

PLEASE NOTE: The Black Canyon is a Class 5 Boating Opportunity

– Experts Only –

The Black Canyon is rated Class 5¹ whitewater, appropriate for expert boaters only. Class 5 whitewater is described as extremely long, obstructed, or very violent rapids, which expose a paddler to added risk. Drops may contain large, unavoidable waves and holes or steep, congested chutes with complex, demanding routes. Rapids may continue for long distances between pools, demanding a high level of fitness. What eddies exist may be small, turbulent, or difficult to reach. At the high end of the scale, several of these factors may be combined. Scouting is recommended but may be difficult. Swims are dangerous, and rescue is often difficult, even for experts. A very reliable Eskimo-roll, proper equipment, extensive experience, and practiced rescue skills are essential.

The Class 5 rating is intended to serve as guidance only. Whitewater boaters should assess their ability to run the Black Canyon based on their individual skill level, river flow level, and weather conditions.

Flows below the dam may change substantially without warning. PacifiCorp assumes no responsibility for damage to equipment or personal injury resulting from any change in flow.

Disclaimer: PacifiCorp is by no means promoting or inviting the public to participate in whitewater boating activities on the Black Canyon of the Bear River.

¹*American Whitewater International Scale of Whitewater Difficulty*

Black Canyon Boater Flow Schedule 2008 – Grace, Idaho

Whitewater Boater Season

April 1 through July 15.

Potential Whitewater Release Days and Time

Boater Release Day Summary	
Potential Days	16
Days Used	1
Potential Days Remaining	15

Within the Boater Season, all **Saturdays** and **Sundays** are potentially available for whitewater releases with the exception of the Memorial Day Weekend.

When releases occur they will be from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Number of Whitewater Release Days

Within the Whitewater Season, releases will happen when available as inflow or on scheduled days until a total of up to **16 days** of whitewater releases have occurred or July 15 has passed.

Scheduled Release Days (3 days) - To facilitate a ramp rate study, three scheduled releases will happen during the whitewater season. These days are shown on the attached calendar.

Whitewater Releases Dependent on Inflow to Grace (13 days maximum) – These releases are dependent on inflow to Grace being equal to or greater than 700 cfs. Inflow to Grace shall be equal to inflow to Soda Reservoir on that day minus irrigation deliveries to Last Chance Canal Company and Bench B Canal, and minus leakage from the Grace facilities. These flows are forecasted up to seven days in advance at:

http://www.pacificorp.com/hydro_hiws/BelowGraceDamFlow.html

OR

Boaters may also call the Flow Phone at 1-800-547-1501 to get information on the next four potential whitewater release dates and the forecasted flows for the upcoming weekend.

The Flow Phone and Seven Day Forecast are not updated on Saturday or Sunday. However, the hourly average flows for the Grace Gage shown on the website update continuously with at most a two hour lag.

The forecasts reported on the website and flow phone take into account irrigation water deliveries and the best knowledge available to PacifiCorp concerning the activities of the canal companies. These forecasts are a good faith estimate and not a guarantee that any releases will occur as or when forecasted. operational considerations, mechanical failure, irrigation deliveries, human error, energy emergencies, or system safety concerns could require changes to forecasts, actual flow or schedule with little or no notice. PacifiCorp provides this information to facilitate recreation use of the river and makes no guarantee or warranty of its accuracy or fitness for any particular purpose.

Boaters are encouraged to check the hourly flows, forecasts and Flow Phone frequently as forecasted or actual flows below Grace Dam may change at anytime, without notice.

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April 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 FIRST DAY OF BOATER SEASON	2	3	4	5 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).
6 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).	7	8	9	10	11	12 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).
13 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).	14	15	16	17	18	19 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).
20 Scheduled Release Day for Ramping Study (First of Three)	21	22	23	24	25	26 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).
27 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).	28	29	30			

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May 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).
4 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).	5	6	7	8	9	10 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).
11 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).	12	13	14	15	16	17 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).
18 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).	19	20	21	22	23	24 Not a potential release day.
25 Not a potential release day.	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).

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June 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Scheduled Release Day for Ramping Study (Second of Three)	2	3	4	5	6	7 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).
8 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).	9	10	11	12	13	14 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).
15 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).	16	17	18	19	20	21 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).
22 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).	23	24	25	26	27	28 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).
29 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).	30					

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July 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).
6 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).	7	8	9	10	11	12 Potential Inflow Dependent Release Day. Watch Website Forecast or call Flow Phone (up to 13 total).
13 Scheduled Release Day for Ramping Study. (Last of three)	14	15 LAST DAY OF BOATER SEASON.	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		