Routt National Forest  
2022 National Rainbow Gathering Incident  
July 12, 2022

| Situation or Background | On June 14, the U.S. Forest Service learned the Rainbow Family of Living Light selected the Adams Park area of northwest Routt County on the Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District for its 50th anniversary gathering. The incident coincided with the Fourth of July holiday, with attendance estimated to be around 10,000 attendees on July 4.  

The Forest is working with a group of Rainbow Family members who will stay on site for several weeks to work on clean-up and rehabilitation.  

As of July 12, attendance is estimated to be around 140 attendees. Attendance is projected to continue decreasing.  

For a map and additional information on the Rainbow Gathering Incident please visit [http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/rainbowgathering](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/rainbowgathering). |

| Safety Concerns and/or Advisories | Hiking is a wonderful way to see and experience the many wonders of our nation’s forests. Visit your forest’s ranger district office, our [All Maps](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/allmaps) page, or [National Forest Store](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/national_forest_store) to obtain a trail map to help you plan your route based on your ability, available time and interest. Please follow these safety tips to ensure a safe journey:  

- Responsible Recreation. Being prepared includes knowing how to be a responsible hiker. Learn more on our [Responsible Recreation](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/responsible_recreation) page.  
- Stay on marked trails.  
- Don’t hike alone. Let the slowest person in your party set the pace. This is especially important when children are a part of your group.  
- Leave your itinerary with a friend or family member and check in with them upon your return.  
- Develop an emergency plan before you start your trip. Make sure everyone knows what to do if they become lost or a medical emergency arises. Give children whistles with the instructions to "stop and blow" if they become lost.  
- Take frequent rests or vary your pace to maintain your energy level.  
- Drink plenty of water, even on cool, wet days. Never drink your entire supply between refills.  
- Wear appropriate clothing, including sturdy boots that are broken in and are comfortable.  
- Consider using a hiking pole or walking stick to help maintain your balance in unlevel or hazardous areas.  
- Be aware of your surroundings, and pre-plan your approach before hiking through more hazardous areas. Wet surfaces can be a hazard and even more so if it's on a slope. |
• Consider what you’ll do if you start to slide or fall so that you are prepared.
  • If falling, do not try to catch yourself; try to avoid landing on your hands, elbows or knees. Landing on the side of your body is much safer.
  • If the slope is such where you know you are going to slide, lowering your center of gravity, by sitting down and sliding on your feet or bottom, is safer.
  • If sliding while standing up, keep your weight over your feet and bend your knees—do not lean back or forward while sliding.
  • If on a day hike, extra weight wears you down and reduces your agility over uneven terrain. Pack as light as possible. Leave the extras behind, but consider bringing these essentials:
    • Map
    • Sunglasses and a hat
    • Sunscreen
    • Flashlight
    • Waterproof matches
    • First aid kit
    • Water and water-purifying tablets
    • High-energy bars, granola, candy, or fruit
    • Extra clothing. Temperatures can change dramatically, particularly if there is an elevation change. For every 1,000 feet of elevation gain, the temperature often drops three to five degrees.

Closures

On June 25, 2022, at 8 a.m., a temporary area closure began for a large portion of California Park on the Routt National Forest. The Forest Closure Order was established for natural resource protection due to the high probability for excessive public use leading up to and during the Fourth of July holiday. Details can be found on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland website at www.fs.usda.gov/mbr under Visit Us and Alerts and Notices. Please note that Routt County Road 80 remains open. The closure is in effect until July 15, 2022, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

Parking Information

No Parking signs have been placed along Routt County Road 80 in locations where the road is narrow and two lanes of traffic are not possible. Please follow all posted restrictions.

Weather – Adams Park, CO

Tuesday night: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7pm. Mostly clear, with a low around 55. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast in the evening.

Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 3pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. West southwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. Southwest wind around 10 mph.
Thursday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west in the afternoon.

| Protected Sites | The Forest Service protects many sensitive resource sites. Sensitive resource areas include wildlife areas, cultural sites, riparian areas and wetlands. Restricting access to such areas provides protection for several Threatened wildlife species and other aquatic and wildlife species. Excavation and/or removal of prehistoric, historic, or archaeological resources, structures, sites, artifacts, or property is prohibited. |