

Colorado River (Westwater Canyon), UT

How to obtain a permit: A permit is required year-round to run Westwater Canyon. Permits are available through <https://www.recreation.gov/permits/621744> and will be available for advance reservations two months ahead of the entry date at 8 a.m. MT/10 a.m. ET daily. Any available launch date within the two-month window is also available for reservation up to 11:59 a.m. on the day of the launch. An Alternate trip leader must be entered upon reservation and cannot be added or changed after reservation is made.

Fees: The permit fee is \$10.00 per person. The non-refundable reservation fee is \$6.00.

Changes/Cancellations: Refunds will be issued for permits that are cancelled or a group size is decreased prior to 14 days in advance of the launch dates. No refunds given within 14 days of the launch date. Permit dates are non-transferable. Group size changes can be changed up until 11:59 a.m. of the launch date if space is available. A permit may be changed to be overnight or a day trip. No changes are allowed once the permit has been printed.

Additional Information: The daily quota is five permits or 75 people, whichever comes first. Maximum group size is 25 people. Dogs are not allowed in Westwater Canyon.

River Flow: Typically, the river peaks at about 20,000 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. Check the [current daily flow](#).

Contact:

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