

below is our current agenda for the Ouray trip. A couple of items to note. We will meet at the King Soopers in Conifer at 8:30am on Wednesday, July 3rd. King Soopers is located at 25637 Conifer Road, Conifer, CO 80433. Please be gassed up as we will depart King Soopers at 9:00am for Gunnison where we will have lunch. **PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO MEET US AT KING SOOPERS SO WE AREN'T WAITING FOR YOU.** Bring your radios set to Channel 7-7.

There is road construction on 285 which takes the road down to one lane near Fairplay so hopefully we won't get too tied up there. Most of you have been on 285 and you know it is 4 lanes in spots but 2 lanes in others with limited passing zones. Police are also often out. Yesterday returning from Buena Vista I saw two state troopers working 285 near Bailey. It may not be possible to stay together the whole way given the nature of the road and traffic. In any case, the agenda lists some fast food restaurants in Gunnison and the location of the gas station that we will meet at after lunch for our departure to Ouray.

I have tried to get restricted parking at the hotel but the owner declined my request. They say there should be sufficient room in their lot and there is overflow street parking in front of the hotel. I honestly don't understand why setting aside some spots for us is a problem given we clearly have reservations there but Oh Well! Maybe we can bribe someone when we get there.

On July 4th we will line up to participate in the Ouray 4th of July parade at 9am. The location is indicated in the agenda. **Please note that throwing candy is NOT allowed.** Please bring decorations for your car if you want. After the parade we will explore Ouray on foot. After dinner we will stake out a spot to watch the "Jeep Glow" parade that starts at dusk.

Jeep day is the 5th. Those renting Jeeps can pick them up on the 4th at 6pm if desired or at 8am on the 5th. Of course if you pick the Jeep up on the 4th you will then have to park it. Parking may be tough given the holiday. I am arranging box lunches from the Jeep rental place. **If you do not tell me what you want by tomorrow (Roast Beef, Ham, or Turkey) you will have to do with pot luck.**

I have a package of information for each car which I will hand out at King Soopers on the 3rd. Included is information about restaurants and things to do in Ouray and information about their 4th of July celebration. If you are not Jeepin' you will likely find something else worth doing in the material.

Restaurant reservations have been made with the exception of the 3rd. Hopefully we will be able to get into the Ouray Brewery that night. Most restaurants refused to take a reservation for a large group but we were able to secure some for the 4th, 5th, and 6th. Our reservations tend to be on the earlier side as you will see in the agenda. I apologize for this but again getting reservations for a large group during a major holiday was very difficult.

On Saturday, Shirley and Jim Johnson are arranging a scenic drive. The exact route is yet to be determined but I'm sure it will be fantastic. Sunday we depart for home. We can decide at some point if people are interested in travelling together on the way home or if people just want to depart when they'd like.

Viper Owners Association of CO/UT/WY/MT

July 4th Ouray Trip Agenda

Wednesday, July 3rd, 2019

- 8:30am: Meet at King Soopers 25637 Conifer Rd, Conifer, CO 80433
Be sure to gas up.
- 9:00am: Leave King Soopers for Gunnison (approximately 170 miles,
3 hours)
- 12:00pm Lunch in Gunnison. Your choice of fast
food restaurants – 5B's BBQ, Taco Bell, Subway, etc. For reference 5B's
BBQ is located at 303 E. Tomichi Ave.
- 1:00pm Gas at several places in Gunnison but we will meet at the
Conoco at 821 W. Tomichi Ave for our departure to Ouray
- 1:15pm: Depart Conoco for Box Canyon Lodge, Ouray (approximately
100 miles, 2 hours). 45 3rd Ave, Ouray, CO 81427
- 3:15pm: Arrive Box Canyon Lodge and check in.
- 6:30pm: Dinner – We will shoot for the Ouray Brewery located at 607 Main
St, Ouray, CO 81427-9903, phone 970-325-7388. They would not take a

reservation for 26. We were told to check back on that day. I have attached a list of Ouray restaurants for those wishing to try something different.

Thursday, July 4th, 2019 (Speak to Jalil or Linda at Hotel)

- 9:00am Line up on 4th street to participate in Ouray Parade. **No candy throwing.**
970-325-7397 The Goods
- 10:00am Parade down Main Street.
- 12:00noon Parade should be over. Explore Ouray on foot.
- 5:30pm Dinner for 28 at the Outlaw Restaurant located at 610 Main St., Ouray, CO 81427-9903. phone 970-325-4366. Confirmed.
- 7:00pm Watch Jeep Glow Parade. Starts at Switzerland of America Overlook at dusk.

Friday, July 5th, 2019

- 8:00am Rent Jeeps (the Jeeps can also be picked up at 6pm on the 4th if you prefer). I am arranging box lunches from the Jeep rental place, see email previously sent.
- 9:00am Due to snow pack some 4 wheel trails are not open or open fully. We will check with the Jeep rental place to determine which trail we should run. Imogene trail to Telluride will probably not be open fully from Ouray to Telluride. Engineer Pass to Lake City may be open as it is being cleared now.
- 2:00pm Arrive Telluride, Lake City, or other destination and spend one to two hours exploring.
- 5:00pm Drive back to Ouray on paved roads and return Jeeps no later than 6pm. Jeeps should be washed and gassed up before returning.
- 5:45pm Dinner in small groups at Bon Ton 426 Main Street, beneath the St. Elmo Hotel, Ouray, CO 81427, phone 970-325-4419. We have reservations for 26 but in small groups of 4, 6, or 8.

Saturday, July 6th, 2019

10:00am Scenic Drive possibly Hwy 550 South from Ouray towards Durango with a stop in Silverton. Exact route to be determined. Shirley and Jim Johnson are planning this day.

5:00pm Dinner for 26 at Brickhouse 737 Located at 737 Main Street, Ouray, Colorado 81427, Ouray, CO 81427, phone 970-325-7236. Confirmed.

Sunday, July 7th, 2019

10:00am Depart for home