

QUICK FACTS:

LOCATION:

Eastern Utah

THE RIVER IS:

Brown and swift

THE SCENERY IS:

Classic desert beauty - towering sandstone walls over sagebrush below

THE WHITEWATER IS:

Trickier as we move downstream, but never too much to handle (III).

RIVER STATS:

LENGTH (MILES): 84

EXPEDITION DAYS: 8



DESOLATION & GREY CANYONS

“DESO”

Desolation Canyon is the ultimate place to become an official river rat. This is the place to fall in love with the river lifestyle - its' whitewater is comfortably challenging, its' history and lore is extraordinary, and its' walls are as tall as the Grand Canyon.

Desolation Canyon expeditions begin with a scenic flight - delivering a bird's eye view of the river below and giving scale to one of the largest and most inaccessible wilderness areas in the lower 48. A short hike takes us to the launch, where we head for over 50 class II and III rapids in our next 6 days on the river. We'll hike to old homesteads, study ancient petroglyphs panels, and tell ghost stories around the campfire of Butch Cassidy and his outlaw crews who called the same beaches we're camping on home.

This canyon should be looked at as a "good solid B+." You can find bigger whitewater elsewhere. Other canyons have taller walls throughout, or more varied wildlife. But few offer the overall combination that you'll find in "Deso", which makes it one of our absolute GOALS favorites.



5 REASONS TO CHOOSE DESOLATION CANYON:

1. The small plane flight to our put-in.
2. Mysterious messages on petroglyph panels.
3. Spotting wild horses.
4. Outlaw history - this is Butch Cassidy's hideout.
5. Big rapids at peak spring flow.

2024 EXPEDITIONS

MAY 28 - JUNE 4

HIGH SCHOOL (Grade 9-12). \$2370

JUNE 7 - 14

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grade 6-8). \$2370



KIDS LOVE DESO BECAUSE:

- it's close to home, but so far away.
- they build confidence in the duckies as the rapids get trickier.
- the beaches we camp on are huge!
- for many, it's their first true extended wilderness experience - and they're proud.
- the desert scenery makes them feel like they have traveled back in time.

