

# The San Juan Trip

Montezuma Creek to Mexican Hat  
September 2013

It's the San Juan, what can go wrong?



**Mark Foster**



**Roscoe Hodson**



**Mark Jibilian**



**Malintha Larsen**



**Mike Watts**



**Mike Wellborn**



Camped at the Goosenecks









Dinner cooking





Morning arrives.









Ready to go to Montezuma Creek and launch.

Mark, Mike, Mark, Malintha, Roscoe (photo by the other Mike)





The launch site.





The launch site with Navajo baptism in the background.





Prelaunch rain and hail.





On the water at last.





What's with the worried look upstream?





First nights camp.







After a great dinner and a few adult beverages,  
we settled in for the night.

The river had different plans.





Overnight, our camp went from this...





To this.





I wonder how far down river all my gear is.





The floods brought a visitor.













The waters receded leaving a mud bog.





On the water again













One of my drybags is spotted.





The Mikes to the rescue





Mike and the muddy river









At the Sand Island takeout





Roscoe dragging upstream after missing the takeout.



We regrouped and spent the night at Sand Island.  
The following morning, I picked up replacement medication  
and borrowed some equipment to continue the trip.

For Mike and Mark, Sand Island was the end of the line.  
We said our goodbyes  
and then paddled a few miles to our next camp site.









Sand waves forming

















On the river again









Camp at Comb Ridge





























On the wagon road





Comb Ridge





















The Boat Tent





First aid for a blistered toe













River House Ruins

















Tired Hiker













Camp





Camp visitor









Mmm, meatsicles





On to Mexican Hat





















































Mexican Hat Boat Launch

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NO FIREWORKS



Mexican Hat was the end of the trail.

The river was 2,000 cfs at launch  
and takeout  
with a 9,000 cfs peak the first night.



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