

[Pikes Peak River Runners](#)

Taos Box (Rio Grande River)



WHEN: Memorial weekend, **Will be cancelled if low flow** [Flow Link](#)

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 River Info](#)
- [American Whitewater](#)
- [Rapids Notes](#)

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 \(John Dunn Bridge\)](#) at 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 vehicle fee at the takeout.](#)
- **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.
- **Favorite Taos Restaurants:** Guadalajara Grill- 2 in Taos (south end location has easy trailer parking) & Orlando's (Posole is fantastico)

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/upriver to maximize the cramped put-in space. This really helps everyone while the two-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 relatively close staggered groups. Sunset Rapid is the photographer's favorite rapid to shoot and you can find your photo at [Southern Exposure Photos](#).

