

Rafting & Tubing on the San Juan River

Based on the flow, the San Juan River can have class I, II and III rapids. Tubers and private rafters should access the San Juan River at the designated public river access locations, along a 2 mile stretch from the River Center to the south end of Yamaguchi Park.

Tubing is only recommended in lower water (below 400 cubic feet per second); rafting is recommended above 400 CFS. Water levels can fluctuate daily, please check before you go. State law requires ages 12 and under to wear PFD / life jackets. Tubers should exit the water at Yamaguchi Park.

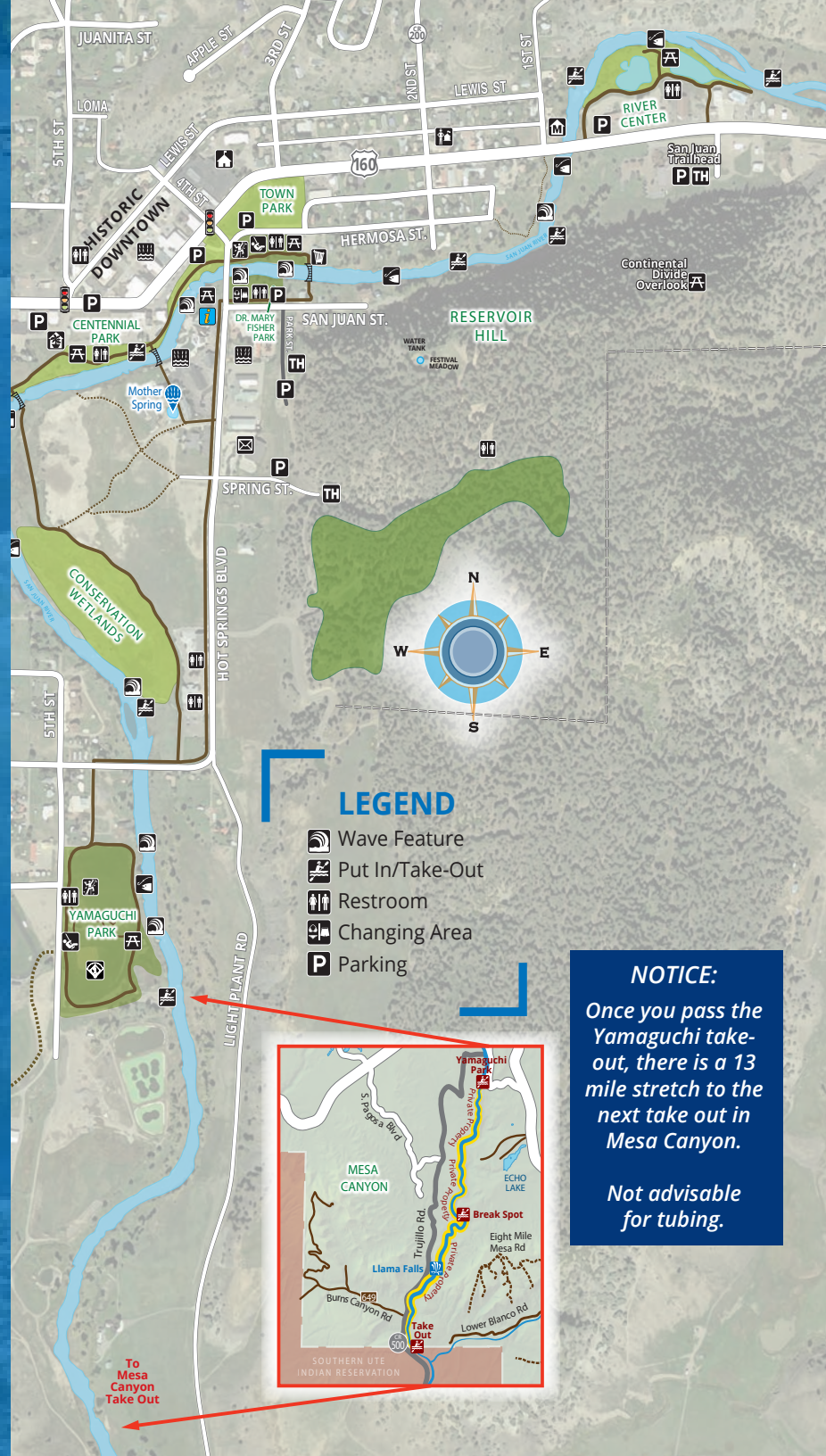
Mesa Canyon

There is a 13 mile stretch from Yamaguchi Park to the Mesa Canyon access. There is one allowable break spot, approximately halfway between Yamaguchi and the Southern Ute Reservation border (see map). Llama Falls is a unique volcanic intrusion characterized by a sheer, steep drop that is a mandatory run at most flows.

Mesa Canyon is not a recommended tubing stretch!

Private Property

includes the entire stretch of shore, beach, and even the bottom of the river. Be respectful of private property and do not trespass. Please do not allow pets out of boats along private property stretches.



FREE MAP

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About the River



The San Juan River is an amazing recreational area for all types of outdoor adventures. With it comes the inherent dangers of a natural waterway that you need to be aware of and prepared for.

River Safety Precautions

To ensure a pleasurable experience and to protect the San Juan River, please note the following:

Be Safe - Wear a Coast Guard approved life vest and secure foot wear.

Be Prepared - Dress for cold water swim and changing weather.

Be Careful - You will encounter rocks, logs, man-made obstacles and strong currents. Swimming is at your own risk.

Please Remember:

- No glass containers or alcohol.
- Remove all trash and dispose of it properly.
- Leash and clean up after your pet.
- Be courteous to other river and park users.
- Do not use the river bank as a toilet.



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Parking — Please only park in public parking areas. Please do not block driveways or park in business parking lots. If using a tubing shuttle, ask the business for recommended parking.

Plan Ahead — Plan take outs and meeting locations in advance, in case your group becomes separated. Signs are posted under each bridge to aid river navigation. See map on reverse.

What the River Flow Means for Rafting & Tubing

CFS

The River Gauge in Pagosa gives flow in cubic feet per second (CFS). River levels can fluctuate daily based on snowmelt and rainfall. Please check before you go!

Current River Conditions



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There are a variety of local businesses that provide whitewater adventure tours and rent water activity and safety equipment.



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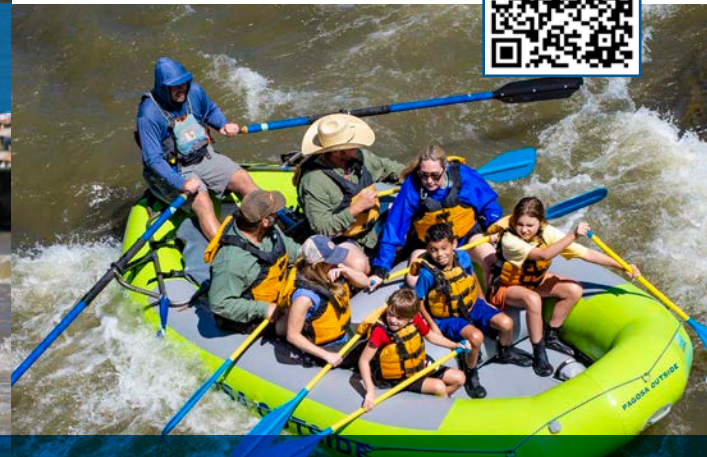


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