

Colorado River (Ruby Horsethief)

How to obtain a permit: Due to limited camping in this 25-mile stretch of the Colorado, overnight camping permits are required year-round and must be reserved in advance. Reservations for Ruby-Horsethief camping permits can be made two months in advance. Campsite reservations open through a rolling booking window where each month, an entire month of reservations becomes available. The monthly opening of campsite reservations begins on the first Wednesday of each month. For example, campsite reservations for April will open on the first Wednesday of February. Reservations are made at www.recreation.gov.

Fees: \$6.00 non-refundable fee is required for each permit reserved. From April through October, there is a fee for the overnight camping permit and reservation. Children 16 years old and under camp for free. Dogs are considered part of your permit's group total and fees are assessed for dogs just as they are for people.

From November through March, an overnight camping permit is required, however, a fee is charged for the reservation only (not for camping).

Group Size	Cost per Night
1-5	\$20
6-14	\$50
15-25	\$100

Cancellations and Changes: Permits canceled eight or more days before the launch date will receive a refund for the camping fees only. Permits cancelled seven days or less before the launch gives other boaters the opportunity to use the site, but no refund will be given. Please cancel any permit you are not going to use. Other boaters may want the opportunity for a last minute trip and will check the website for last minute cancellations.

You can make changes to the permit until the permit is printed. Do not print your permit until you are sure that you will not need to make any more changes. Changes must be made by the group leader.

Additional Information: The maximum group size is 25, including dogs.

Contact:

Bureau of Land Management
Grand Junction Field Office
2825 H Road

Grand Junction, Colorado 81506

Telephone: (970) 244-3050 and (855) 807-1808

Hours: 8am – 2:30pm, Monday and 8am – 12pm, Tuesday through Friday

Website: <https://www.blm.gov/visit/search-details/74466/1>,
<https://www.recreation.gov/permits/74466/additional-information>