

UTAH CANYONLANDS

~ SAN JUAN RIVER ~



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Melting snows high in the majestic peaks of south-western Colorado's San Juan mountains give rise to a major tributary of the Colorado River — the SAN JUAN.

Cutting deep through the slickrock country of Utah's legendary Canyonlands, in the heart of Navajoland, the river is characterized by towering redrock canyons and elaborate stratigraphic formations - truly one of the great southwestern rivers.



"RIVERHOUSE" - ANASAZI RUINS

Perhaps it's most renowned feature is the rich display of prehistoric life. Called **Anasazi**, "the Ancient People," by the Navajo Indians who succeeded them, this mysterious early civilization built elaborate cliff dwellings - which are amazingly well preserved - as are their spiritually symbolic petroglyphs.



EVENING CAMP



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Miles of **high volume good current** are interspersed with numerous Class II, some easy III rapids - making the river eminently canoeable, with no portages. Numerous spectacular side canyon **hikes and trails** and evening swims in natural pools. We visit as spring arrives; definitely a unique ... and spiritual journey.



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