

FALL RIVER RIDE in PUEBLO

Join us for a "field trip" to explore the miles of gorgeous trails along the Arkansas River in Pueblo. Mountain bikes or crossbikes recommended, but not required. Most of the trail is paved; some sections are somewhat rough.. This is a "no drop" social ride - come and enjoy the fall colors along the river! Bring a picnic lunch to the Nature Center, and relax on the huge deck overlooking the river after a relatively flat ride (with just a few small hills - nothing big, we promise!)

We will ride out to the Lake Pueblo dam – we may see a tarantula or two making their way up to the cliffs from the river for their winter hibernation. At the dam, we will turn around, heading back on the trail to the Nature Center. We will spend about 1 hour at the Nature Center for eating and exploring. Additionally, the raptor center near the Nature Center is open from 11:00 a.m. (subject to change). Then we will head back down the trail to visit the Riverwalk in downtown Pueblo before returning to the trailhead at CSU Pueblo.

IMPORTANT: There is a restaurant at the Nature Center, and the food is great; however the service is very slow, and making a reservation does not speed up the service. It will likely take ½ hour to get food there. We will depart the Nature Center 1 hour after the bulk of the group gets there. Also please make sure your bicycle is in good working order for this ride and that you have tire tubes and a pump.

We will be meeting at/carpooling from the Nevada/Tejon Park 'n' Ride, starting around 8:30 a.m. This is the commuter parking lot under I-25 between Nevada and Tejon streets. We will be leaving the lot @ 9:00 a.m. and heading to CSU Pueblo. MAP: <http://www.mapquest.com/mq/6-M3rq>

Once you turn left on Bonforte Blvd. to get to CSU Pueblo off of University Blvd., bear left again and then turn right into the last driveway into the parking lot. The trailhead is in this corner of the parking lot, the southwest corner. We'll regroup there and then get started.