

Yampa River

Application Process: High use season is May 10th through July 10th. (High use is from the 2nd Monday in May to the second Saturday in July, so the date will change year to year). Applications for the lottery will be accepted November 3rd through February 2nd (applications are accepted until the first business day in February, so the date will change from year to year) and may be downloaded at the website below or requested by calling the River Office at the phone number below. Applicant will be notified of lottery results by late February.

Unsuccessful lottery applicants may obtain permits on a first-come, first-served basis beginning March 1st. Beginning March 8th, open launch dates are available to everyone on a first-come, first-served call-in basis. (Call in dates are always the 1st and 2nd Mondays in March). Walk in or mailed requests for permit reservation will not be accepted. No waiting list for cancelled trips.

Low use season permits are available beginning March 1. A person can only hold one permit in their name at a time. Maximum trip length for low use season is 7 days.

Confirmation notice is issued before a permit is issued. Information on the confirmation notice as well as final permit fee payment must be completed and returned to the River Office at least one month before the launch date or the trip will be cancelled.

Cancellation: Permit holders who cancel a trip less than 14 days prior to the launch date are ineligible for another permit for the rest of the year and the following year.

Fees: All fees are non-refundable.

\$15.00 Application fee

\$20.00 Permit fee for one day trips

\$185.00 Permit fee for multi-day trips (due one month before launch)

\$35.00 over-length fee is applicable only during high-use season and is due with permit fees. Over-length fee must be paid separately so that it can be returned to the applicant if the over-length request cannot be accommodated.

Contact:

Dinosaur National Monument

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River Office

4545 Highway 40

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Telephone: (970) 374-2468

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

Website: www.nps.gov/dino (Then select “rafting permits” from the “quicklinks” section.)