

## Colorado River (Westwater)

**How to obtain a permit:** You do not need to submit an application to acquire a permit. Permits are issued through advance reservation. No waiting lists are maintained. Launches become available 2 months before the launch date. If two months before launch date falls on a weekend or Federal holiday, you must call the next working day. Launches are issued on a first-come first-served basis. To ensure a spot, call office at the phone number below when they open at 8:00am two months before launch date. You must speak to someone at the River Office to obtain a reservation or make changes to an existing one. Do not leave a message.

**Fees:** \$7.00 per person. Payment can be made when you acquire a launch or is due 30 days prior to launch. There is no fee charged for launches between December 1<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>. If cancelling a trip 30 days in advance, credit can be transferred to another launch date within the next two month time frame. No refunds will be issued.

**Additional information:** The maximum group size is 25 people. Online calendar available showing open launch dates. Dogs are currently allowed in Westwater Canyon. Dogs should wear PFDs for their safety. Do not leave your pet at the put-in or takeout while you are on the river. Please review dog-specific stipulations. River guidebooks, maps, and related materials are available through Canyonlands Natural History Association (CNHA) by calling (800) 840-8978. Orders can also be placed at [www.cnha.org](http://www.cnha.org).

### River Flow

As a general rule, the river peaks at about 20,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) in late May or early June and recedes throughout the summer and fall seasons to reach a flow of less than 3,000 cfs. High-water trips (13,000 cfs and above) can be extremely dangerous. A low water trip (1,000 to 5,000 cfs) takes about ten hours, a moderate level trip (5,000 to 13,000 cfs) takes about seven hours, and a high-water trip (above 13,000 cfs) takes as little as four hours. For daily flow updates, visit: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/co/nwis/rt>.

### Emergency Services

The Grand County Sheriff's Office, (435) 259-8115, has search and rescue jurisdiction for Westwater Canyon. If the illness or injury is life-threatening, such as when body movement must be constrained, helicopter evacuation should be considered. In most cases, the injured party is billed for this service. Helicopter evacuation can be initiated by contacting either Life Flight - St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Junction, CO (800) 525-4224 or Flight for Life, University of Utah Medical Center, Salt Lake City, UT (800) 662-0050. The Utah Division of Parks and Recreation (435) 259-3750 should be notified of any major incidents that occur on the river.

### Contact:

Bureau of Land Management  
Moab River Office  
82 East Dogwood  
Moab, Utah 84532

**Telephone:** (435)259-7012

**Fax:** (435)259-2158

**Hours:** 8:00am – 12:00pm, Monday through Friday

### Website:

[www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab/recreation/river\\_recreation/how\\_to\\_obtain\\_a\\_private.html](http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab/recreation/river_recreation/how_to_obtain_a_private.html)