



# Recreation Engineering & Planning

## BUENA VISTA WHITEWATER PARK

BUENA VISTA, CO

Buena Vista, Colorado is a summer hotspot for whitewater paddling. With over 60 miles of whitewater on the Upper Arkansas River Valley, Buena Vista is a central hub for the over 40 commercial rafting companies that are based on the Arkansas. The South Main Development ([www.southmainco.com](http://www.southmainco.com)) is a 35 acre, mixed use, development along the Arkansas River that extends Buena Vista's downtown business district to the river corridor. The challenge facing REP in 2004 was to design with this increased use in mind, while preserving the natural beauty of the river corridor. With the third phase's completion in 2010, Buena Vista now boasts a world class whitewater park, in an unparalleled natural setting. With trails, access points, dynamic whitewater features, climbing boulders and public art, the Buena Vista Whitewater Park has quickly become the premier destination for visitors to this high mountain community.



BEFORE



AFTER



### CHIEF ENGINEER

GARY LACY P.E.

### CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

GARY LACY

MIKE HARVEY

### DATE COMPLETED

PHASE 3: MAR 2010

### PROJECT COST

\$700,000

*Dynamic Whitewater features and access improvements alongside a growing community.*

### REFERENCE:

EARL RICHMOND, OWNER COLORADO  
KAYAK SUPPLY

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