

**OUR SIDE
OF THE
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DELTA COUNTY ~ COLORADO

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Delta
Eckert
Hotchkiss
Orchard City
Paonia

Creativity for the Artist in You
—An Arts & Crafts Itinerary in the North Fork—
3 days/2 nights Double occupancy 2-10 person itinerary

Day 1

- 1:00 pm Arrive at Rivendell Retreat for lodging check-in.
Enjoy the views, with optional short walk, hike, or electric car tour.
- 1:45 pm *The Environment as Art Inspiration* with Katherine and Joe Colwell at Rivendell.
Joe and Katherine are certified teachers of environmental education and art. They combine art and nature in inspirational activities, to set the stage for your creative itinerary.
- 4:00 pm Pour Farm Ceramics Studio—Rogers Mesa.
Create a painted ceramic project. Ceramicist Lou Ann McCay guides you through the painting process. Pick your own subject: a wine goblet, fanciful soup bowl, a wildlife statue. Schedule permitting, your project will be fired and ready to take home by the end of your itinerary; if not, it will be mailed to you.
- 6:00 pm Dinner at Rivendell Retreat catered by chef Eleni Stelter.
Mouth-watering dishes, with local ingredients whenever possible.
- 7:30 pm Optional evening hike around Rivendell and/or campfire circle.
Rivendell has diverse habitats, with exciting views of the San Juans, West Elk mountains, North Fork Valley, and orchards and vineyards of Rogers Mesa.

Day 2

- 7:30am Continental breakfast at Rivendell Retreat.
- 9:00am Cooper Glass Studio—Lazear on Rogers Mesa.
Glass artist Janice Cooper guides you in creating a fused glass project. Choose from earrings, a pendant, ornament or other small item. Schedule permitting, your project will be fired and ready to take home by the end of your itinerary.
- 11:30am Pick up catered box lunch and drive down to the Hotchkiss National Fish Hatchery for a picnic. *The Hatchery is located along a beautiful section of the North Fork of the Gunnison River, and supplies fish to several western states.*
- 1:00pm Hinz Fine Art Workshop/Gallery—Austin. Studio/workshop tour.
Tim, Lyn and Mary guide you through their fascinating studio workshop, featuring stained glass, sculpture, jewelry and more.
- 3:00pm Explore fun creative places in downtown Hotchkiss.
Enjoy the small town atmosphere with unique stores and shops: Wills' Gallery & Used Books, Trading Company Antiques, Creamery Arts Center, Quilt Patch, North Fork Boutique, Golden Memories Antiques, Trout Store, Cowboy Collectibles & more.
- 6:00pm Dinner on your own in Hotchkiss.
- 7:30pm Return to Rivendell for overnight, star gazing, a moonwalk, or just a quiet evening.
The large campfire circle and comfortable lodge with large covered porch are perfect for an evening of relaxation.

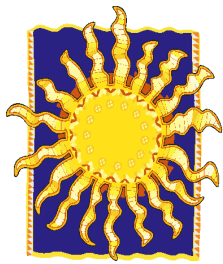
Day 3

- 8:00am Continental breakfast. Optional short hike at Rivendell.
- 9:00am Enjoy an inspirational creative process with Katherine and Joe. *They will guide you in weaving together your experiences and adventures into a comprehensive learning experience.*
- 11:30am Lunch catered by Hardin's.
Local ingredients when possible, with GF and other options available.
- 1:00pm Head for home.



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Wine, Spirits, and More

—An Orchards, Vineyards & Sustainable Farms Itinerary—

May through October 2 days/1 night Double Occupancy 2 to 10 person itinerary

Enjoy our relaxed life-style among breathtaking scenery. See how we farm and live with sustainable intention. The stops on this itinerary can be reversed if you are traveling south, and can be increased one day and night to include additional wineries or farms in the North Fork and Surface Creek.

Day 1

- 1:00 pm Arrive at Rivendell Retreat on Redlands Mesa for check-in and facilities orientation. *Optional walk, hike or electric car tour of Rivendell to see the magnificent views.*
- 2:00 pm Mesa Winds Farm on Rogers Mesa. *Wink Davis and Max Eisele are passionate about farm health and sustainability with their 36 acres; they added sheep and geese in 2010 to balance their USDA Certified Organic peaches, apples, grapes, raspberries, asparagus, vegetables and honey. Tour of farm, orchard, vineyard.*
- 4:30 pm Orchard Valley Farms and Black Bridge Winery near Paonia. *Orchard Valley Farms and Black Bridge Winery also illustrates how people thrive when surrounded by beautiful scenery, and so do their “gently grown fruits, vegetables, decorative gourds and grapes.” Visit the tasting room, wander the vineyards, and explore the farm store which features favorites from other local producers. Seasonally, you can harvest your own.*
- 6:00 pm Dinner at the Flying Fork Café and Bakery in downtown Paonia. *The Flying Fork Cafe & Bakery offers fine homemade Italian cuisine & fresh baked artisan breads and pastries. Chef Kelly Steinmetz.*
- 8:30 pm Return to Rivendell for overnight. *Optional stargazing while enjoying the stone campfire circle with s'mores & stories.*

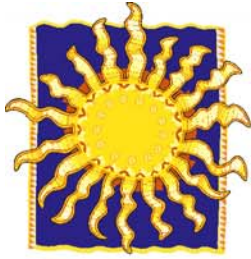
Day 2

- 8:00 am Continental breakfast at Rivendell.
- 9:30 am Jack Rabbit Hill/Peak Spirits on Redlands Mesa. *Jack Rabbit Hill/Peak Spirits produces quality organic wines and spirits, based on bio-dynamic methods; Lance and Anna's passion for their work comes through during tour and tasting. An extraordinary combination of the modern and old-fashioned.*
- 11:00 am Surface Creek Winery & Art Gallery in downtown Eckert. *A small family winery owned by Jim & Jeanne Durr, Surface Creek Winery is located below the southern rim of Grand Mesa, which provides a source of vital irrigation & domestic water. The tasting room combines an attractive tasting bar with the gallery featuring work by wildlife and landscape artists.*
- 11:45 am Drost's Chocolates in downtown Eckert. *A magical chocolate-and-sweets experience from the moment you enter—no matter what your age. The antique cash register collection will amaze you further.*
- 12:30 pm Lunch on own—Cedaredge
- 1:30 pm Colorado Gold Distillery in Cedaredge. *Tour and tasting. Colorado Gold Spirits, distilled using a beautiful copper still. Pam & Tom Cooper's hard work and passion provides you with high quality Colorado-made vodka, gin, and bourbon. Another extraordinary tour.*
- 2:15 pm Grand Mesa National Scenic and Historic Byway, to connect with I70 to head home. *Take the short hike along Land O' Lakes overlook for breathtaking views.*
If itinerary is reversed, traveling south, North Rim of Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park is your last stop, then backtrack to Hwy 92 to head south. *The North Rim of the Black Canyon is high elevation pinyon juniper & browse habitats. Watch for falcon and other birds while enjoying the dizzying views of one of the wonders of American geology.*



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Creativity for the Artist in You—An Art Itinerary in the North Fork

3 days/2 nights Double occupancy 2-10 person itinerary Cost per person: \$285 to \$385

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- 1:00 pm Arrive at Rivendell Retreat for lodging check-in on Redlands Mesa outside Hotchkiss. Enjoy the views, with optional short walk or hike.
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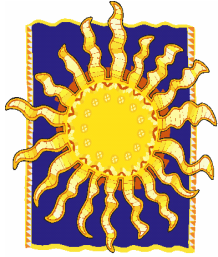
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Feathers & Fur

—A Wildlife Itinerary on Our Side of the Divide—

3 days/ 2 nights Double occupancy 2 to 10 people

Day 1

- 12 noon Arrive Rivendell Retreat for lodging check-in.
Enjoy views while savoring a box lunch by Hardins; GF & other options available.
- 1:00 pm Hike Rivendell trails for an orientation to various habitats, guided by Joe Colwell.
Rivendell Retreat's 40 acres have four miles of trails winding through diverse ecological niches. Bring your sturdy walking shoes, a walking stick and hat. Joe is a certified environmental education specialist, retired from a nearly three decade career in resource management.
- 2:30 pm High Wire Bison & Elk Ranch—Redlands Mesa.
Sue and Dave Whittlesey share their expertise and passion for bison and elk ranching as you tour and view bison and elk at their ranch.
- 4:00 pm Travel to upper Leroux Creek to view birds and other wildlife in aspen and spruce habitats, and wonderful scenery, too. *You may drive yourself with directions and maps we provide, or Joe can guide you to favorite spots and provide commentary.*
- 6:30 pm Dinner at Rivendell Retreat catered by chef Eleni Stelter.
Mouth-watering dishes, with local ingredients whenever possible.
- 8:00 pm Campfire circle and wildlife storytelling.
Rivendell's large campfire circle of local stone is perfect for a relaxing evening.

Day 2

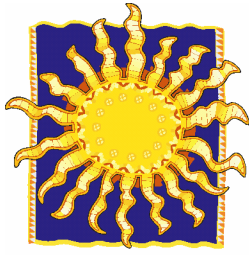
- 7:00 am Continental breakfast at Rivendell Retreat.
- 7:30 am Travel to Confluence Park—Delta. *Walk trails to view birds and other wildlife. This conjunction of the Gunnison & Uncompahgre Rivers is a Delta City Park, a year-round favorite for great-tailed grackle, geese, ducks & other water birds, plus migrating passerines.*
- 9:30 am Travel to Escalante Canyon to view birds and scenery. (Road conditions permitting)
The canyon competes in beauty with Utah slick rock country. A variety of habitats provides opportunities to view seasonal and year-round birds, such as chukar, canyon wren, black phoebe, pinyon jay, western bluebird, bushtit.
- 12 noon Catered box lunch.
- 1:00 pm Travel to Eckert. *You will take the back road through the Mancos Shale Badlands ("dobies") to Surface Creek Valley, an agricultural oasis with a diversity of wildlife, south of Grand Mesa.*
- 2:00 pm Jim Durr at Surface Creek Winery and Gallery—Eckert.
Orientation on birding at Fruitgrowers Reservoir. Jim sponsors the annual Crane Days in March and is one of the local experts on cranes and other birdlife of the area. His gallery features the work of wildlife and landscape artists.
- 3:30 pm Return to Rivendell Retreat via Fruitgrowers Reservoir and Redlands Mesa.
Fruitgrowers Reservoir is a prime stop for migrating shorebirds in spring and fall, including large flocks of Sandhill Cranes in spring, and home to many nesting and summer residents.
- 6:30 pm Catered Dinner at Rivendell.

Day 3

- 6:30 am Sunrise hike on Rivendell trails to view birds, other wildlife and scenery.
Early morning is the best time for wildlife viewing. Learn to identify bird songs.
- 7:30 am Continental breakfast at Rivendell.
- 8:30 am Travel to Hotchkiss National Fish Hatchery and North Rim of Black Canyon of Gunnison National Park for bird watching. *The Hatchery, along the North Fork of the Gunnison River, is part of the federal hatchery system & has an informative visitor center. The north rim of Black Canyon National Park is high elevation pinyon juniper & browse habitats. Watch for falcon and other birds while enjoying the dizzying views of one of the wonders of American geology.*
- 12 noon Lunch at Zack's Bar-B-Q—Hotchkiss.
Zack's mouth-watering barbeque is a long-time favorite with locals and visitors.
- Head for home.



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Crop & Discover

—A Scrapbooking Itinerary on Our Side of the Divide—

2 days/1 night

Double occupancy

2 to 10 person itinerary

This itinerary provides a secluded, peaceful getaway with friends or new acquaintances, to focus on developing the scrapbook or photo album you've been procrastinating on for months or years. Rivendell Retreat has a spacious lodge in which to spread out your photos & supplies, explore page designs, and work away. We include relaxing diversions to make your stay doubly enjoyable & productive.

Day 1

- 1:00 pm Arrive Rivendell Retreat for check-in and orientation to facilities.
Optional walk or tour on electric car to see our magnificent views.
- 2:30 pm Unpack your photos & supplies and begin cropping & designing scrapbook pages. *Optional presentation on tips and tools by scrapbooking consultant.*
- 5:00 pm Wine tasting at Jack Rabbit Hill/Peak Spirits on Redlands Mesa.
Jack Rabbit Hill/Peak Spirits produces quality organic wines and spirits, based on bio-dynamic methods; Lance and Anna's passion for their work comes through during tour and tasting.
- 6:30 pm Dinner at Zack's BarBQ in Hotchkiss.
Zack's mouth-watering barbeque is a long-time favorite with locals and visitors.
- 8:00 pm Return to Rivendell to continue scrapbooking.
And/or stargaze while enjoying the campfire circle with s'mores.

Day 2

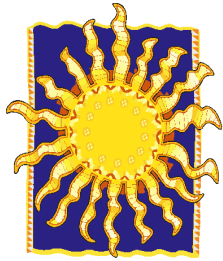
- 6:30 am Optional hike and bird watching at Rivendell.
Joe Colwell of Rivendell can guide you along the trails and share wildlife and other nature stories about the ecological niches.
- 7:30 am Continental breakfast at Rivendell.
- 8:00 am Continue scrapbooking.
- 10:00am Optional: photography tips on and around Rivendell Retreat and Redlands Mesa. *Includes tour of High Wire Bison & Elk Ranch, led by professional photographer. Informative, as well as generating more photos for more pages.*
- Noon Lunch catered by Chef Eleni Stelter.
Eleni can create a meal to your group's preferences.
- 1:00 pm Continue scrapbooking.
- 3:00 pm Optional massage at Rivendell by pre-arrangement.
Our massage therapist sets up her table in the third floor meditation viewing room in Rivendell's Main House.
- 4:00 pm Depart Rivendell, or optional stay one more night, with dinner in Paonia.



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Wings Over Valleys & Canyons —A Springtime Birding Itinerary—

3 days/ 2 nights Double occupancy 2 to 10 person itinerary

Day 1

- 1:00 pm Arrive Rivendell Retreat for lodging check-in.
- 1:30 pm Hike around Rivendell for orientation to bird habitats: open fields and agriculture, and piñon-juniper woodlands. Guided by Joe Colwell. *Rivendell Retreat's 40 acres have four miles of trails winding through diverse ecological niches. Bring sturdy walking shoes, a walking stick and hat. Joe is a certified environmental education specialist, retired from a nearly three decade career in resource management.*
- 3:00 pm Travel to Eckert. Meet Jim Durr for orientation to Sandhill cranes. *Jim is host and organizer of Crane Days activities at Surface Creek Winery & Gallery in Eckert. His gallery features the work of wildlife and landscape artists.*
- 4:30 pm Fruitgrowers Reservoir. *Watch Sandhill cranes land, &/or enjoy viewing other waterfowl, the nearby Great Blue Heron nesting area, shore birds, raptors, and songbirds.*
- 6:00 pm Dinner on own in Cedaredge.
- 8:00 pm Drive back to Rivendell Retreat via Fruitgrowers or over Cedar Mesa. Campfire circle, to share bird lists and experiences, and enjoy s'mores. *Rivendell's large campfire circle of local stone is perfect for a relaxing evening.*

Day 2

- 7:30 am Continental breakfast at Rivendell Retreat.
- 8:00 am Travel to Fruitgrowers for Sandhill crane take off. *Optional presentation by local professional birder while awaiting liftoff.*
- 10:30 am Travel to Delta Confluence Park. *Walk trails to see waterfowl and other birds. This conjunction of the Gunnison & Uncompahgre Rivers is a Delta City Park, a year-round favorite for great-tailed grackle, geese, ducks & other water birds, plus migrating passerines.*
- 12 noon Lunch on own in Delta.
- 1:00 pm Travel to Escalante Canyon to view birds and scenery. (Road conditions permitting.) *The canyon competes in beauty with Utah slick rock country. A variety of habitats provides opportunities to view seasonal and year-round birds, such as chukar, canyon wren, black phoebe, pinyon jay, western bluebird, bushtit.*
- 4:00 pm Return to Rivendell—via Fruitgrowers Reservoir if desired, for another opportunity to see the Sandhill cranes landing.
- 6:30 pm Dinner at Rivendell Retreat catered by chef Eleni Stelter. *Mouth-watering dishes, with local ingredients whenever possible.*

Day 3

- 7:30 am Continental breakfast at Rivendell Retreat.
- 8:30 am Crane mobile workshop lead by Katherine Colwell. *Make an origami paper crane mobile as a remembrance for your Wings Itinerary. Katherine has been making origami cranes throughout her life, for enjoyment and as part of her artistic processes. This fun mini-workshop is for all ages, including those who "are all thumbs."*
- 11:00 am Hike Rivendell trails. *More opportunities to add to your life list. The Rivendell Retreat bird life list is over 70 as of 2010.*
- 12 noon. Box lunch. *Enjoy the views while savoring a box lunch by Hardins; with GFand other options available.*

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