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A Voice From the Past

I am captivated by the news of a potentially profound discovery made by park volunteers in a remote canyon in Padre Bay. After scrambling my way into a craggy canyon crevice, I scan the wall with anticipation, which yields quickly to excitement in my moment of discovery. Mesmerized, I stand before an inscription potentially dating back more than 200 years; the only known inscription of its kind in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area or elsewhere in the Southwest. The language is foreign, the style unfamiliar, yet I feel strangely connected to this voice from the past: a single voice that draws me near whispering a simple yet direct message, “Paso por aqui año 1776” – passed by here year 1776.

Who did pass by here and why? We know Padres Dominguez and Escalante passed through Glen Canyon in November 1776. Their extraordinary journal reveals the events of their journey as they departed from Santa Fe, New Mexico on July 29, 1776 in search of a trade route to California; a journey abandoned with the onset of early winter storms. I imagine their distress as they endured searing heat, bone-freezing cold, dreadful storms, hunger, and other hardships as they struggled to get back to a home that was so far away. Seeing these words allows me to contemplate my journeys far from home and the paths I have followed in life. I feel a sudden kinship with this group of weary, weather-beaten travelers.

The inscriptions left behind by historical expeditions are not the only measure of passage through this remote area. Many ancient voices call out to me. A pre-historic granary, cleverly hidden in an alcove, speaks of a family’s need to conceal it from others and protect it from the environment. However, stick figure images and painted hand prints on the rock wall convey their desire to be part of a larger community and connect with humanity. More recent remnants of rusty plows and broken pickaxes are persuasive reminders of both grand dreams and harsh realities in the daily toils of frustrated farmers and dismayed fortune seekers. Through these examples and more I hear voices from the past – they have been conversational companions during my wanderings in this rugged landscape, affirming a connection to those who came before.

Yet as I explore further, I realize that these treasures of old are growing fainter, some nearly erased by the chatter of modern day graffiti, vandalism and looting. Graffiti has almost completely obliterated the “Paso por aqui” inscription. We risk losing the wisdom and memory of those who speak to us from the past. Can we afford to let them fade away?

As I listen to the whisper of ancient voices, I take pictures and ponder my feelings. I add nothing to these walls; I leave nothing behind; I do not touch or take artifacts; I preserve this story and take only the memory of this moment as I pass by here – on my way back home.

Cynthia Adams, NPS Park Guide

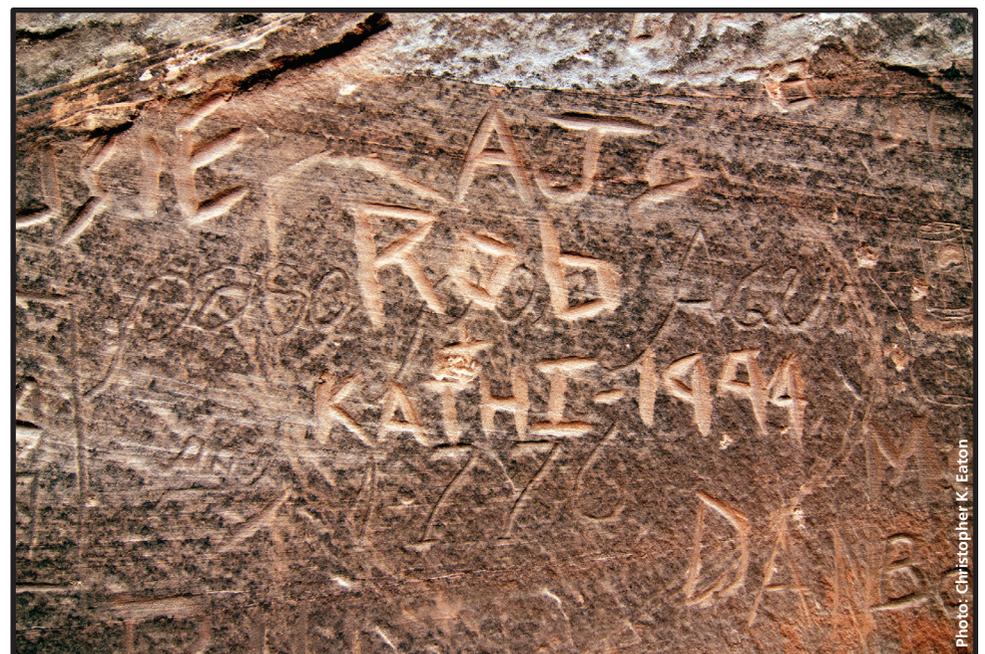


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Can you find the “paso por aqui” inscription under this graffiti?

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Welcome to Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument



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Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Rainbow Bridge National Monument

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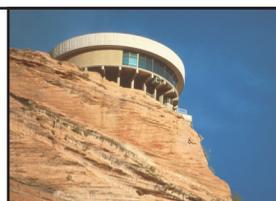
Park Headquarters

928-608-6200

Area Visitor Centers	Hours	Information
Carl Hayden Visitor Center	8am-4pm daily with extended hours in the summer	928-608-6404 www.nps.gov/glca
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Headquarters	7am-4pm Monday-Friday closed noon-1pm, weekends and holidays	928-608-6200 www.nps.gov/glca
Navajo Bridge Interpretive Center	9am-5pm daily April through Oct	928-355-2319 www.nps.gov/glca
Bullfrog Visitor Center	hours will vary Memorial Day - Labor Day	435-684-7423 www.nps.gov/glca
Big Water Visitor Center	8am-5pm daily	435-675-3200 www.ut.blm.gov/monument
Paria Contact Station	8am-5pm daily mid-March through mid-Nov	No phone https://www.blm.gov/az/asfo/paria/index.htm
Escalante Interagency Visitor Center	8am- 4:30pm daily	435-826-5499 www.ut.blm.gov/monument



Amphitheater



Carl Hayden Visitor Center



Solar Scope



Aquarium



Navajo Bridge

Ranger Programs

Carl Hayden Visitor Center

- **Ranger Talks:** presented daily on a variety of subjects. (length 15 min.) Year-round.
- **Ranger Programs:** Presentations in the auditorium three times a week. (length 30 min.) Memorial Day to mid-September.
- **Solar Scope:** Solar telescope viewing is offered outside the visitor center several times a week. April through October.
- **Education Programs:** Available for school groups by appointment. Contact Education Specialist at 928-608-6353 or www.nps.gov/glca/forteachers. Year-round.

Note—These programs may also be available outside the regular season. Contact a Park Ranger at the information desk for further information.

Lake Powell/Colorado River Trips

- Park Rangers are on board at least one commercial boat tour and/or river trip several times a week, May through September.

Wahweap Campground Amphitheater

- **Evening Programs:** Park Ranger presentations on a variety of subjects from Memorial Day to mid-September. Check for times, dates, and topics posted at Carl Hayden Visitor Center and the amphitheater.

Bullfrog

- **Ranger Talks:** “Table of Wonder” Park Ranger talks are presented twice a week at Defiance House lodge. Presentations are offered from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Memorial Day to mid-September

Rainbow Bridge

- **Ranger Talks:** Park Rangers at Rainbow Bridge will be giving presentations at various times of the day. May through September.

Navajo Bridge Interpretive Center

- **Ranger Talks:** Park Rangers will give talks on a variety of subjects at the Interpretive Center and at Navajo Bridge. Check at the visitor center for times and topics. May through September.

* ** Special programs and presentations will take place at various locations from May 15 to September 15. Check at a park visitor center or call 928-608-6404 to find out the latest program information. ***

Fees

Glen Canyon Passes (Entrance fees are required year-round)	1 – 7 days	Annual Pass
Vehicle	\$15	\$30
Individual	\$7	
Boating	\$16 first vessel	
	\$8 each additional vessel on the same trailer	

America the Beautiful - National Parks and Federal Lands Pass

Interagency Annual Pass	Valid for one year in federal recreation areas which charge an entrance or standard amenity fee.	\$80
Interagency Senior Pass	Lifetime pass for any US citizen age 62 and over	\$10 one-time fee
Interagency Access Pass	Lifetime pass for any US citizen with permanent disabilities	No fee required
Interagency Volunteer Pass	Good for one year access to any volunteer who has acquired 500 hours of service	No fee required

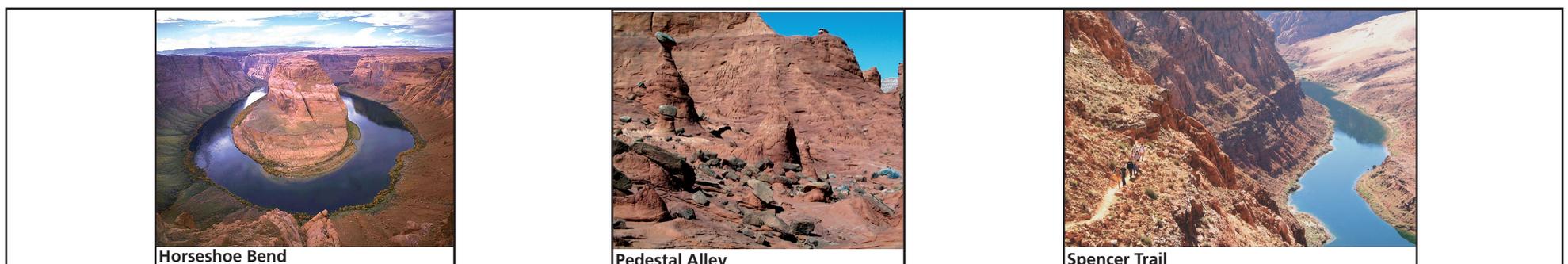
Camping (entrance and boating use fees apply)

Lees Ferry	\$12 per site/night	Limits on camping: 14 consecutive days, 30 days maximum per calendar year. No camping is permitted at Rainbow Bridge National Monument.
Lone Rock Primitive	\$10 per vehicle/night Camping fees required 8pm-6am.	
Stanton Creek, Hite, Farley, Dirty Devil Primitive	\$6 per person/night (not to exceed \$12 per vehicle)	
Backcountry, Including shores of Lake Powell and Colorado River	No camping fee required	
Additional developed campgrounds, operated by the NPS concessioner Lake Powell Resorts & Marinas, are available at Wahweap, Bullfrog, and Halls Crossing. For details and rates call 1-800-528-6154.		

Day Hikes in Glen Canyon

Hike	Bullfrog Area	Length	Terrain	Difficulty
Bullfrog Campground Nature Trail	Start from Bullfrog Campground loop "B", or park at the Ferry lot and walk up to trailhead.	1.5 mile (2km) round-trip	Sandy hike, some slickrock scrambling, follow rock cairns	*Easy
Pedestal Alley	From the Bullfrog Visitor Center, take Highway 276 north approximately 4.4 miles (7 km) to the marked junction with the Burr Trail. Turn left onto the Burr Trail and go about 4.8 miles (7.7 km) to the Pedestal Alley parking area. The trailhead is across the road from the parking area.	3 mile (4.8km) round-trip	Sandy and rocky, must cross some washes	Easy to moderate
Red Wash Trail	Leave your vehicle at the Bullfrog Visitor Center and walk the trail as far as you wish.	1 mile (1.6km) round-trip	Sandy wash, must climb in and out of wash	Moderate
Hike	Lees Ferry Area	Length	Terrain	Difficulty
Cathedral Wash	Drive down the Lees Ferry Rd from 89A for 1.4 miles, and park at the pullout. Then walk across the road to enter the wash, heading downstream.	3 mile (4.8km) round-trip	Rocky wash , requires some scrambling	Moderate
Lonely Dell (\$1 Guide Available in Parking Area)	Lonely Dell Ranch Parking area at Lees Ferry. Park in the lot and walk towards the buildings and trees.	1 mile (1.6km) round-trip	Grassy and flat	*Easy
Paria	Park in the Lonely Dell Ranch parking area and walk up past the buildings and trees to the river. The trail meanders upstream. Hike up and down the river as far as you wish. (Permit Required for Overnight Hikes - Permits available at Paria Contact Station)	The entire canyon is 45 miles (72.4km) one way	Sandy wash and multiple river crossings	Difficult
River Trail/Lees Fort	Park at launch ramp parking area. Walk through the historic district upstream along the Colorado River.	2 mile (3.2km) round-trip	Sandy	*Easy
Spencer Trail	Park at launch ramp parking area. After walking along the River trail, Spencer Trail cuts to the left to climb the cliff.	2.2 mile (3.5km) one-way	1505 foot (457.8m) rocky climb up switchbacks	Difficult
Hike	Page/Wahweap Area	Length	Terrain	Difficulty
Agua Tierra (Free Guide Available)	Loop trail begins at Lake Powell Resort Lodge.	1.2 miles (2 km) round-trip	Paved	*Easy
Dam Overlook (Free Guide Available)	From Carl Hayden Visitor Center drive south 1.5 miles (2.4km) on Hwy 89, turn west on Scenic View Drive. Take the first road to the right, and park in the parking area at the end of the road.	940 ft (286m) round-trip	Walk down stairs and over sandstone	*Easy
Hanging Garden (Free Guide Available)	From Carl Hayden Visitor Center, turn south on Hwy 89 and proceed across Glen Canyon Bridge. Turn off is one quarter mile (.4km) east on Hwy 89. Trailhead parking is 500 yards (455m) off of Hwy 89.	1 mile (1.6km) round-trip	Rocky and sandy	*Easy to Moderate
Horseshoe Bend (Free Guide Available)	From Carl Hayden Visitor Center turn south on Hwy 89. Approximately 5 miles on U.S. Hwy 89, just south of highway marker 545, turn west on the dirt parking area, and park at the base of the hill.	1.5 mile (2.4km) round-trip	Climb up and down sandy hill, Caution: dangerous drop-off, no railings	*Easy
Wiregrass Canyon	From Carl Hayden Visitor Center, drive north on Hwy 89 approximately 12 miles (19 km) to Big Water, Utah. Between mile posts 8 and 9, turn right into town. Turn right again 0.2 miles (0.5 km) from the junction. (There is a sign which reads "Glen Canyon National Recreation Area - State Highway 12" and which indicates the road.) Drive 4.4 miles (7.5 km) to "Wiregrass Canyon Back Country Use Area." Park in the pullout provided.	6 miles (9.7km) round-trip	Sandy wash , requires some scrambling and detours - look for rock cairns to lead you out	Moderate

*Fun and educational for the family



On all trails, there is little to no shade, questionable cell phone reception, and no water available. Be sure to bring enough water. Wear sturdy shoes, sunscreen and a hat. Before you leave, tell someone where you are going. Check weather and road conditions before attempting any hike. Do not enter any trails through washes if there is a potential for Flash Floods!

Things to do in Glen Canyon (see page 3 for detailed hike information)

One Hour:

Bullfrog

- Tour Bullfrog Visitor Center and Defiance House Lodge or the Bullfrog Marina
- At the Bullfrog Visitor Center, watch the 50-minute movie on the history of Glen Canyon Dam

Lees Ferry

- Lonely Dell Ranch: Explore the orchard, log cabins, stone ranch house, and pioneer cemetery in this 1 mile (1.6 km) walk. Picnic under the fruit trees. Bring drinking water with you.
- Navajo Bridge Interpretive Center: View the double Navajo Bridges and Marble Canyon, learn about the history of the bridges, look for California Condors.
- Hike: River Trail & Lees Fort

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- Carl Hayden Visitor Center: Exhibits about the Glen Canyon Dam, water conservation. Watch a movie about the Dam and about Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. View the aquarium featuring endangered native fish. Attend a Ranger program. Browse the Glen Canyon Natural History Association's bookstore.
- Glen Canyon Dam Tours: Follow your guide to the crest of and into Glen Canyon Dam and to the powerhouse in this 45-minute tour. You must sign up in person at the Carl Hayden Visitor Center to attend the tour. Call for times: 928-608-6072.
- Hikes: Agua Tierra Loop Trail, Glen Canyon Dam Overlook, Hanging Garden Trail, Horseshoe Bend Hike, Wahweap View Overlook. Approximately 1 hour each.

Two Hours:

Bullfrog

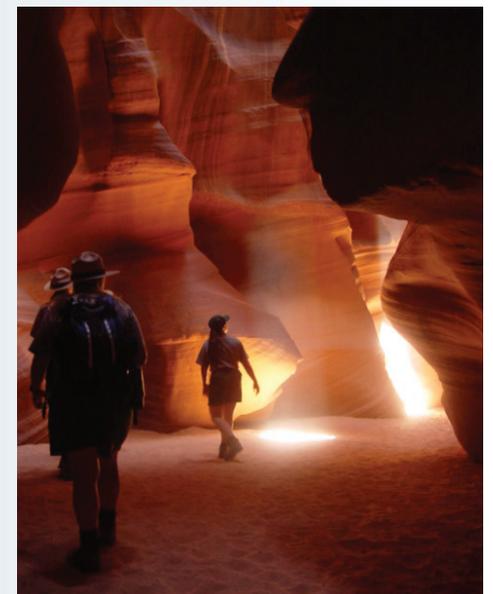
- Take a ride on the Halls Crossing-Bullfrog ferry. Walk on passes are \$5 each one-way. Call 435-684-3000 for ferry schedule.
- Hikes: Bullfrog Campground Nature Trail, Red Wash Trail

Lees Ferry

- Hike: Paria Canyon Trail

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- Antelope Canyon Slot Canyon Tours: Guided tours through the famous Antelope Canyon begin in the city of Page or at the entrance to the Navajo National Tribal Park on Hwy 98. 1 ½ - 2 ½ hours. Navajo Parks and guide fees required
- Antelope Canyon Boat Tours: Take a ride on a cruise boat with knowledgeable staff into the lake entrance of Antelope Canyon and to view the back of the Glen Canyon Dam. Tours begin in the lobby of the Lake Powell Resort. 1 ½ hours. For reservations call: 928-645-1070
- Visit the John Wesley Powell Museum in the city of Page. \$5 entrance fee.
- Visit the Big Water Visitor Center and its paleontological exhibits 12 miles north of Carl Hayden Visitor Center



Antelope Slot Canyon

Three Hours:

Lees Ferry

- Hike: Cathedral Wash

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- Navajo Tapestry Boat Tour: Take a ride on a cruise boat with knowledgeable staff into Navajo Canyon where you will see a tapestry wall, then continue into Antelope Canyon and to the Glen Canyon Dam. Tours begin in the lobby of the Lake Powell Resort. 3 hours. For reservations call: 928-645-1070
- There are several hikes along Hwy 89 North between Page, AZ and Kanab, UT. For information on these (Paria Townsite, Paria Rimrocks – Toadstool Trail, Bucktank Draw and Birthday Arch, Blue Pools Wash and Arch, Skylight Arch) please stop at the Carl Hayden Visitor Center. 2-3 hours each including driving time



Explore Lake Powell by boat

Half Day to All Day:

Bullfrog

- Rent a power boat or kayak and explore the upper regions of the lake at your leisure. Call 435-684-3000 for reservations.
- Drive the Burr Trail up to the Halls Creek Overlook or Waterpocket Fold Overlook. See Bullfrog Visitor Center for Driving Guide.
- Drive to the Hite Overlook and the Hog Springs Nature Trail. See Bullfrog Visitor Center for information

Lees Ferry

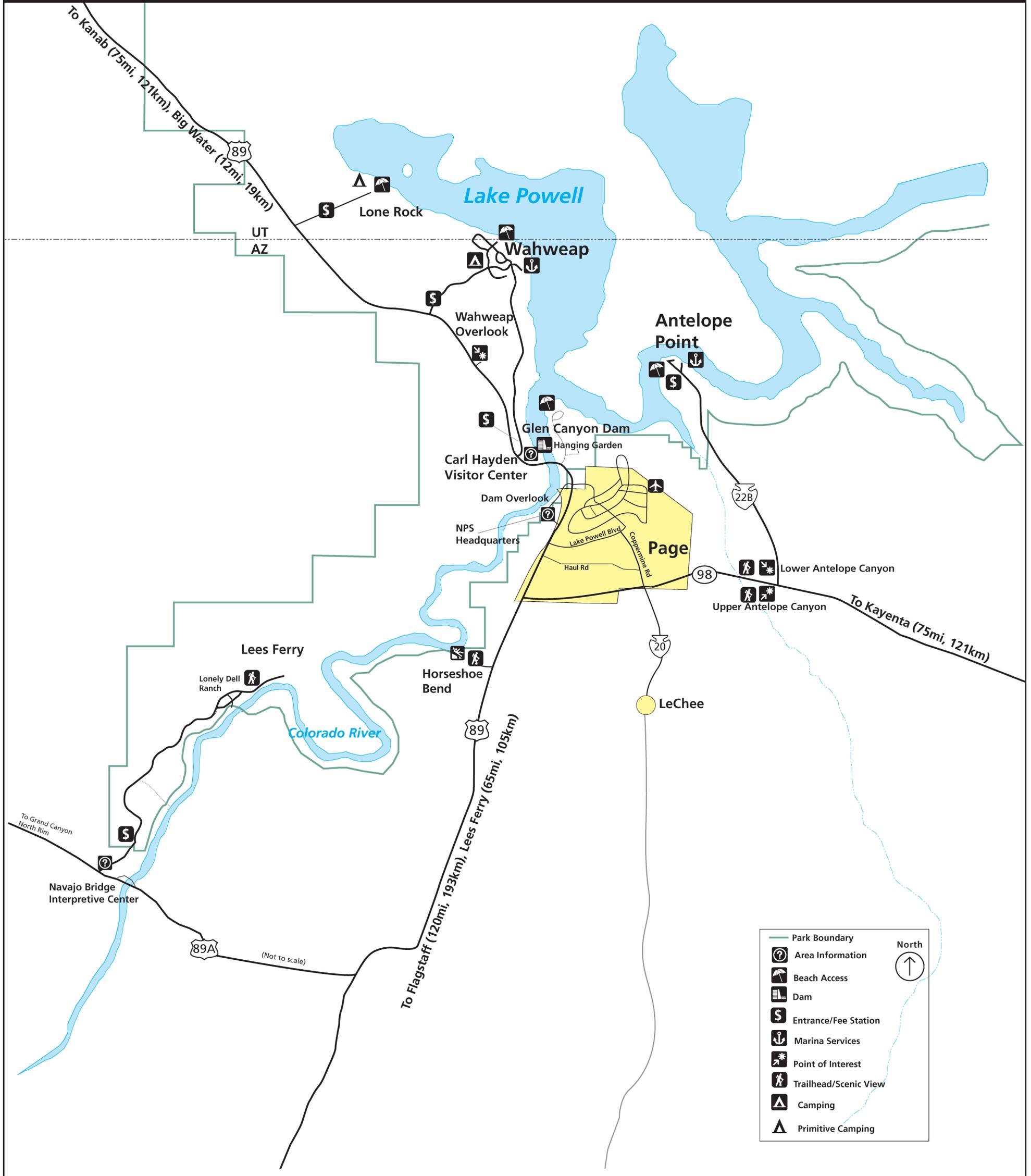
- Hike: Spencer Trail: This historic trail climbs 1505 feet (458.7 m) up the cliff behind Lees Ferry. It is not regularly maintained but is passable to careful hikers. Magnificent views of the Colorado River and Marble Canyon. Bring drinking water and food.

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- Rainbow Bridge Boat Tour: Take this 7 ½ - 8 hour boat ride up to Rainbow Bridge National Monument. Travel through superb views of Lake Powell to Bridge Canyon where you will disembark and walk approximately 1¼ mile (2 km) on a maintained, dirt trail up to this magnificent natural bridge. Bring drinking water with you on the trail. A box lunch is served on the ride back. Tours begin in the lobby of the Lake Powell Resort. For reservations call: 928-645-1070
- Rainbow Bridge boat tours will begin in the summertime from Antelope Point Marina. Call 928-645-5900 for information.
- Rent a boat or kayak and explore the lake. For reservations: Antelope Point Marina: 928-645-5900, Lake Powell Resorts Boat Rentals: 928-645-2433
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Contact a Park Ranger or Visitor Center for more ideas to make your visit to Glen Canyon National Recreation Area the best it can be.

Page, AZ and Nearby Points of Interest



Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

Facility Locations

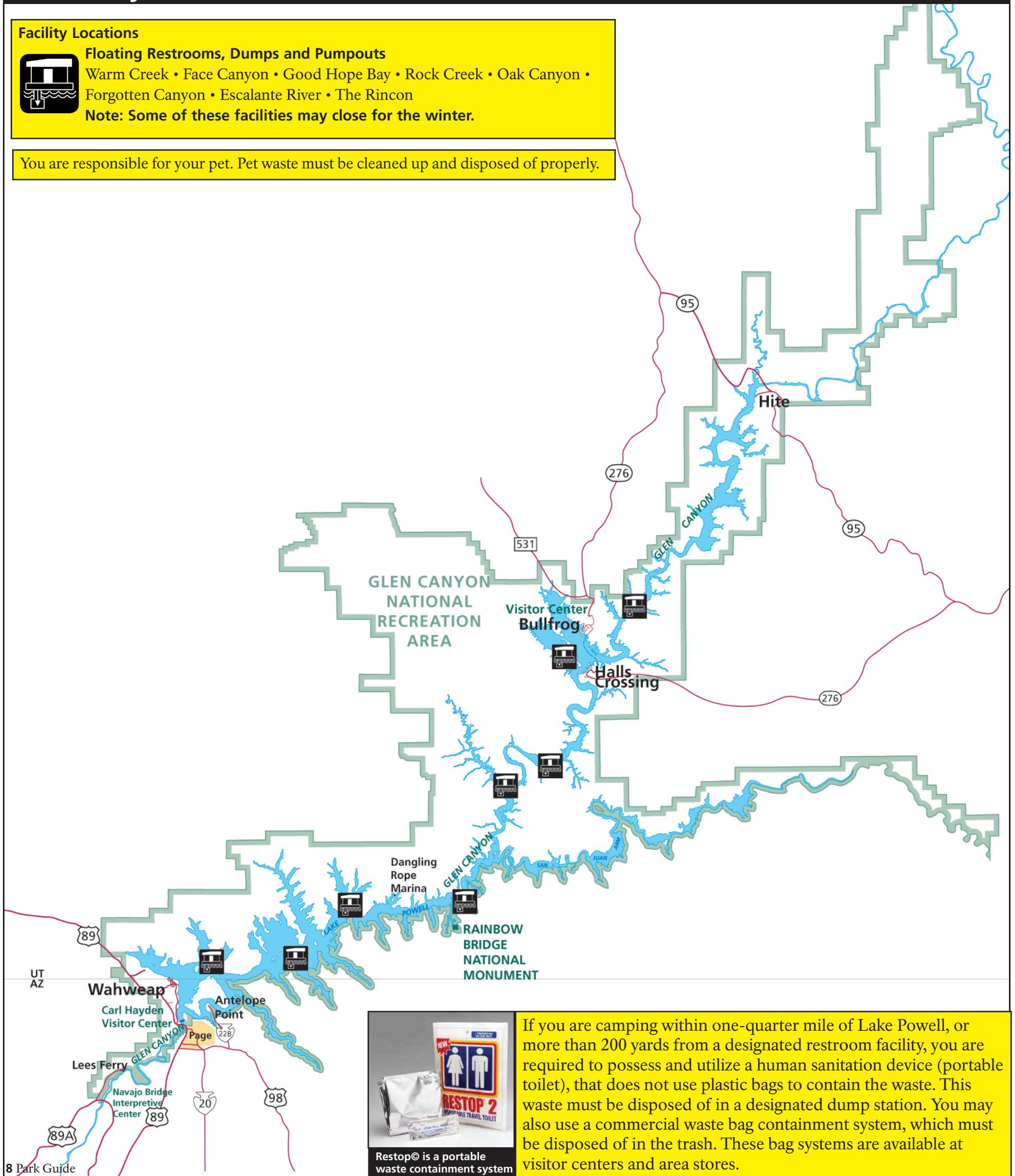


Floating Restrooms, Dumps and Pumpouts

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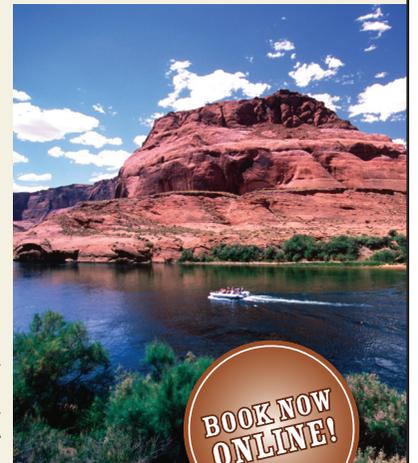
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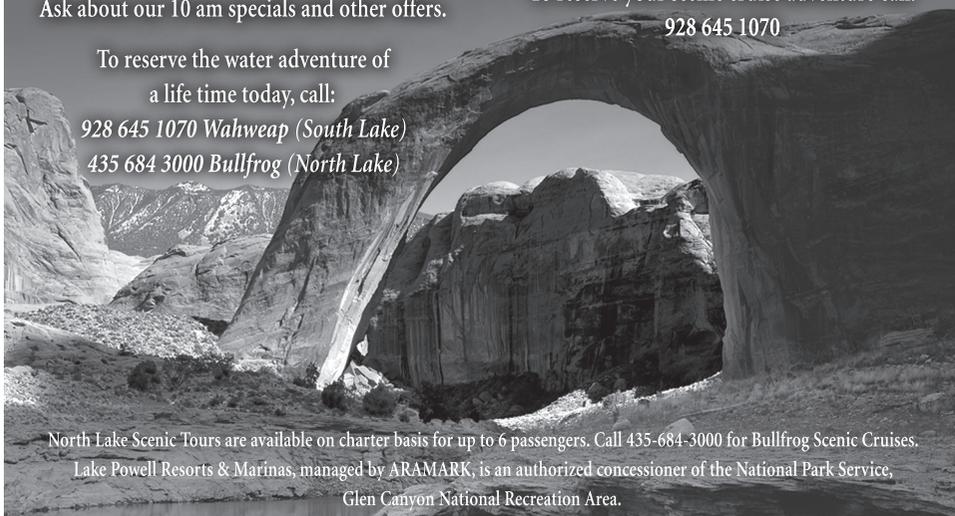
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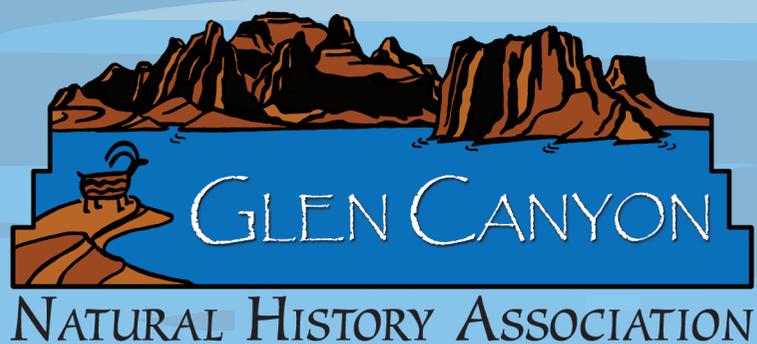


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NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

We are a cooperating association that supports and funds education, research, interpretation, and visitor services within the public lands on the Colorado Plateau. Working in partnership with Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Rainbow Bridge National Monument, and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, we promote and inspire the preservation and stewardship of cultural and natural resources.



Your purchase at bookstores in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area visitor centers will directly support education, interpretation, and research in this park.

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Park Profile

Authorization

Glen Canyon NRA was established by the U.S. Congress on October 27, 1972 to "... provide for public outdoor recreation use and enjoyment of Lake Powell and lands adjacent thereto in the States of Arizona and Utah and to preserve the scenic, scientific, and historic features contributing to the public enjoyment of the area..."

Name

During Major John Wesley Powell's 1879 expedition of the Colorado River, he noted, "So we have a curious ensemble of wonderful features - carved walls, royal arches, glens, alcove gulches, mounds, and monuments. From which of these features shall we select a name? We decide to call it Glen Canyon."

Size

1.25 million acres (505,868 hectares) lies within the two states of Arizona and Utah.

Lake Powell

Only 13% of the National Recreation Area, but is the second largest man-made lake in North America. At full pool (3700' elevation) it is 186 miles (299 km) long, has 1960 miles (3161 km) of shoreline, over 90 side canyons, and a capacity of 27 million acre-feet (32 million cubic meters). Its maximum depth (at Glen Canyon Dam) is 561 feet (171 m).

Geology

Glen Canyon NRA is part of the Colorado Plateau ecosystem. Different environments over a period of 300 million years laid down layer upon layer of sedimentary materials, primarily sandstones and mudstones. Approximately 5 million years ago this region was uplifted, thus forming the Colorado Plateau. The Colorado River and its tributaries carved through the plateau's layers, creating Glen Canyon.

Flora and Fauna

Glen Canyon NRA has catalogued the following species: 800 plants, 311 birds, 64 mammals, 27 fish, 28 reptiles, and 7 amphibians.

Archeology and Human History

There are thousands of remote archeological sites throughout Glen Canyon NRA. The oldest human artifacts found are nearly 10,000 years old. There are four National Register listed properties within Glen Canyon NRA. These are Lonely Dell Ranch National Historic District at Lees Ferry, Defiance House Ruin, Hole-In-The-Rock, and the Davis Pictograph Panel.

Ten Ways to Be Safe and Live to Play Another Day

Danger! Glen Canyon's beauty can deceive you into letting your guard down. There are many risks you should be aware of. Here are ten ways you can hurt or kill yourself in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

10) You left the sunscreen at home.

In the summertime, temperatures in Glen Canyon can reach over 100 ° F. If you are recreating anywhere in the park, listen to your body. It needs to drink water, to replenish electrolytes, and to stay cool. Sodas and alcohol only help dehydrate you. Keep your skin protected with light-colored clothing, sunglasses, a hat, and sunscreen.

9) You froze your toes or got swept away.

Glen Canyon experiences extreme weather throughout the year. In the wintertime, temperatures can get down to freezing, and a trip on the lake may lead to a case of hypothermia. Bundle up. And throughout the year, when it does rain, the rain rushes into streams, causing flash floods. They are beautiful, but deceptively dangerous. Do not attempt crossing a flash flood. Chances are the storm will end soon. Wait until it is safe.

8) You jumped off what?

It is prohibited for any person to jump or dive off of rock cliffs, ledges, or man-made structures higher than fifteen feet. If you don't kill yourself hitting the water, you may hit an underwater rock feature. People die jumping into Lake Powell.

7) You drove like a maniac.

You don't have to be on Lake Powell to be in an accident in Glen Canyon. Traffic laws don't just fly out the window once you go through the entrance stations.

6) You parked your boat in the wrong place.

That rocky overhang looks nice and inviting during a rainstorm, right? Wrong! That is the worst place to go. The whole thing could fall on top of your boat. A rockfall killed

two people in their boat last year.

5) You drove like a maniac, part two.

Boats don't have brakes. There are many things in and on Lake Powell to run into. Be aware of your surroundings.

4) You breathed the deadly air.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is the stuff nightmares are made of. Except you never wake up from this sleep. Don't hang out where the boat vents its exhaust. Keep CO detectors in every room of your houseboat. Make sure when your generator is running, no one is playing or sleeping anywhere near it.

3) You aren't wearing your smartest accessory.

Wear your lifejacket. On the boat, it's optional for you, but required for your children. And on the dock, and the beach, anyone under 12, no matter how well he or she swims, should wear a lifejacket.

2) You had a few cold ones.

Everyone knows that driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is dangerous, illegal and a good way to die or kill someone. The same goes for boating. Drinking alcohol impairs your judgment and your reflexes. So save the booze for later.

1) You forgot to bring two important things: your common sense, and your judgement.

Look back over this list. How many of these situations can be prevented by just thinking them through? All of them! Don't get lulled into the false sense of security that being on vacation leads to. Glen Canyon National Recreation Area averages six deaths per year. Last year we had thirteen. We want you to have a vacation experience you will never forget. Don't let it be for the wrong reasons.



Mussel-Free Certification

Quagga and zebra mussels are aquatic nuisance species. They do not belong in Lake Powell or the Colorado River. All watercraft at Glen Canyon NRA, including canoes, kayaks, and rafts, are required to be certified free of quagga and zebra mussels. Procedures to certify your watercraft are available through entrance station staff, stations near the top of all launch ramps, and online at www.nps.gov/glca. All vehicles with an attached watercraft or trailer must have a "Mussel Free" certificate visible through the front windshield. You are strongly encouraged to visit the website for detailed information about this program. Doing this may save you time and money when visiting Glen Canyon NRA. Take pride in preserving Lake Powell by doing your part in stopping the spread of mussels and other aquatic nuisance species.

Lake Powell 2008 Fishing Forecast

Lake Powell has been identified by a popular sporting magazine as one of the top-10 fishing destinations in the United States. Incredibly high numbers of striped bass and smallmouth bass reside in the huge lake and will continue to delight anglers in 2008.

Fishing picks up in April when bass start spawning and continues unabated through October when air and water temperatures drop. Striped bass fishing marks the spring peak in May but fishing gets even better in the hot summer months as striper bass "boil" on the surface during daily shad feeding frenzies. Chasing boils seen from long distances is an incredibly exciting fishing experience. Lake Powell features some of the best striper boils found anywhere in fresh water. September may be the greatest fishing month with perfect air and water temperatures coupled with aggressive feeding from all of Lake Powell's 10 sport fish species. See www.wayneswords.com for the most recent fishing information and regulations.



A happy family shows off their catch

Wayne Gustaveson, Utah DWR Ranger

Discover Rainbow Bridge



Who discovered Rainbow Bridge? Well, I did. Twelve years ago, when you could still see Rainbow Bridge from the water, I sat at the back of a Park Service boat as my fellow rangers motored through that last bend before the bridge jumps out at you. My heart really did skip a beat. I've been in love ever since, and every time I visit my heart discovers it again as if for the first time. My best friend discovered Rainbow Bridge on a school field trip when she was nine. She remembers being disappointed that it wasn't a rainbow like the kind leprechauns have. But now she can't wait for an opportunity to borrow a boat so she can bring her ten-year-old daughter to discover it for herself. You may be about to discover Rainbow Bridge right now, for the first time, or the hundredth. Every single person who visits has the privilege of discovering Rainbow Bridge in their own unique way.

Ah, but who first to discovered Rainbow Bridge? The answer is buried in ancient history. Several American Indian tribes had known about the bridge hundreds of years before its "discovery" by the outside world. In 1909, archeologist Byron Cummings, and federal surveyor William Douglass combined forces to find this elusive bridge about which they had heard so much. They were led by John Wetherill, a pioneering trader and explorer of the Southwest, along with two Paiute guides, Nasja Begay and Jim Mike. For days they rode through the rugged slickrock canyon country that surrounds Navajo Mountain. Finally, late in the afternoon on

August 14, 1909, the party reached Rainbow Bridge. Less than a year later, President Taft set aside Rainbow Bridge as a national monument. How can you discover Rainbow Bridge? There are two approaches to Rainbow Bridge National Monument. One is the choice of 14 or 18 mile hikes from Navajo Mountain. The other is the boat



trip across Lake Powell up Bridge Canyon to the boat docks, where you then walk about 1¼ miles to the observation area. You are welcome to take your private boat, or rent a boat from Wahweap, Antelope Point, Bullfrog, or Halls Crossing Marinas and pilot yourself there. Boat tours are also available from Wahweap and Bullfrog Marinas. The tours only depart if they have over ten passengers signed up, so be sure to call ahead (1-800-528-6154, or 928-645-1070). The Park Service does not recommend that you take the Navajo Mountain hikes in the summer due to extreme temperatures and lack of shade or water. But once it starts cooling off in the fall, take the effort to prepare yourself, acquire a permit from the Navajo Nation Parks and Recreation Department (928-871-6647), and retrace the expeditions from almost 100 years ago. It is an experience like no other. Detailed information on the Navajo Mountain hikes to Rainbow Bridge can be found on Rainbow Bridge National Monument's website, www.nps.gov/rabr.

So the discovery of Rainbow Bridge isn't just something that happened long ago or something that you could never be a part of. It happens every day, by everyone who visits, or hears a story about it, or sees pictures of it. I hope your turn to discover Rainbow Bridge is now.

Betsy Scroggs, NPS Interpretive Specialist

The Best Nights for Viewing the Sky

2008 New Moons

January 8
February 7
March 7
April 6
May 5
June 3
July 3
August 1, 30
September 29
October 28
November 27
December 27

2008 Full Moons

January 22
February 21
March 21
April 20
May 20
June 18
July 18
August 16
September 15
October 14
November 13
December 12

Rainbow Bridge National Monument Park Profile

Authorization

Rainbow Bridge NM was set aside on May 30, 1910 by President William H. Taft because the natural bridge itself "...is of great scientific interest as an example of eccentric stream erosion, and it appears that the public interest would be promoted by reserving this bridge as a National Monument..."

Administration

Because of its remote location, Rainbow Bridge NM was under the custodial management of Navajo National Monument from its authorization in 1910 until 1963, when management of the Monument was handed over to Glen Canyon NRA.

Name

No one person can take claim for the actual naming of the bridge. The name just came about by virtue of its resemblance to a rainbow turned to stone. During the discovery expedition in 1909, surveyor William Douglass tried to call it the Paiute word for rainbow - Barohoini Bridge, but that name never stuck.

Affiliated American Indian Tribes/Groups

Five American Indian tribes/groups claim affiliation to Rainbow Bridge and surrounding areas. These are the Navajo, Hopi, San Juan Southern Paiute, Kaibab Paiute, and White Mesa Ute Council of the Ute Mountain Ute. A consultation committee made up of these groups was formalized in 1991.

Size

Monument: 160 acres (65 hectares)
Rainbow Bridge itself:
Height - 290 feet (88 m)
Span - 275 feet (84 m)
Top of the arch is 42 feet (13 m) thick and 33 feet (10 m) wide.

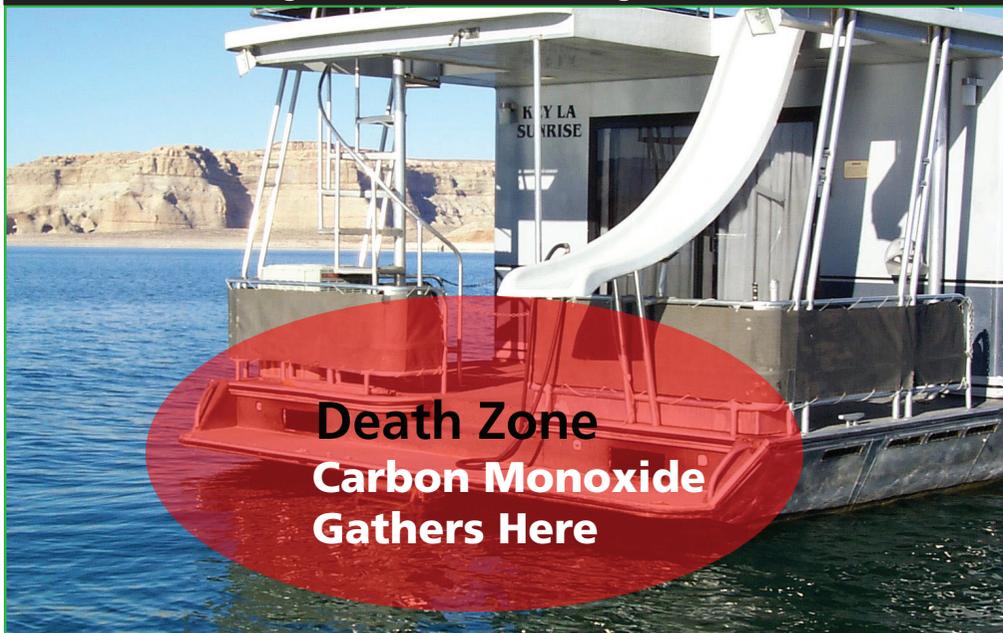
Geology

Over millions of years, Rainbow Bridge was formed by the action of erosion as Bridge Creek flowed down from Navajo Mountain and carved through the relatively soft Navajo sandstone which rests upon the more resistant Kayenta formation.

Flora and Fauna

Glen Canyon NRA has catalogued the following species: 800 plants, 311 birds, 64 mammals, 27 fish, 28 reptiles, and 7 amphibians. Any of these species could potentially be found at Rainbow Bridge NM as well.

Live to Play Another Day... Be Safe



**Death Zone
Carbon Monoxide
Gathers Here**

Do stay out of the Death Zone. In 2007, the park had one fatality and over 20 people became seriously ill due to Carbon Monoxide poisoning.



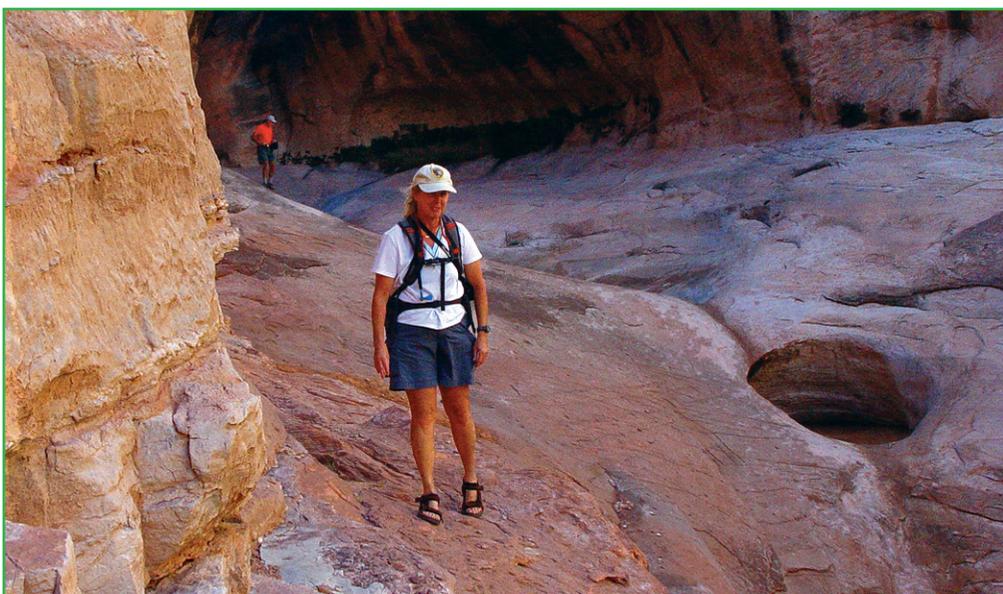
Don't drink while boating. It is dangerous and illegal too! Alcohol is a major factor in up to 50% of boating fatalities.



Do wear your life jacket! In 2007, 3 people died from drowning. Two were children.



Don't jump off a cliff. This young man DIED.



Do wear sunscreen and a hat, do bring plenty of water, don't let the heat take over your vacation.



Don't attempt crossing a flash flood! They come on strong, and they come on fast.