

THREE MOUNTAIN LAKES

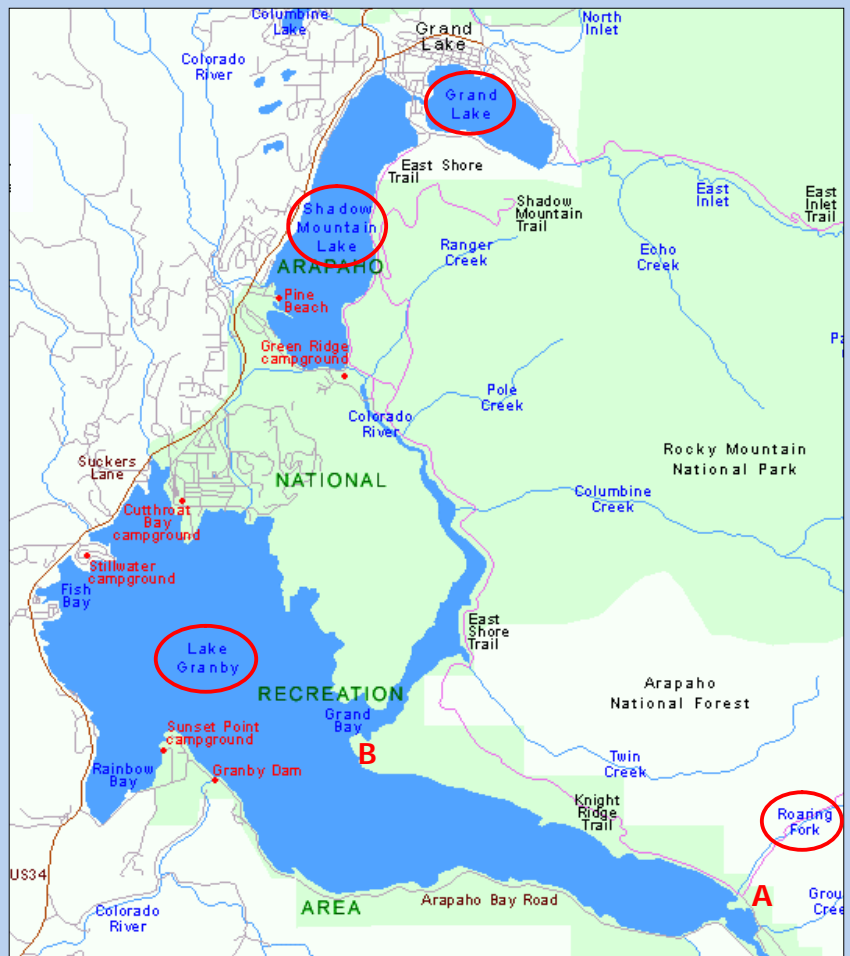
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Gregg Goodrich and I paddled the east side of Shadow Mountain Lake, Grand Lake and Lake Granby around the time of the eclipse, August 20-23, 2017.

The first day we put in at the bridge parking lot at the canal between Shadow Mountain Lake and Grand Lake. There were a few other kayak paddlers putting in there, and a very clean restroom. We paddled the east side of Shadow Mountain Lake and saw several Osprey and nests.

When we got back to paddle Grand Lake the wind came up so we only did some of it.

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We stayed at our campsite for the eclipse in the morning, then paddled around Arapaho Bay that afternoon. Again, we saw more Osprey and two Bald Eagles.

The next morning we paddled up the east side of Lake Granby to the entrance of the Colorado River. That is where we were greeted by three river otters: the first we have ever seen in the wild! We had lunch on Rocky Point [B] and then headed back to Arapaho Bay campground. There was no wind and no clouds.

We were thinking about paddling Monarch Lake on the last day, but decided to have a leisurely breakfast, pack up and head home.

We checked out campsites while we were here and may lead a trip to this great wild area just west of Rocky Mountain National Park and the Indian Peaks Wilderness next year.



Granby is bordered by Rocky Mountain National Park and the Indian Peaks Wilderness



Anna Troth in her new Delta 15.5 GT



Red-naped Sapsucker



Indian Peaks Wilderness

Canada Goose 10	Black-capped Chickadee 8	Steller's Jay 2
Mallard 4	Song Sparrow 5	American Robin 7
Common Merganser 15	Bald Eagle	Western Wood-Pewee 1
Osprey 14	Broad-tailed Hummingbird 1	Dark-eyed Junco (Gray-headed) 3
Spotted Sandpiper 4	Belted Kingfisher 1	Red-naped Sapsucker 1
California Gull 2	Northern Flicker 5	Yellow Warbler 1
Black-billed Magpie 1	Mountain Chickadee 1	Yellow-rumped Warbler 4
American Crow 6	White-crowned Sparrow 4	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) 3
Common Raven 2	Green-tailed Towhee 1	Wilson's Warbler 3