Green River Recreation Opportunities

From Flaming Gorge Dam to the Utah/Colorado State Line

This map is geo-referenced

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170 S. 500 E. Vernal, UT | 435-781-4400

Flaming Gorge Ranger District, Ashley National Forest
25 W. Hwy 43 Manila, UT | 435-784-3445

NORTH

Roads

US Highway
Paved
Graded Dirt
4WD/High Clearance Recommended

Trails

Backcountry Byway
Trails

Land Manager & Visitor Information

- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- BLM Wilderness Study Area
- Forest Service
- Fish & Wildlife Service
- State
- State Wildlife Reserve
- Private
- Campsite
- Restroom
- Boat Ramp
- Parking
- Visitor Center
- Gas Station
- Food Service
- Class II/III Rapids

Special Designations

Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)

What is an ACEC? Areas where special management attention is needed to protect, and prevent irreparable damage to important historical, cultural, and scenic values, fish, or wildlife resources or other natural systems or processes; or to protect human life and safety from natural hazards.

The Green River from Little Hole to the Utah/Colorado border has been designated as suitable for inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System in order to protect the free-flowing nature and outstandingly remarkable values associated with the river segment.

Boat Ramps

Spillway just below dam
Little Hole 7 miles below dam
Indian Crossing 15.4 miles
Bridge Hollow (AKA Taylor Flat Bridge) 16.2 miles
Bridgeport (AKA Cowboy) 17.3 miles
Lone Tree (AKA Burnt Tree) 20.35 miles
Pipeline 22 miles
Swallow Canyon 26.2 miles
Swinging Bridge 29.6 miles

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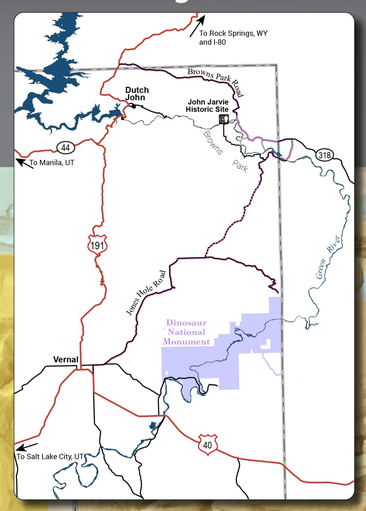
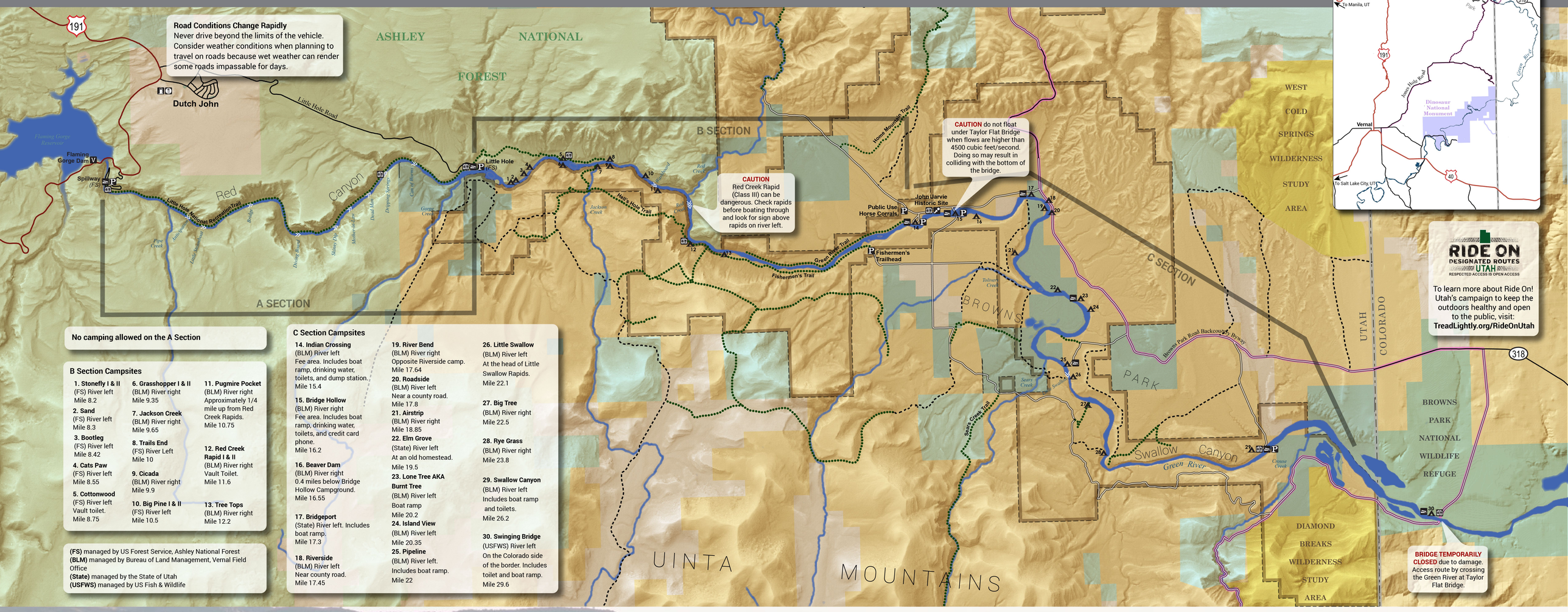
How to get there





RIDE ON DESIGNATED ROUTES UTAH
RESPECTED ACCESS IS OPEN ACCESS

To learn more about Ride On! Utah's campaign to keep the outdoors healthy and open to the public, visit: **TreadLightly.org/RideOnUtah**

No camping allowed on the A Section

B Section Campsites

1. **Stonefly I & II** (FS) River left Mile 8.2
2. **Sand** (FS) River left Mile 8.3
3. **Bootleg** (FS) River left Mile 8.42
4. **Cats Paw** (FS) River left Mile 8.55
5. **Cottonwood** (FS) River left Vault toilet. Mile 8.75
6. **Grasshopper I & II** (BLM) River right Mile 9.35
7. **Jackson Creek** (BLM) River right Mile 9.65
8. **Trails End** (FS) River Left Mile 10
9. **Cicada** (BLM) River right Mile 9.9
10. **Big Pine I & II** (FS) River left Mile 10.5
11. **Pugmire Pocket** (BLM) River right Approximately 1/4 mile up from Red Creek Rapids. Mile 10.75
12. **Red Creek Rapid I & II** (BLM) River right Vault Toilet. Mile 11.6
13. **Tree Tops** (BLM) River right Mile 12.2

(FS) managed by US Forest Service, Ashley National Forest
(BLM) managed by Bureau of Land Management, Vernal Field Office
(State) managed by the State of Utah
(USFWS) managed by US Fish & Wildlife

C Section Campsites

14. **Indian Crossing** (BLM) River left Fee area. Includes boat ramp, drinking water, toilets, and dump station. Mile 15.4
15. **Bridge Hollow** (BLM) River right Fee area. Includes boat ramp, drinking water, toilets, and credit card phone. Mile 16.2
16. **Beaver Dam** (BLM) River right 0.4 miles below Bridge Hollow Campground. Mile 16.55
17. **Bridgeport** (State) River left. Includes boat ramp. Mile 17.3
18. **Riverside** (BLM) River left Near county road. Mile 17.45
19. **River Bend** (BLM) River right Opposite Riverside camp. Mile 17.64
20. **Roadside** (BLM) River left Near a county road. Mile 17.8
21. **Airstrip** (BLM) River right Mile 18.85
22. **Elm Grove** (State) River left At an old homestead. Mile 19.5
23. **Lone Tree AKA Burnt Tree** (BLM) River left Boat ramp Mile 20.2
24. **Island View** (BLM) River left Mile 20.35
25. **Pipeline** (BLM) River left. Includes boat ramp. Mile 22
26. **Little Swallow** (BLM) River left At the head of Little Swallow Rapids. Mile 22.1
27. **Big Tree** (BLM) River right Mile 22.5
28. **Rye Grass** (BLM) River right Mile 23.8
29. **Swallow Canyon** (BLM) River left Includes boat ramp and toilets. Mile 26.2
30. **Swinging Bridge** (USFWS) River left On the Colorado side of the border. Includes toilet and boat ramp. Mile 29.6

Floating and Fishing the Mighty Green River

The Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam is a recognized world class, blue-ribbon trout fishery and is well known for its white water rafting. Visitors to this area will see drift boats carrying eager fisherman, mixed in with rubber boats full of energetic folks paddling into the next rapid.

The river from the dam to the Utah/Colorado border is split into three sections.

A – Flaming Gorge Dam to Little Hole
B – Little Hole to Indian Crossing
C – Indian Crossing to Utah/Colorado border

River Requirements

- Personal flotation devices (PFDs) must be worn properly at all times. Inflatable PFDs are not allowed.
- Canoes must have flotation devices equivalent to one-third inside volume.
- Motorized crafts are not allowed on the river.
- Flotation tubes are not recommended on any section of the river.

Each watercraft should be equipped with a:

- spare oar or paddle compatible to the craft being used.
- bailing device.
- throw rope (for watercraft 16 feet or longer).
- self-contained toilet for overnight camping.

License and Guidebook

Before hitting the river, make sure you're legal! Purchase your Utah fishing license, and reference the Utah Fishing Guidebook for laws and regulations.

Purchase a fishing license online, at a partner retail store, or by visiting the nearest Utah DWR Office. For more information visit **wildlife.utah.gov/fishing-in-utah.**

Store your fishing license on your phone by installing the Utah Hunting and Fishing app. **wildlife.utah.gov/mobileapp**

UTAH DNR WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Likely Catches

Brown Trout

Rainbow Trout

Know the Flow Before You Go

The flow of the Green River through the dam can vary daily. For river flow information call (435) 885-3106 or visit **waterdata.usgs.gov/ut/nwis/rt.**

Recreation Use Fee

A Flaming Gorge Use Pass is required and must be visibly displayed in vehicle windshields for anyone using the river corridor or the river access boat ramps and day use areas at Spillway and Little Hole.

Pick up a pass at any of the following locations:

- Forest Service Offices in Manila and Vernal, UT and Green River, WY.
- Flaming Gorge Dam Visitor Center
- Local vendors near Flaming Gorge

National Passes are honored in lieu of the Flaming Gorge Pass: Annual, Senior, Access, and Volunteer.

Permits are only required for commercial outfitters and guides floating on the A, B, and C sections of the river.

Camping

Restrictions

A Section – No camping allowed.

B Section – Camp only in designated float-in or hike-in campsites. Registration for campsites must be made the first day of use at Little Hole on the Camp Registration Board. Some campsites may be reserved in advance online at recreation.gov (search for Green River Float-In Campsites, UT). All others are first come, first served.

C Section – Developed campsites are highlighted on the map, but campers are not restricted to only those sites. Campsites at Indian Crossing and Bridge Hollow can be reserved by calling the BLM at (435) 885-3307.

Leave No Trace Principles

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Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

- Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.
- Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary.

In popular areas:

- Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites.
- Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy.
- Keep campsites small. Focus activity in areas where vegetation is absent.

In pristine areas:

- Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails.
- Avoid places where impacts are just beginning.

Dispose of Waste Properly

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled food. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.
- Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep, and at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.
- Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.
- To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from streams of lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.

Trails

Little Hole National Recreation Trail

Of the many trails enjoyed near the Green River, the most traveled is the Little Hole National Recreation Trail. Meandering beside the Green River from the Spillway to Little Hole for 7.2 miles, hikers will enjoy this trail for fishing access, wildlife watching, and beautiful scenery.

Mountain biking is permitted on this trail from Labor Day to Memorial Day weekends. Camping, fires, and horses are not allowed on this trail.

Horse Friendly Trails

Popular horse riding trails include: Fishermen's Trail, Green River Trail, Home Mountain Trail, and Sears Creek Trail.

Horses are not permitted at the following campsites: all A Section campsites, Indian Crossing, and Bridge Hollow. Reservations for overnight use of the public horse corrals near John Jarvie Historic Site can be made by calling (435) 885-3307.