

Scout water camping sites within reach of our district

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<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/Saltlake/> (go to hydrology for daily River Statement)

<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/archive/safety/safety.html> (valuable safety information)

River stretches safe for beginners

Colorado river: Grand Junction to Westwater

Very calm section with developed camping spaces. Get a permit & info in Grand Junction

Excellent calm stretch with designated BLM campgrounds. No parallel road for most of the trip. Extreme whitewater danger beyond Westwater takeout. 35-40 mi.

Jordan river: Utah Lake to Point of the Mountain. Nice and slow. Put in at parks below Saratoga Springs and take out either at the Willows or at the 1400 N. bridge in Lehi. You can also float to the narrows then paddle back as there is no decent takeout there. 5 - 10 mi.

Green river in Wyoming. Several long stretches in federal land for good summer trips after high run-off until late-summer 20 - 70 mi.

Bear river: in and above Cutler reservoir. This is very slow water, but a popular spot for Cache county canoe and wildlife enthusiasts. Several good access points.

River stretches that are seasonally navigable during spring run-off

Henry's Fork: Lonetree to Flaming Gorge

During spring run-off it flows high, fast, muddy. Watch out for fences. 50 mi.

Black Fork: Cruger to Flaming Gorge

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Sevier river: Yuba Lake to DMAD reservoir

Usually passable though slow through private lands May and June. 20 mi.

San Rafael -fast Class II runs through San Rafael Swell from Fuller Bottom to the Swinging Bridge.

No permit, but it is only above 300 cfs a few weeks late May early June. 26 mi.

Price river: Wellington to US 6 or Green River

Not bad during spring run-off, too little water any other time. 40 mi.

Jordan river: 144th South to North Temple. Very close, usually passable, but not a place for first timers before the canals open in spring. You must obey signs to portage at Winchester,

Best summer learning stretch is from Winchester to about 49th S. at Murray-Taylorville Rd. where Cottonwood creek joins. Dams at 9200 S. and 4700 S. Warning! Canal to the lake via the airport is not legally navigable. 20+ mi.

River stretches that are safe after spring crests

White river: Rangely Co. to Bonanza bridge in Utah, this requires no permit unless you go onto Ute land to take out at the Mountain Fuel bridge. 27-50 mi.

Yampa river: First rate river from Craig to Dinosaur NM. Avoid during spring run-off peak.

Dinosaur NM has serious whitewater and requires a permit well in advance. 70 mi.

Colorado river: Moab to confluence

Very calm even in June high run-off. You need a motor boat to tow the canoes back

Extreme whitewater danger beyond confluence with Green. Permit needed.

Green river: Green River State Park downstream. No white water. You can go from 1-5 days with little problem even in extremely low flow. Several take-outs, but if you go to the confluence with Colorado, you need a boat to tow the canoes back to a takeout. 10-90 mi.

San Juan - late summer skilled canoeists can do it under 800 cfs. Permit needed well in advance two sections Bluff - Mexican Hat - Lake Powell. Lots of cliff dwellings to view. 40-90 mi.

San Miguel river. A bit far, South of Grand Junction, but has several beautiful stretches most of the summer Not a good place for beginners. 30 mi.

Green river, Flaming Gorge dam to Browns Park. Beautiful clear section that is good year around. Best time may be when fishing is bad as traffic is lower then. No permit, but always cold. Outstanding fishing during most of the year 15-35 mi.

Weber river; Odgen to Great Salt Lake. Best in late spring, early summer. Go from road bridge to road bridge. Below the wildlife reserve it gets messy. Good day trip 5-18 mi.

Provo river: Deer Creek Reservoir to Vivian Park. Always well regulated. Good all year. Shores heavily loaded with fishermen whose lines you have to respect. Heber Creeper bridge destroys several canoes each year, so it can be dangerous for beginners. 8 mi.

Provo river: Jordanelle to Deer Creek Reservoir. Fun in spring, but quite fast and extremely rocky as it passes thru pastures in a man-straightened channel. 10 mi.

Green river; Jensen to Ouray wildlife refuge. Rarely paddled but it passes through some public land as well as private. Beyond is Indian land with no trespassing. 30+ Mi.

Weber river: Rockport to Echo. Very nice stretch paralleling both I-80 and the Rail-Trail.

Passable most of summer but rocky in sections. 15 mi.

Weber river; Whitewater park in Ogden. More of a favorite for local kayakers, it has 4 man-made water features to practice on all aspects of beginning whitewater activity. 300 ft.

Bear river North of Preston Idaho. There are some really great stretches along there with good moving clear water and some legal access. Good much of summer. 10-40 mi.

Price river: Schofield to UT bridge. Good from spring to late summer as it carries a lot of irrigation water to Price. Beyond the bridge there are class IV rapids due to all the rocks shoved in from years of highway and railroad construction. Nice but rocky. 10 mi.

Lake areas reasonably free of motor boat danger

Great Salt Lake – nice practice along the beach and Southeast marshes with access at Great Salt Lake State Park. Locomotive Springs area is OK, but at opposite end of lake.

Also try canoeing from Antelope Island State Park.

Utah Lake – There is public access at Provo river outlet and on West side across from Snake Pit Jordanelle – East arm is designated for canoes and no motors.

High Uintas – In Trial Lake region there are dozens of lakes to choose from. Those away from the main road have less people pressure.

Sevier – There are several reservoirs along the river; Yuba is the most crowded.

Strawberry – canoe out to one of the islands for the night if the wind and waves are appropriate.

Boulder Mountain – several lightly used lakes way down there.

Starvation – Beyond Strawberry with lighter crowds at lower altitude

Burrestein Ponds – a few miles South of Mona, very popular with troops. Several large ponds to practice skills on. Can be combined with bicycling in from end of Redwood road.

Rush Lake - South of Tooele & Stockton, popular with windsurfers

Biking camps

Antelope Island causeway – peddle the 10 miles across the causeway and camp either at beach campground or make arrangements for the group camping facility. *Paved.*

Jordan River Parkway - peddle on Redwood to Veteran's Cemetery just before Camp Williams, downhill East to the parkway. Send equipment vehicle to camp at the Willows. *paved*

Cedar Fort highway – peddle from Redwood Road almost to Cedar Fort. Camp in the Junipers to the North well before the last bend on public land, not private. *Paved.*

Heber Creeper bikeway – peddle to Vivian Park, then up South Fork of Provo River to either trailhead to find camping space. Peddle back to BYU or home on Saturday. *Paved.*

Squaw Peak Loop – peddle from end of pavement at the valley overlook up past the Rock Springs campground – several good campsites beyond. Saturday peddle South down to Springville while the equipment vehicle goes back around via Provo. *Unpaved.*

Mt. Timpanogos – GWT Great Western Trail circles front of Timpanogos. Camp off trail beyond Timpanooke trailhead. Saturday bike on around, dropping into Provo Canyon bikeway while the equipment vehicle drives down and around to ??? (*mostly unpaved*)

Stansbury Island – peddle in From Grantsville. Try the loop trail or the more rugged BLM trail over the top. *Unpaved.*

Rail-Trail - camp at Echo Reservoir and peddle up to Park City on Saturday. *Unpaved.*

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