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# Poudre River Rafting Experts

For Over Thirty Years!

Since 1982 our team of professional staff has offered thrilling whitewater adventures on Colorado's only National Wild & Scenic River. Less crowded than other rivers in the state, the Poudre offers World Class rapids for beginners and experts alike! The spectacular scenery in the Poudre Canyon provides a perfect habitat for an abundance of wildlife often seen on our trips. Here at A Wanderlust Adventure we hand pick our staff to make sure that your rafting experience is first class. We care about each and every one of our guests and hope to make this the rafting trip of a lifetime for you! Our convenient location at Vern's Restaurant in LaPorte, Colorado, allows the closest rafting to Estes Park, Fort Collins, Boulder and Denver. Our goal is to enrich your life with fun filled memories that you will treasure forever!

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# Taste of Whitewater

Create fun and exciting memories with family and friends. Experience a fabulous raft trip in the beautiful Poudre River Canyon . Rapids like Roller Coaster, Pinball, Rocky Falls and Headless Bridge keep the excitement level high. Engage in water fights, go for a refreshing dip at our swim hole and pick up some river lore during your adventure with us.

Season – May 15 to early September Difficulty – Class II & III, Beginner to Intermediate Minimum Age – 7 years old and weigh 50 pounds Check In Times – 9:30 am & 2:15 pm Time On The River – 1.5 to 2 hours Total Time – 3 hours Price \$55.00

Since 1982, over 188,000 guests have enjoyed our friendly service and exciting whitewater rafting! www.awanderlustadventure.com

# Blast of Whitewater!

It is unbelievable how much fun, excitement and constant action define this trip. Rapids like Liquid Thunder, Tunnel Slam, Mishawaka Falls, Twin Pin, Big Drop, Cardiac Corner and the Incredible Pine View Falls will keep the adrenaline pumping. Paddle hard and have a Blast!

Season – May 15 to early August Difficulty – Class III and IV, Intermediate to Advanced. High water is from late May to late June. No experience is needed but adults need to be active and strong enough to paddle hard through rapids. Fleece and splash jackets are free. Wetsuit rentals available & recommended in May and June.

Minimum Age - 14 to18 depending on water levelCheck In Times - 9:30 am & 2:00 pmTime On The River - 2.5 to 3 hoursTotal Time - 4 hoursPrice \$70.00



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# Why Wanderlust?

## We Keep You Warm

Free use of fleece sweaters and paddle jackets. Wetsuit, glove and insulated footwear rentals also available.

# **Outstanding River Guides & Fun Raft Trips**

Guides average twenty five years of age with nine years rafting experience. Incredibly fun people, many are teachers or outdoor professionals during the off season. From start to finish they make sure that your rafting experience is first class.

# Fantastic HD Digital Photos & Video

More HD photos in more locations, including the biggest rapid, Pine View Falls. Photo packages with HD video are available at a great price.

## **Newest Equipment**

All rafting gear is constantly updated to make sure you have the highest quality trip.

# **River Interpretation Program**

Legend, lore, ecology and history of the Poudre River will enrich your experience.

# **Environmentally Conscious**

We respect the environment by recycling and donating to local organizations.

**Full Service Restaurant, Bakery and Gift Shop VERN'S** restaurant is upstairs serving breakfast, lunch, dinner and scrumptious cinnamon rolls. Beer and wine also available for your enjoyment.



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# Colorado's Poudre River A National Wild & Scenic River

# Film Credits

Include the Walker Texas Ranger TV show, National Geographic International, MSNBC's online Slate magazine and several others. **We Specialize In Family Trips, Youth Groups** We only hire guides that are excellent role models for families, youth and church groups. For the past 26 years Cheley Colorado Camps Inc. has taken over 800 kids rafting with us every summer because of this.

# Over Thirty Years in Business!

Wanderlust stays in business by paying attention to what guests want. We understand this may be your first raft trip. Whether it is a mild or wild one, it will be the highlight of your vacation!



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# "Enriching Lives with Memorable Rafting Experiences"



### **DO YOU REQUIRE RESERVATIONS?**

#### YES, CALL NOW, SPACE IS LIMITED BY THE US FOREST SERVICE. 1 800 745 RAFT (7238)

### WHAT SAFETY TRAINING DO GUIDES GET?

Our guides are certified in CPR, First Aid and Swift Water Rescue. Some have Emergency Medical Technician or Wilderness First Responder training. They have an average of nine years rafting experience. Many return year after year to a professional and fun company that cares about them.

#### WHAT HAPPENS ON THE TRIP DAY?

Park cars at Vern's and enter the garden level. Check in with our staff. Pick up a life jacket, a helmet and on cool days a fleece pullover and a splash jacket. Wetsuit and insulated footwear rentals are available. View a safety talk video, then take a short bus ride to the launch area. Unload rafts, get paddling instructions and shoot the rapids! After the rafting adventure, return to Vern's to look at photos and t-shirts.

### WHAT KIND OF EQUIPMENT IS USED?

Eight person self-bailing rafts with foot holds and grab lines are used. Coast Guard approved class V rated life jackets and helmets are worn by everyone.



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## WHAT ARE THE PAYMENT TERMS?

A 50% Deposit confirms a reservation. The rest is due 30 days prior to the trip. After June 1, full payment is required.

### WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Wear quick drying shorts and shirts (avoid cotton), secure footwear (no flip-flops or crocs) and sunglasses. Bring a towel, sun screen and a change of clothes. Bring a swim suit or pair of nylon shorts to wear under the wetsuit. We recommend Chums for prescription glasses or sunglasses.



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# Meet Our Guides



Lucas Stanley will be entering his fourteenth summer guiding for our company. He also spent one winter guiding in Cost Rica. Lucas is certified as a Swift Water Rescue Technician. He is originally from Colorado Springs and moved to Fort Collins because of Colorado State University. Lucas earned a degree in History from CSU and is working on acquiring a teaching certificate for special education. Lucas loves to fly fish and spends much of his free time enjoying this sport in the Poudre Canyon. He also enjoys rowing his raft down the Poudre River and other rivers in Colorado, Arizona and Utah.



**Dan Piper** has been guiding rafts on the Cache La Poudre River for thirteen seasons and is entering his seventh season with A Wanderlust Adventure. Dan is certified as a Swiftwater Rescue Technician. Dan was born and raised in Littleton, Colorado and moved to Fort Collins in order to attend Colorado State University, where he earned his degree in Technology Education and Training. Dan has been teaching 6th, 7th and 8th grade Industrial Technology at Eaton Middle School for the past seven years. He greatly enjoys both his "real job" and his "blissful job" taking people whitewater rafting.



**Paula Hodgson** has guided with Wanderlust for the past Twenty-five seasons. She attended college at Colorado State University where she earned her degree and discovered her love for the outdoors and rafting. During the off season Paula has worked with youth at risk, taught environmental interpretation at youth camps and instructed skiing at Steamboat and Jackson Hole. She earned her Masters in Counseling in 2007. Paula has a passion for traveling, especially in Central and South America. Some of her favorite experiences include kayaking on the Futalafu River in Chile, kayaking thru the Grand Canyon and trekking in Nepal.



**Derek Steffens** will be joining our team for his sixth season of guiding on the Cache La Poudre River. He is a certified Swiftwater Rescue Technician. A Fort Collins native, Derek loves the outdoors and can't stand being inside all day. The past few winters Derek has been loving warm weather, and warm water, teaching Scuba Diving in Hawaii, guiding on the Pacuare river in Costa Rica, as well as working with the humanitarian aid organization, Aqua Aid International in rural Nicaragua. Derek enjoys many outdoor activities including river trips, kayaking, riding his motorcycle, camping, hiking, traveling, mountain biking, snow boarding, rock climbing and learning new things.



**Eric Hamm** returns for his sixth year with Wanderlust as a raft guide and he is a certified Swiftwater Rescue Technician. He is no stranger to rivers; previously, he was an assistant tour guide taking people down the Rio Grande. Originally from Dallas, Texas, Eric moved to Fort Collins to attend CSU and is working towards his Bachelors degree in Linguistics. Prior to moving to Fort Collins, he lived in San Diego while he was serving in the Marines. He grows tomatoes.

# Check Out All Of Our Guides On The Web



George Hatch will be guiding for his fifth season on the Poudre River. He has his Wilderness First Responder certification form the Wilderness Medicine Institute. He studied Natural Resources Recreation and Tourism at Colorado State University and graduated in 2014. George grew up in a rafting family and has been kayaking and going on multi-day whitewater adventures for many years. George is passionate about the outdoors and loves to mountain bike and downhill ski.



**Carly Maher** returns for her fourth year of guiding for Wanderlust on the Poudre River. She is trained in Swiftwater Rescue. Carly is a Colorado native who grew up in a rafting family. At a young age she learned how to guide paddle boats and rowed rafts on many multi-day trips with friends and family. Carly graduated from Colorado State University in the spring of 2016. Since then she has been traveling and working abroad. She spent the winter of 2016/17 in Barcelona, Spain. Carly loves the outdoors and spends every moment she can enjoying it.

# **Directions & Map**

From Estes Park: Go 32 miles east on Hwy 34 to Wilson Ave in Loveland, look for the KMart & Safeway stores. Turn left. Go 10 miles to W. Drake Rd. Turn Left. Go 1 mile to Overland Trail. Turn right. Go 5 miles to CR 54G, look for the Shell Gas Station. Turn left. Go 1 mile and park in the lower lot on the right side of Vern's Restaurant. About 90 minutes.

From Denver/Fort Collins: 1-25 to Exit 269B. Go 6 miles on Mulberry Street to Overland Trail, turn right. Go 3 miles to CR 54G, look for the Shell Gas Station. Turn left. Go 1 mile and park in the lower lot on the right side of Vern's Restaurant. About 90 minutes. Map not to scale

