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Black Canyon Canoe/Kayak Trip

Sunday-Monday 29-30 October 2000

Leader: Susan Merrill (818) 354-9209

Level: II

Cost: \$5 non-refundable launch fee and approximately \$60/person canoe/kayak rental.

Trip Limit: Minimum of 4 people, maximum 15 people.

Overview: This overnight trip travels 12 miles through some of the last remaining wilderness sections of the Colorado River. The area is very scenic and quiet observers can often see bighorn sheep and raptors while enjoying the hot springs in the region. Petroglyphs and other evidence of previous human habitation are also located in the canyon. During the day powerboats are allowed on the river but after dark we should share the canyon with only a few other people and the resident animal population.

Description: Black Canyon is a flatwater paddle though the current can be quite impressive as the water is released from Hoover Dam. We put in at the base of Hoover Dam - a sight worth seeing in its own right - and then paddle several miles downstream for our overnight camping location. The area is isolated so we will bring in all the gear we need for the two days.

On Monday, we will continue our journey downriver to our take out point. Along the way there are side canyons to explore and petroglyphs to discover. While this trip is basically on flatwater, winds in the canyon can make paddling a bit challenging. Previous canoeing/kayaking experience is preferred.

When and Where: Meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, 29 October 2000 at the parking area outside of Boulder City, NV. Our shuttle vehicle will pick us up to take us to the put-in. Maps will be provided at the meeting. We will take out at Willow Springs and be driven back to our vehicles between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday. The drive to Boulder City is approximately 5 hours from Pasadena - so plan on taking a day of vacation for this trip.

Additional Information: Since we will be driving to the river and back, carpooling is encouraged. Also, meals will be shared to keep our gear down. Remember, everything we take on the river must be carried in our boats, including drinking water! Boat rentals will be arranged before the trip.

Pretrip Meeting: October 24, 2000 at noon in T-1701. You must be represented at this meeting in order to go on the trip.

Please email the trip leader or call to sign-up for this trip or to obtain additional information regarding this trip.