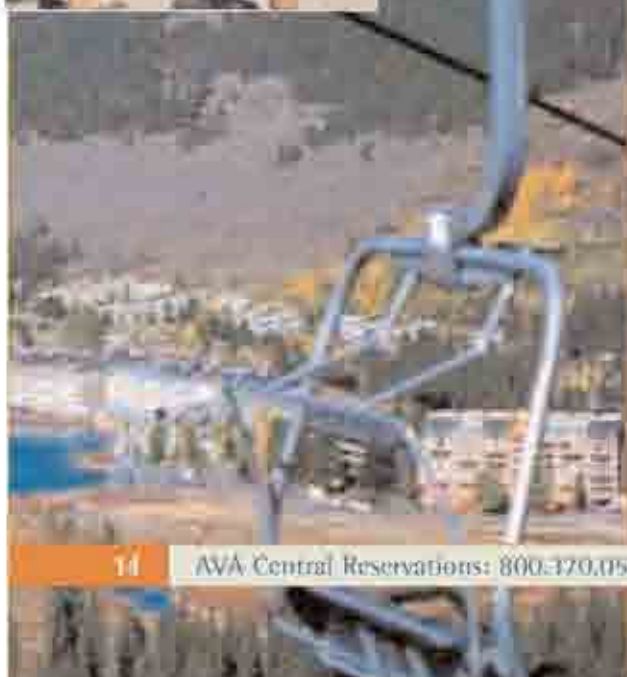
\$79 Adult, \$69 Child (ages 5-12), \$49 Child (ages 2-4)\*

This section of the Colorado is a gently flowing river that is inviting to all ages. You'll encounter a few small rapids as the river winds through the Gore Range and Mountain Ranchland. If you want to get your heart racing, leap from Jump Rock or Little Jump Rock, perfect for all levels of bravery! There may even be time for a nap at some historical cabins along the river. This is a relaxing day with time to sunbathe, swim or just relax and enjoy the day. (Lunch included.)

Want a little extra excitement or independence on this trip? Try our inflatable kayaks! Please see description under Colorado River section.

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See page 21 for pick-up locations and parking.



## Ability

### RATE YOUR ABILITY

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**INTERMEDIATE** All Abilities, Ages 5 & up

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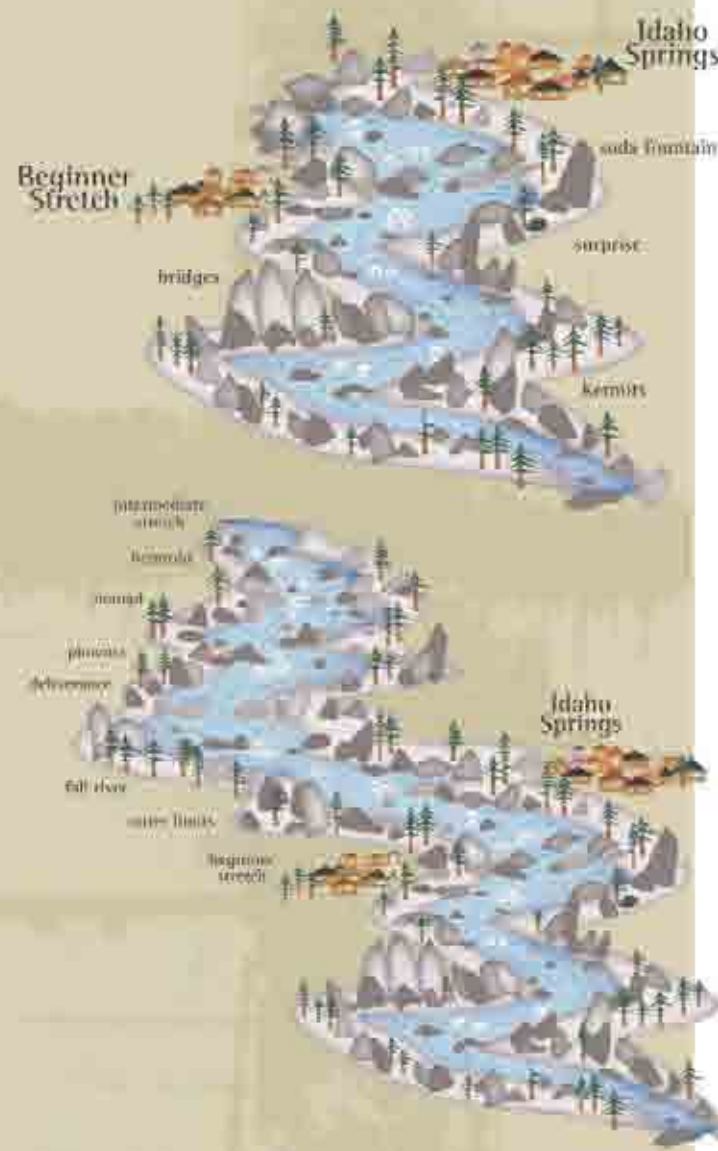




## Additional Whitewater Trips



# Clear Creek



### Clear Creek

*Season May thru July, subject to change*

Clear Creek is located in an old mining valley in the Colorado Rockies. The average gradient of this river is 67 feet per mile—its a steep, technical river that everyone will enjoy. Its proximity to Denver and Summit County make this thrilling section of whitewater easily accessible.

#### Clear Creek Beginner Trip

Intermediate III  
Check In - 8:30am, 11:30am, 2:30pm  
\$59 Adult, \$34 Child (ages 5-12 min, 50 lbs)

Meet in Idaho Springs  
170, exit 240, North side of bridge, 1519 Miner Street

This one-third day trip is a great introduction to whitewater. The section packs in eleven Class III rapids as you paddle and splash your way down the Creek. A fun trip ideal for all abilities.

#### Clear Creek Intermediate Half Day

Intermediate/Advanced: Class III, IV  
Check In - 8:30am, 11:30am, 2:30pm  
\$54 Adult (min. age 13 yrs)

Meet in Idaho Springs  
170, exit 240, North side of bridge, 1519 Miner Street

Conquer the most intense whitewater on Clear Creek! Starting high in the canyon, there's just enough time to warm up before you drop into the first class IV rapid. Enjoy this steep, technical section that will keep your paddle moving! This is a physically demanding trip. Good physical condition is recommended and a minimum age of 13 years is required.

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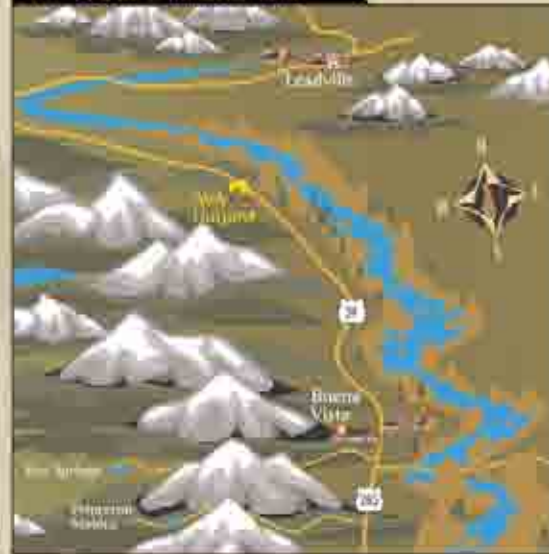
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AVA Outpost - Arkansas Valley



## AVA Outpost (Genie, Colorado)

The 4-acre AVA Outpost is located 12 miles north of Buena Vista and 19 miles south of Leadville. Located at the base of several 14,000-foot peaks, access to the Colorado Trail and several other hiking trails is literally out our back door. Within only a few miles are several public access spots for river or lake fishing. Make things easy on yourself—stay with us the night before your trip and/or the night of your trip. Wake up to a high-mountain sunrise over dramatic rock outcroppings, and then come into our main lodge to check in for your trip. When you return, your cabin or campsite awaits you.



### Cabins

Our five genuine log cabins are set along a creek and sleep four to five guests each. All are appointed with log furniture, quality mattresses, hard-wood floors, linens and towels. Each has its own toilet, sink and shower. Three of the cabins have kitchens that include a toaster, microwave, refrigerator and coffee maker. Picnic tables and shared propane grill are provided for barbeques.

\$85 double occupancy  
\$5 each additional person (4 people maximum)



### Camping

Ten walk-in campsites are nestled on a hillside behind our main lodge. The sites are flanked by a creek and have flat sand foundations for your tents. Each site has a fire ring and picnic table. Hot showers & toilets available for campers.

\$10 Per Person



## Keystone

Keystone has two mountain villages with lodging, shopping, restaurants, swimming pools, two golf courses, horseback riding, activities, events and much more. This self contained resort is the perfect place for a great vacation or weekend away, family reunion, wedding or conference.

For reservations call: 877.253.9786 or go to [www.keystonereresort.com](http://www.keystonereresort.com)



Directions: From I-70 take exit 205. Go south on Blue River Pkwy. (1 way) 6-7.4 miles. Follow signs to Gondola Road and the free parking lot.

### Keystone



- 1 Parking Lot
- 2 Meet AVA here: River Run Fire Pit
- 3 Mountain Concierge

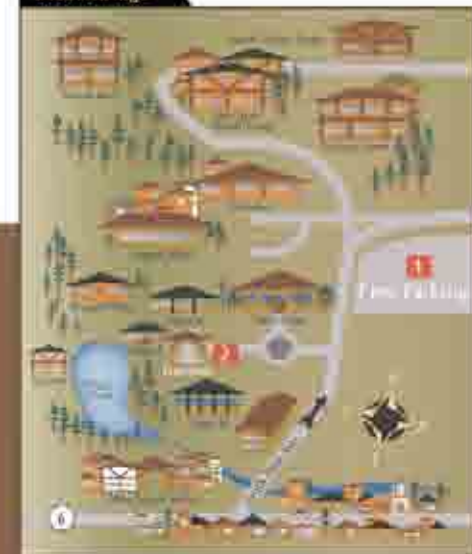
## Breckenridge

Breckenridge is both the oldest and largest community in Summit County. The town is located in the Blue River Valley at the base of the massive Teton Range. Dating back to the mid-19th century, when it was a roasting mining camp, Breckenridge is a National Historic District. Many of its Victorians have been restored, and today they house bed and breakfasts, restaurants, and retail shops. Throughout the town you can find several world-class hotels, convention centers, and condominium complexes.

During the summer, downtown Breckenridge becomes a shopping Mecca, its sidewalks packed with visitors exploring the scores of gift shops and boutiques. Breckenridge also offers a lively nightlife, and you can find live music in a hopping bar almost any night of the week.

Directions: From I-70 take exit 205. Take CO Hwy. 9 south 10.7 miles. Go right on South Park Ave. Park in the free lot on your right.

### Breckenridge



- 1 Parking Lot
- 2 Meet AVA here

# Groups

## & Team Building

THE ARKANSAS VALLEY is a premier adventure vacation destination for groups of all kinds and sizes. We've tried and tested in providing unforgettable and hassle-free adventure outings for groups of all sizes. Our adventure packages and ability to customize your trip with assets such as teambuilding and food services ensure worthwhile adventures for groups looking for more than whitewater rafting.

Central Colorado offers more outdoor recreation opportunities than you can imagine, located close to major tourist destinations like Denver, Keystone, and Breckenridge. White water rafting, mountain hiking, rock climbing, canoeing, hiking, backpacking, fishing and camping are a few group activities available in the Arkansas River Headwaters region of Colorado. Arkansas Valley Adventure is accustomed to goal-oriented groups looking for river rafting tours and wilderness recreation. Many groups look to combine activities like white water rafting with camping and team building. We'll be sure to find the mix of activities that best suits your group.

### What to Bring

AVA PROVIDES ALL RAFTING EQUIPMENT including wetsuits, splash jackets, helmets, and Coast Guard-approved life jackets. We do not provide our own footwear, although water shoes are for sale in our retail shop. Water sandals that strap on or water shoes are good footwear, as are tennis shoes that can get wet. No flip-flops please. Swimsuits are usually worn underneath wetsuits. Bring a fleece or poly-propylene top or jacket, and leave cotton garments in your car to wear after the trip. Favorite baseball caps, jewelry and other valuables should be left in a safe place. Don't forget waterproof sunscreen, lip balm and some type of ring to secure your sunglasses or prescription glasses. T-shirts, professional photographs and other mementos are available for purchase at AVA's lodge.

*We reserve the right to change or substitute river sections at any time due to weather conditions and water levels. Please keep us informed of changes to your group so we can work with you.*  
**NOTE:** Children under 18 must have a parent-signed release.

### Customize It: Any Way You Want It!

Customizing your trip is our specialty. We'll help you set up an exclusive trip designed just for the needs of your group. AVA has years of experience working with large groups, is always willing to be flexible, and has great resources such as the Fun Bus. We can create the special experience your group is looking for—from fabulous private parties to extreme Colorado adventures.

### Fun Bus

*Lease our fun bus for the day!*

An exciting custom trip?! Breakfast will be served on the ride to the river; beverages and snacks will be provided for the return.



# Planning

## & Information

### Reservations

- AVA Adventures are generally available 7 days a week, May through October.
- Walk-in and short-notice trips are welcome, however we recommend reservations to guarantee space.
- Call 1-800-370-0581 or 1-877-RAFTING. In the Buena Vista area, call 719-486-2827.
- Online at [www.coloradorafting.net](http://www.coloradorafting.net)
- A 30% deposit is required to reserve space on trips, with the balance of payment due 3 days prior to departure.
- For large groups (10 or more people), the balance of payment is due 14 days prior to departure.
- Trip cancellation insurance available.
- Please add a 8.5% for taxes and fees.
- Optional retail goods and guide gratuities are not included in the trip price.
- Children 12 and under receive reduced prices; minimum age varies with water levels and river conditions.



### Cancellations

- For groups smaller than 10:
  - If cancellations are made prior to 14 days before the trip, money will be refunded less a 10% service charge. If cancellations are made within 14 days and outside of 2 days before the trip, money will be refunded by 50%.
  - Cancellations made within 48 hours of the trip are not refundable.
- For groups of 10 or more:
  - Cancellation made prior to 14 days before the trip, money will be refunded less a 10% service charge. Cancellations made within 14 days and outside of 7 days of the trip, money will be refunded by 50%.
  - Cancellation made within 7 days of the trip are not refundable. Please keep us informed of changes in your group so we can work with you.
  - We reserve the right to change or substitute river sections at any time due to weather conditions and water levels.
- Trip Cancellation Insurance**  
For a small fee you may purchase trip cancellation insurance.
  - Cancel up to 12 hours from trip departure and receive a 90% refund.
  - Cancel within 12 hours from trip departure and receive a trip voucher valid for one year.

### Responsibility

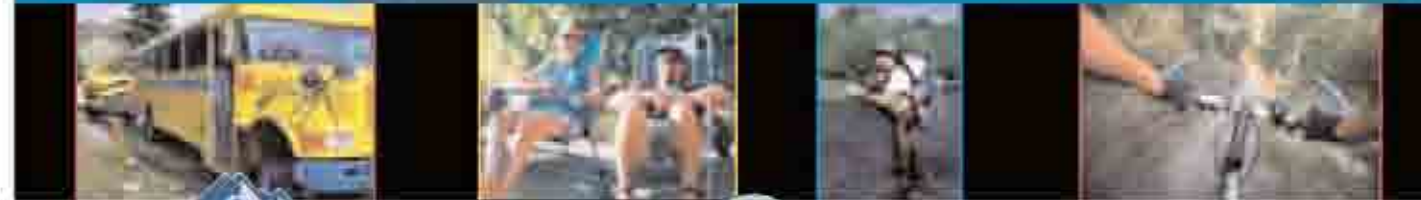
AVA strives to provide a safe and enjoyable trip, however, outdoor adventure activities involve a degree of risk. We require all participants to read and sign a liability release. Any guest under the age of 18 must have a liability release signed by a parent before engaging in any AVA activity. If you are bringing participants under 18 with you that are not your own children, you must bring with you a release signed by that child's parent. Guests should honestly and accurately evaluate their own fitness levels for any given trip. We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone.

— Operating under permit by the White River National Forest  
— All or part of this operation is conducted on public lands under special permit from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

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