

Kayakers paddle on Colorado's Animas River near Durango.



INFLATABLE KAYAKS ARE KNOWN AS DUCKIES.

What Floats Your Boat?

Load up your kayak and head out for a tranquil paddle, an education in ecotourism or the thrill of rushing whitewater. | BY TRACY BEARD

RELAXATION

Escape the city and breathe in the scents of pine, fir and quaking aspen while you kayak along the Teton River in Driggs, Idaho. This gentle float allows you to spin 360 degrees and scan the horizon for moose, elk and bald eagles. tetonriversupply.com

EDUCATION

Take a guided kayak tour through the backwaters of Key West, Florida. Paddle through mangroves, discover the unique plant and animal life in the area, and learn about local ecotourism and the part you can play in preserving the environment. lazydog.com

EXHILARATION

Perfect your kayaking skills with a premier whitewater experience on the Colorado River in Utah's Cataract Canyon. Or paddle the Upper or Lower Animas River in Durango, Colorado, in inflatable kayaks. mild2wildrafting.com/kayaking.html