

## Tubing on the Animas River in Durango

Tubing is only recommended in lower water (under 500 CFS) on the Animas River in July and August. The water is very cold, even in the summertime. Use the City of Durango Trolley to shuttle between river access points between put in and take out. For a Transit schedule, please visit the [Transit webpage](#). Utilize the Durango Recreation Center free Parking, free pump station to inflate your tube and then use the river access next to the Recreation Center.

Smelter Rapids in the Whitewater Park is for experienced boaters only and inner tubes are not recommended. Tubing is recommended in lower water (under 800 CFS) on the Animas River in July and August. The water is very cold, even in the summertime.

Dallabetta Park is the last public access on the Animas River in Durango. Boaters and Tubers are encourage to exit the river at this location to avoid private property trespass downstream of Dallabetta Park.

## River Information & Rules

To ensure a pleasurable experience and protect the Animas River Greenway:

### Watch For This Sign



**Respect  
Private Property  
and Do Not Trespass**

- **Be Safe** - Wear a Coast Guard Approved life vest and secure foot gear.
- **Be Prepared** - Dress for cold water swim and changing weather (no cotton).
- **Be Careful** - You will encounter rocks, logs, man-made obstacles, and strong currents.
  - **Know your limits and be a strong swimmer**
  - **Scout and portage if necessary, especially at Smelter Rapids**
  - **Seek river safety training**
- **Please Remember -**
  - **No open containers of alcohol**
  - **Smoking any substance is prohibited**
  - **No glass containers**
  - **Pack out all trash**
  - **No dogs off leash or off water craft (except at the Off-Leash Area)**
  - **Pick up dog waste**
  - **Respect private property and do not trespass**
  - **Be polite and courteous to others on and near the river**
  - **When approaching anglers, move away to the opposite side of the river to pass by**
  - **Do not use the river bank as a toilet**
  - **No amplified music or sounds systems**
- **Practice Leave-No-Trace Techniques**

## River Access Locations

River users should access the Animas River at the designated public river access locations. These river access sites are located on city property and are managed by the Parks and Recreation Department.

1. **Oxbow Park and Preserve**  
500 Animas View Drive
2. **33rd Street**  
3301 East Third Avenue
3. **29th Street in Memorial Park**  
2901 East 3rd Avenue
4. **Fairgrounds/Recreation Center**  
2700 Main Avenue
5. **Schneider Park (9th Street)**  
950 Roosa Avenue
6. **Off Leash Area (dog park)**  
21850 Hwy 160 West
7. **Whitewater Park at Smelter Rapids**  
107 S. Camino del Rio
8. **Santa Rita Park**  
149 S. Camino del Rio
9. **Cundiff Park**  
460 S. Camino del Rio
10. **High Bridge**  
1065 S. Camino del Rio
11. **Dallabetta Park**  
13616 La Posta Rd (C.R. 213)



## Animas River Map

