

The Browns Canyon Raft Trip

- DATE(S):** May-Aug
- MEETING TIME:** 0700hrs
- RETURN TIME:** Approximately 1800 to 1830
- MEETING PLACE:** Outdoor Recreation Center
5136 Redtail Dr. USAFA, CO 80840 ph#(719) 333-2940/4475
(Back Door on the East side of Building, Front doors will be locked)
- TRIP DESCRIPTION:** **BROWNS CANYON** -Minimum weight is 50lbs. All rafting trips go rain or shine. Show up at 0700 at the Outdoor Rec Center and sign the release of liability form. The guides will assist you with properly fitting the necessary gear that the OAP provides for you. Then we will load up and drive approximately 45 minutes to Woodland, CO. Once there we will stop at the Donut Mill and Starbucks for a quick break, where you can get snacks and drinks and use the facilities, so bring some cash. We will drive approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes to our next stop in Nathrop, CO at Fisherman's Bridge. Once there you will change into your river clothing and receive a safety briefing before getting on the river. Plan on getting wet, this is a river trip. Once on the river we will paddle, paddle and paddle some more to Hecla Junction where we will have a picnic lunch that is provided by the OAP. After changing into warm dry clothes we will drive to Hartsel, CO for a quick break and then proceed back to the Outdoor Rec Center. The Browns Canyon Trip is a Class II-III-IV. This trip has gorgeous scenery of the Collegant and exciting whitewater with rapids such as Pinball, Zoom Flume, Widow Maker, Big Drop, All rafting trips include transportation from the Academy, wet suit, helmet, personal flotation device, splash jacket, and lunch. All rafts are state of the art self-bailing and all equipment the finest available. Our guides are all state certified whitewater-rafting guides with river rescue training and First Aid and CPR certificates. Our guide staff includes members with certifications in Wilderness First Aid, Emergency Medical Technician, River Rescue Technician, and Whitewater Guide Instructors. Our primary concern is for your safety, you will be given a comprehensive safety briefing before launching please listen carefully.
- WHAT TO BRING:** **Comfort Items:** Sunscreen, Sunglasses with retaining strap, Lip Balm, Water Bottle.
Miscellaneous: Day Pack (Stays in Vehicle), Plastic Bag (For wet clothing), Camera (Disposable, Waterproof), Change of Clothes.
- WHAT TO WEAR:** The OAP suggests wearing a wet suit for this trip; the water temperatures average 54 degree's Fahrenheit throughout the summer, in other words the water is cold in Browns Canyon. Wear apparel appropriate for the sport and dress in layers. Avoid cotton at all cost. **Most of all, Dress For The Weather!** Suggested Items: Bathing Suit or Shorts, River Shoes or Old Sneakers (**Absolutely no Flipflops**), Socks (Wool or Polypropylene), Shirt (Wool or Polypropylene), Sun Hat or Baseball Hat, The Outdoor Adventure Program provides: Wet suits, Splash Jackets, Helmets and PFD's.
- POSSIBLE RISKS & HAZARDS:** Sunburn, Dehydration, Hypothermia, and High Altitude Sickness are the biggest threat for this trip. Dress appropriately and drink lots of water. River trips entail known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, Paralysis, death, or damage to you, to property, or to third parties. Whitewater rapids will be encountered. You could be jolted, jarred, bounced, and shaken about during rides through some of these rapids. It is possible that you could be injured if you come in contact with dry boxes, other storage containers, or other fixed equipment necessary to the operation of the expedition and the outfitting of the raft. Rafts could turn over or you could be "washed" overboard. You could slip or fall during a hike, resulting in damage to equipment or personal injury. Accidents can occur getting on and off the boats; over-exposure to sun could cause sunburn, dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and heat cramps. Also prolonged exposure to cold water can result in hypothermia and in extreme cases death and accidental drowning is also a possibility.
- TRIP INCLUDES:** **Activity Includes:** Transportation, Wet Suits, Splash Jackets, Helmets, PFD's, and Lunch.
- REFUND POLICY:** **Cancellations made within 72 hours of activities' date will not be refunded.** Payments are refundable when military commitments or medical emergencies are involved. Customer may be held responsible for irretrievable deposits. The participant must provide proper documentation upon refund request. Any trip is subject to cancellation due to unsafe weather conditions or a lack of participation. In this event, rescheduling or full refunds will be given. For cancellations call: 333-2940
- COST:** **\$65.00 per person**