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Travel & Outdoors



A rare bird in the mountain forest

The Williamson's sapsucker makes a memorable sound when drilling for sap. Learn more about where to spy it and hear its song. > H6

FINDS

Let us whisk you Away

New section » Today marks the debut of Away, a blend of the Outdoors section and Sunday Travel. Inside, you'll find many of your favorite features. Share your thoughts on the change in an email to livingeditor@sltrib.com.

Funky Colored Flames

\$4.99 » Available at places like Target and Walmart

Product » As if people needed any more reason to stare at the campfire. Place the entire package in the flames of a well-established fire. Don't spread the crystals. The result is a mix of psychedelic blue, green and red flames. Product literature states the colors will last for 30 minutes.



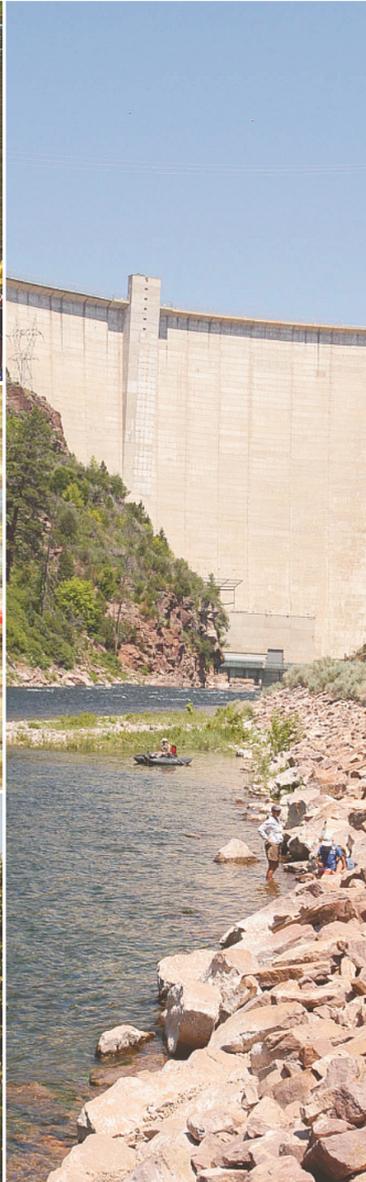
Support the Utah Avalanche Center

\$30-35 » 21 and older

Fundraiser » Black Diamond is holding its 15th annual fundraiser for the Utah Avalanche Center Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. The event is outdoors at the Black Diamond complex, 2084 E. 3900 South, East Millcreek. Dinner, music and dancing are included in the \$30 donation to the nonprofit Utah Avalanche Center. Supporters must be 21 or older to attend the event. The price jumps to \$35 after Sept. 13. Call 801-365-5522 for more information.

FLAMING GORGE » BEAUTY AND VARIETY

A super-sized liquid asset



PHOTOS BY TOM WHARTON AND STEVE GRIFFIN / The Salt Lake Tribune

Clockwise from top left: The ramp below Flaming Gorge Dam on the Green River can be a busy place; visitors relax near Flaming Gorge Dam; Angela Nickerson, of Murray, looks out at the lower part of Flaming Gorge Reservoir; kokanee salmon run up Sheep Creek in the fall of 2007.

From fishing to camping to just enjoying the views, take your pick of activities at Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area

By TOM WHARTON
The Salt Lake Tribune

Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area » A guy like Emmett Heath, who has spent much of his adult life hanging around Flaming Gorge Reservoir and the Green River, might be excused if he took the area's beauty and wildlife for granted.

But the Trout Creek Flies guide and store proprietor did not hesitate to sing the praises of this scenic national recreation area, tucked into the corner of northeastern Utah and southern Wyoming.

Its beauty, coupled with its populations of mountain lion, bear, deer, antelope, elk and bighorn sheep, plus world-class fishing, make the Gorge a wonderful place to visit.

Brian Fitzpatrick of Syracuse comes to the Gorge at least once a year.

"There are a bunch of different places to camp," he said. "The facilities are good and they keep everything clean. The staff is really nice."

Indeed, while Lake Powell and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in southern Utah draw more visitors, there may be more things to see and do at the Gorge.

Visitors can raft and fish on the Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam; enjoy world class geology; fish and boat along more than 300 miles of shoreline on 91-mile-long Flaming Gorge Reservoir; camp at one of 29 campgrounds or stay at lodges; swim or scuba dive; backpack in the nearby High Uintas Wil-

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Ten things to do at Flaming Gorge

- 1 » Fish
- 2 » Boat
- 3 » Raft
- 4 » Watch wildlife
- 5 » Tour the dam
- 6 » Learn about geology
- 7 » Camp
- 8 » Learn about history
- 9 » Swim and scuba dive
- 10 » Take a fall drive

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See spawning salmon on your screen

Every year in the fall, Flaming Gorge's population of kokanee salmon turn bright red as they spawn in the reservoir's various tributaries. See a video of kokanee salmon spawning at Flaming Gorge > www.sltrib.com/outdoors.

Yes, the powder will soon be on its merry way

FIND A DEAL » You've barely hung up your bikini for the summer, but it's time to think about snow! Labor Day is traditionally the time when ski resorts and retailers offer the best deals on ticket packages and equipment for the upcoming season. Everyone is offering discounts now, and prices will only get higher. Check the Web site of your favorite resort for details.



TOM WHARTON ON NOISY GENERATORS

"I love my outdoor gadgets . . . But, if I were dictator for a day, I would ban generators from all public lands campgrounds or, at the least, segregate them into their own loop."

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VOICES

Guerrilla restaurants in our midst

Kathy Stephenson » "Don't wait to visit [Mist] because ten days later, on Sept. 13, this unique dining experience will — as its name suggests — evaporate. At Mist, just 20 people will be served each night."

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