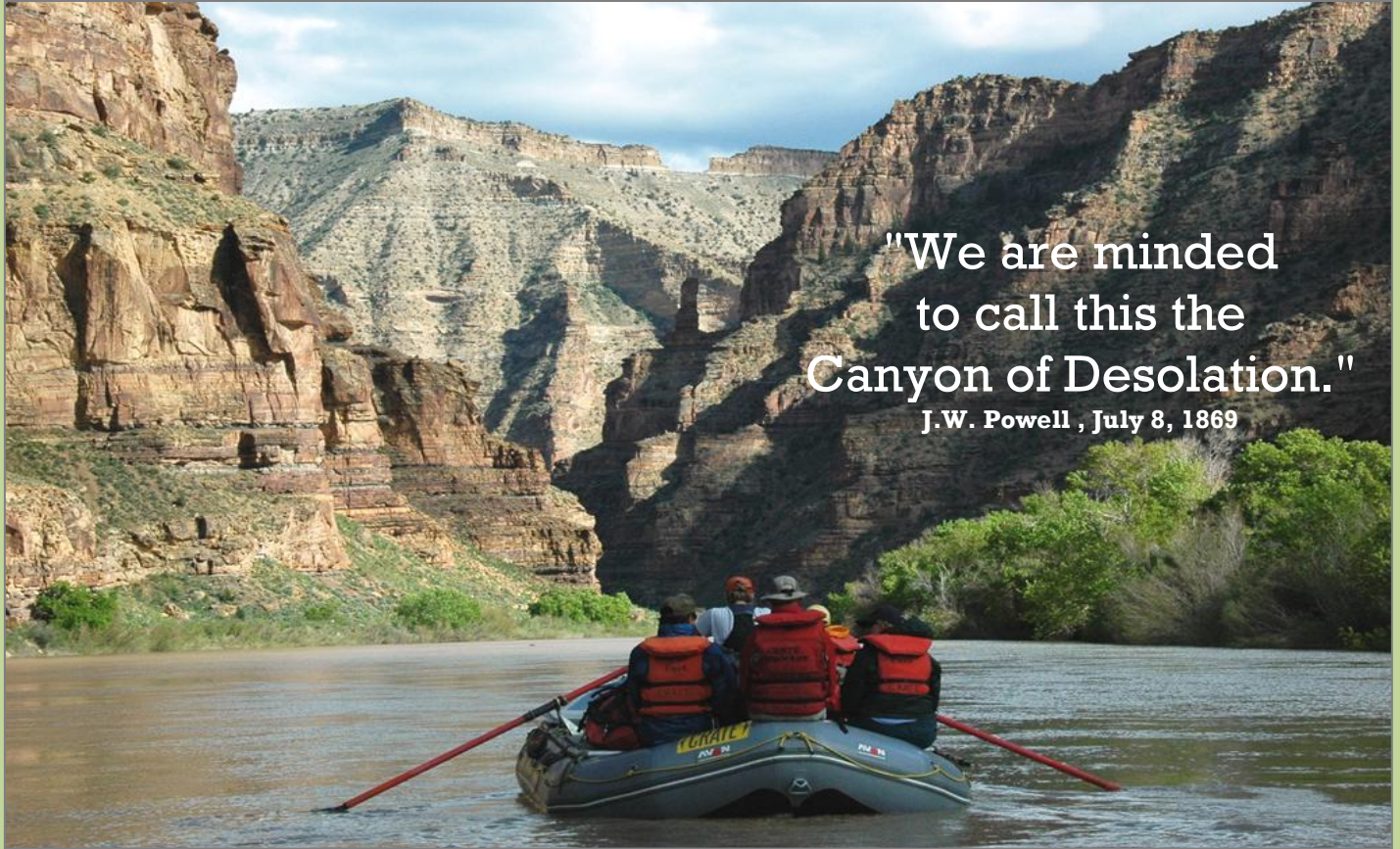


Green River Rafting Expedition

with the Fond du Lac Audubon Society

June 1-8, 2014



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Canyon of Desolation."

J.W. Powell , July 8, 1869

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\$ 1,560.00 Per-Person -- ADULTS ONLY
All inclusive from Salt Lake City, UT
DEPOSIT: \$300.00 Per-Person due **Nov. 1, 2013**
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: **March 1, 2014**
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"Listen to the names that cowboys and river rats bestowed over the decades on this 85-mile stretch of the Green River in Utah, a litany out of Zane Grey, with a touch of Tolkien: Moonwater Rapids, Firewater Rapids, Last Chance Rapids, Lion Hollow, Cow Swim, Little Horse Bottom, Beaver Slide Bottom, Gold Hole, Duches Hole, Lighthouse Rock, Nefertiti Rock, Log Cabin Rapids, Stone Canyon Rapids, Chandler Falls, Fretwater Falls. The lyricism of that nomenclature owes almost nothing to the men who first ran this stretch of the Green in 1869. John Wesley's Powell's crew were spooked by the place, and after a few days under its soaring walls, as Powell later wrote, "We are minded to call this the Canyon of Desolation." David Roberts, National Geographic Society

Desolation Canyon it remains today, or 'Deso', as we shorten it. To those of us who run this stretch of the Green River on a regular basis, there is nothing desolate about it — it is instead a beautiful remote wilderness area that conceals wonderful surprises and whitewater challenges. We invite you join the Fond du Lac Audubon Society as we raft down the Green River through Desolation Canyon in the company of an archaeologist and naturalist for a "behind the rocks" look at many amazing archaeological sites and natural wonders. You will also see a variety of birds and blooms. The first week in June is generally when the cactus are flowering and the wild flowers are at their most prolific.

Itinerary

- June 1, 2014 5:00 p.m. – Meet at Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. Lodging at Little America is included in the trip cost. Meals are at your own expense. Little America provide complimentary airport shuttles. Light rail transportation is also available from the airport.
- June 2, 2014 1:00 p.m. – Depart Little America via motor coach to Green River, Utah. Lodging at River Terrace Inn is included. Dinner will be at your own expense. Evening meeting with the rafting guides.
- June 3, 2014 6:00 a.m. – Complimentary full breakfast at River Terrace.
7:00 a.m. – Depart River Terrace Inn to Green River Airport for scenic flight to the river. 6-Day Rafting trip begins following safety orientation.
- June 4-7, 2014 Rafting, hiking, exploring archaeological sites, and camping in Desolation Canyon with guest archaeologist. Deluxe camping gear, meals, and non-alcoholic beverages are provided.
- June 8, 2014 Rafting trip ends near Green River, Utah.
Return to CRATE warehouse for lunch.
1:00 p.m. – Depart Green River, Utah, for Salt Lake City, Little America Hotel, by motorcoach.
4:30 p.m. – Arrive Little America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah. Option to stay the night or additional nights at your own expense. Meals at your own expense.



Included in the Trip Price of \$1,560

- ✓ Lodging in Salt Lake City night of June 1
- ✓ Motorcoach transportation to Green River on June 2
- ✓ Lodging in Green River on June 2
- ✓ Breakfast in Green River on June 3
- ✓ Transportation to Green River Airport on June 3
- ✓ Scenic charter flight from Green River to Sand Wash on June 3
- ✓ Deluxe 6-Day Green River Rafting Expedition in Desolation Canyon
- ✓ Camping Equipment (sleeping bag, foam pad, cot, camp chairs and tent if needed)
- ✓ All meals while on the river trip, beginning with lunch the first day.
- ✓ Plates, cups, utensils, water bottle, and assorted non-alcoholic beverages.
- ✓ Guest Archaeologist Stipend
- ✓ Gratuity for River Guides
- ✓ Motorcoach transportation from Green River to Salt Lake City on June 8

Not Included

- ✗ Transportation to/from Salt Lake City, meals in Salt Lake City
- ✗ Additional nights lodging at Little America.*
- ✗ Dinner in Green River, Utah on June 2
- ✗ Alcoholic Beverages on the River Trip**
- ✗ Gratuity for the bus drivers (suggest \$5-\$10 per-person each way)

* Information regarding additional nights lodging at Little America will be sent to you when we confirm your trip reservation.

** You may bring your own small supply of beer, wine, or spirits for the river trip. Purchase in Salt Lake City before the trip.

Introduction to Desolation Canyon

Desolation Canyon is one of the West's most scenic, remote, and wild areas. Locked away in a maze of high plateaus scored by deep ravines and flowing side streams, Desolation is a hard place to get to by road, and hiking to the river requires a long distance approach. A raft trip down the Green River is definitely the best way to see and explore the heart of this remarkable area. Managed as a wilderness study area by the Bureau of Land Management, canyon attracts visitors who come to explore, run the river, and hike through a canyon that is deeper than the Grand Canyon.

While floating down the river, rafters are likely to see wild horses, Great blue herons, bighorn sheep, deer, and occasionally reclusive black bears. Eagles and peregrine falcons are frequently sighted. There are several wild and endangered species, both plant and animal, that enjoy a sheltered existence in the canyon. But above all, are the relics, ruins and remains that tell the story of human occupation and effort, both along and in recent times.

Various Native American tribes have inhabited Desolation Canyon and the surrounding Tavaputs Plateau for 13,000 years. Clovis, Archaic, and Ute Indians hunted and gathered, and the people that archaeologists call the "Fremonts", became farmers as well. The Fremont people reached a high point of population and occupation about AD 1000. No previous or subsequent period saw as many people trying to make a living in the canyon. Evidence of their day-to-day lives, including granaries tucked away in high cliff walls and rock art sites are prevalent throughout the area and can be seen along the river and in many side canyons.

The Desolation Canyon area was first officially explored, mapped and named by Major John Wesley Powell, who led the first American exploratory expeditions of the Green and Colorado Rivers in 1869 and 1871. Settlers followed the paths of the explorers, and after the Civil War, Desolation Canyon became home to a few hearty people who ranching and farming. River runners will see the remains of their homes and dreams, and will marvel at what they accomplished so far away from the conveniences of town life.

In 1969, in honor of the 100th anniversary of Powell's first exploratory expedition, Desolation Canyon was named a National Historic Landmark. Of all the areas along the Green and Colorado Rivers that Powell explored, Desolation Canyon was chosen for this honor because it has changed very little since Powell's time.



RESERVATION INFORMATION

This trip is limited to ADULTS age 18 or older. Please make reservations directly with:

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Desolation Canyon Photo Journal



Leaving Green River for scenic flight to Sandwash.



On board the airplane getting ready to take off.



Arriving at Sandwash landing strip with wildflowers in bloom.



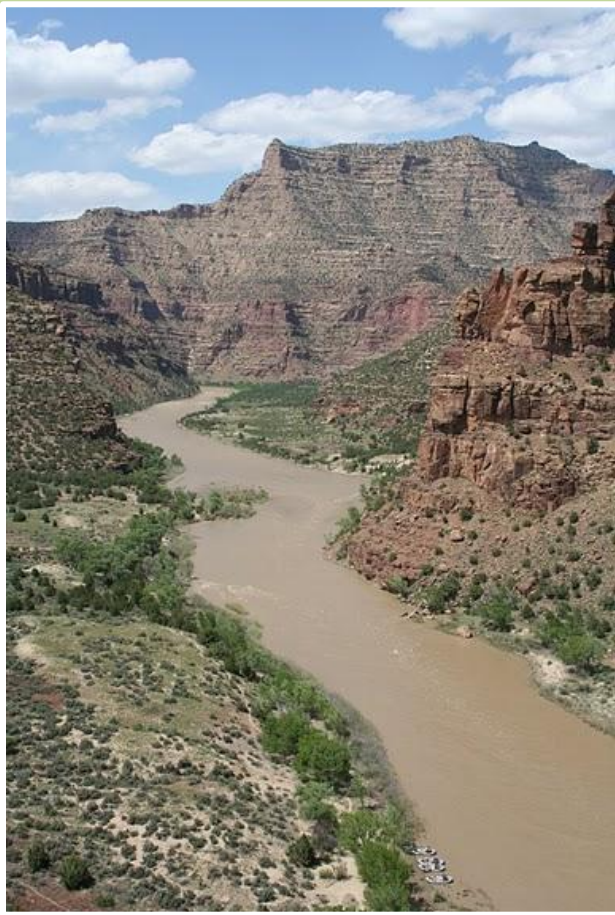
From the landing strip, it's a mile, or so, walk down to the river, where the rafts are waiting. Gear is transported by truck. It's a good chance to stretch your legs before starting down the river.



18-Foot Avon Pro rafts with self-bailing floors provide transportation down the river.



The first day on the river is mainly calm water, so it's a good opportunity to get used to the rafts and to practice in the duckies.



There are more than 60 mild-to-wild rapids on the 85-mile river trip. Although most of the rapids are class 2, they can be an exciting challenge if you are paddling in an inflatable kayak.

Daily off-river hiking leads to spectacular views, ancient ruins and rock art, and outlaw hideouts. Blooming cactus and wildflowers add splashes of color to landscape.



There are many great places to camp along the river. Most have white sandy beaches and giant cottonwoods for shade.