

Pikes Peak River Runners

Taos Box News



Official Club weekend dates are May 23-25, 2015 Memorial weekend.

Will be cancelled if low flow [Flow Link](#)

Take advantage of early spring flows when possible. Other spur of the moment spring trip dates will be discussed on our Yahoo group.



Subscribe to our FREE discussion group at [Join Now!](#) or club [Facebook page](#).

Hotel:

- Make your best deal with local hotels!

Camping:

- In Taos, [Taos Valley RV Park & Campground](#), nice quiet campground in Taos. Showers, full RV hookups, very nice tent camping. Convenient if you want to enjoy the town of Taos at night.
- At the Pilar takeout: [BLM Rio Bravo campground](#), showers, along the river, shady cottonwoods. Very close to the takeout, convenient if you want to hangout near the takeout. Long way to go into Taos for dinner/shopping. Lots of other BLM campgrounds in the area, but Rio Bravo is the prettiest (in my opinion).

Links:

- [Taos Box section River Information](#)
- [American Whitewater's](#) website link
- [Rapids Notes](#)
- Pilar Shuttler's- private parties that do Taos Box shuttles:
 - Suzy Furlan 575-737-0567 &
 - Julia Ives 575-758-8474

Weather for Taos



Sunny
Time: 2:30 pm
Temp: 61
RealFeel Temp: 66
Humidity: 25
Winds: W at 8 mph

[Click for 5-day forecast!](#)

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Schedule:

Friday - Sometimes we arrive on Friday during the day and run the Pilar section. Otherwise we arrive in the evening and stay at a hotel or camp.

Saturday - meet at the Taos Box put-in 8 am, be ready to dump your boat and get the shuttle going quickly. Why? The put-in is very congested. The shuttle takes about 2 hours. If you arrive late, you might get boxed in or out and not be able to get the shuttle going in time (see the picture below of a typical Saturday in May). We tend to get off the river and back into Taos around 4 pm (later if the flow is low). Don't forget to pay the \$3/per vehicle fee at the takeout.



Favorite Taos Restaurants:

- Quadalajara Grill- 2 in Taos (south end location has easy trailer parking). Quadalajara Grill menu on our discussion group website Files section
- Orlando's (Posole is fantastico)

Sunday - Boat Taos Box section again or maybe do the Pilar section. Most people boat on Saturday and often skip on Sunday. Depends on the flow and weather.

Note about what to expect at the put-in: Please recognize that many (private & commercial) boaters are all trying to access this put-in at about the same time. Try to unload your equipment quickly and move your vehicle out of the way. Otherwise you risk getting boxed in at the end of the dirt road and will have a difficult time getting out to begin your shuttle. The ranger will ask all boaters to move their boats (to keep unloading moving smoothly) either across the river or down/up river to maximize the cramped put-in space. This really helps everyone while the 2 hour shuttle is being run and other boaters arrive as you wait for your shuttle. Contact the River Ranger Mark Sundin if you have any questions/suggestions. The takeout is not quite as congested but the same principle applies here. Try to load up quickly and move out of the way because it seems like we all arrive at the takeout in staggered groups. Sunset Rapid is the photographer's favorite rapid to shoot and you can find your photo at www.raftphotos.com. I noticed that they take quite a few good photos of every boater that you can view/order right away.