Discover Glen Canyon

Welcome!

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area's varied expanses of land and water offer more than you may think. As a unit of the National Park Service, Glen Canyon preserves and protects over 1.2 million acres for scenic, scientific, and recreational values. Glen Canyon's vast acreage can be divided into three prominent land and water areas, each of which offers distinct types of experiences for visitors from around the globe.

Lake Powell is a water storage reservoir created by Glen Canyon Dam. It is the largest reservoir by surface area in the country, yet comprises only 13% of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The impounded waters offer unparalleled water-based recreational opportunities where you can boat, swim, fish, water ski, camp or take a boat tour to Rainbow Bridge or Antelope Canyon.

You may be surprised to know that almost half of the park is managed as a proposed wilderness area, meaning there is minimal development and visitors can enjoy a more remote experience. The remainder of the park offers areas that include marinas where food, lodging and rental boats are available. Or you may want to explore the park via the rivers, trails, and scenic overlooks. For spectacular views of the canyon country, those with 4-wheel drive vehicles can visit less accessible areas of the park like Alstrom Point or the Burr Trail, which begins in Glen Canyon and continues into Capitol Reef National Park.

With such recreational diversity and so many places to discover, visitors are often inspired to return for further exploration. Whether it’s by boat, car, or foot, we invite you to experience all that Glen Canyon National Recreation Area has to offer. Have a safe and enjoyable visit.

Todd W. Brindle
Superintendent

Emergency Numbers
911
NPS Park Dispatch: (928) 608-6300
or (800) 582-4351
Marine Band Channel 16
If you do not have a radio or phone, hail another boater who can call for help.

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General Information

Glen Canyon's 1.25 million acres were set aside for the National Park Service by Congress in 1972. Its vast landscape is filled with rugged canyon lands, sandstone mesas, rivers, and a 186-mile-long reservoir called Lake Powell. Getting from the one end of the park to the other requires many hours by boat or by car. Most visitors find it impractical to visit more than one district in a single trip.

During Major John Wesley Powell's famous 1869 expedition on the Colorado River, he noted, "So we have a curious ensemble of wonderful features - carved walls, royal arches, glens, alcove grottes, mounds, and monuments. From which of these features shall we select a name? We decide to call it Glen Canyon."

Invasive Mussels
Quagga and zebra mussels cause severe economic and ecological damage. Quagga mussels are biofoulers, attaching to most hard surfaces including boats, docks, cables, and water intake structures. They form thick mats that may be up to 18 inches thick. These mats can contain hundreds of thousands of individual mussels. Ecologically, zebra mussels drastically alter the ecology of infested water bodies and may severely impact sport fisheries. Quagga mussels are filter feeders and each animal filters approximately one liter of water per day, removing algae and small zooplankton from the water column. When this occurs, the algae and zooplankton are no longer available to support higher levels of the food chain. Often, the sport fishery is compromised.

Detour
US-Highway 89 is closed from just south of Horseshoe Bend to Highway 89A due to a landslide. In order to travel south of Page, you must take Highway 89T, formerly Navajo Route 20, also known as the Coppermine Road in Page. This two-lane paved road is 44 miles long, and meets Highway 89 at The Gap on the Navajo Reservation. Please plan accordingly. www.azdot.gov/89a

Portable Toilet Requirements
If you are camping within one-quarter mile of Lake Powell, and more than 200 yards from a designated restroom facility, you are required to possess and utilize a human sanitation device (portable toilet), that does not use plastic bags to contain the waste. This waste must be disposed of in a designated dump station. You may also use a commercial waste bag containment system, which must be disposed of in the trash. These bag systems are available at visitor centers and area stores.

Weather and Climate

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Lees Ferry

What do I have time to do?

One Hour
- Navajo Bridge Interpretive Center: View the double Navajo Bridges and Marble Canyon, walk across the historic bridge, shop the bookstore, observe California condors during spring and fall.
- Hike to Lonely Dell Ranch or River Trail and Lees Fort, see below for more information.

Three Hours
- Hike Cathedral Wash, see below for more information.

Half Day to All Day
- Go Fishing: Fish from the shoreline or go angling up-river with one of the local fishing guides. An AZ fishing license with a trout stamp is required.

Where can I stay?

Lees Ferry Campground
54 developed sites, no hook-ups, RV dump, first-come first-serve.

Up-River Primitive Camping
Camping is permitted only in six designated sites on a first-come first-serve basis. Sites are marked with signs and have composting toilets and fire pits. Fires are permitted only in fire pit or portable fire pans. No wood gathering. Federal law prohibits the disturbance, defacement, or removal of historic or archaeological sites.

Where can I hike?

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<td>Lonely Dell</td>
<td>1 mile (1.6km)</td>
<td>1 hour</td>
<td>Grassy and flat</td>
<td>Park at the Lonely Dell parking area. Take an easy walk through the gate down the road to the orchard, ranch and the pioneer cemetery beyond. <strong>Bring drinking water, no potable water at the ranch.</strong></td>
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<td>River Trail</td>
<td>2 miles (3.2km)</td>
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<td>Park at the launch ramp parking area. Walk through the historic district upstream along the Colorado River to the site of the original cabled ferry crossing.</td>
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<td>Cathedral Wash</td>
<td>3 miles (4.8km)</td>
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<td>Drive down the Lees Ferry Road from Highway 89A for 1.4 miles and park in the designated pullout. Follow the road to enter the wash then go through the culvert heading downstream. <strong>Bring drinking water. No dogs allowed. Do not hike when there is a threat of flash-flooding.</strong></td>
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The orchards at Lonely Dell Ranch bear apricots, peaches, plums, apples, and pears seasonally. Visitors are welcome to pick fruit, but to ensure others can also enjoy the harvest, please take only one grocery bag per person or one box per family of ripe fruit. Please take care to not harm trees while harvesting. For your safety, we ask that equipment such as wheelbarrows, ladders, and tools not be used in the orchard.
What do I have time to do?

**One Hour**
- Carl Hayden Visitor Center: Exhibits, movies, ranger programs (summer only), bookstore.
- Glen Canyon Dam Tour: 45 minutes, $5.00 per person. Call for times: 928-608-6072.
- Go to Dam Overlook see Hikes page 5 for more information.
- Drive to Wahweap Overlook or Lakeshore Drive, see Drives page 5 for more information.
- Antelope Canyon Boat Tour: 1 hour. For reservations call Antelope Point Marina: 928-608-4477.

**Two Hours**
- Hike to the Hanging Garden (Guided walk offered in the summer. Check Carl Hayden Visitor Center for schedule) or Horseshoe Bend, see Hikes page 5.
- Antelope Canyon Boat Tour: 1 ½ hours. Tours begin in the lobby of the Lake Powell Resort Lodge at the Wahweap Marina. For reservations call: 928-645-2433.

**Three Hours**
- Canyon Adventure Boat Tour: 3 hours. Tours begin in the lobby of the Lake Powell Resort Lodge at the Wahweap Marina. For reservations call: 928-645-2433.

**Half to All Day**
- Hike Wiregrass Canyon, see Hikes page 5 for more information.
- Visit Rainbow Bridge National Monument, see back page for more information.
- Smooth Water Raft Trip below the dam: For reservations call Colorado River Discovery: 888-522-6644.
Where can I stay?

**RV Park**
Reservations: [www.lakepowell.com](http://www.lakepowell.com), 1-800-528-6154

Fire grills, tables, restrooms, showers, laundry, store, dump station, potable water. Pets are allowed on leach. The beach, picnic area and amphitheater are nearby. Can accommodate RVs up to 70 feet long.

- **Wahweap**
  - 139 full hook-up sites
  - 6 group sites with shade shelters, no hook-ups

- **Campground**
  - First-come first-serve, maximum two vehicles per site.

- **Wahweap**
  - 112 tent sites - some sites are large enough for an RV up to 40 feet
  - 9 walk-in tent sites - must carry equipment from parking area

- **Primitive Camping**
  - First-come first-serve, maximum two vehicles per site.

**Showers, microflush, vault toilets, and RV dump (not available year round).** See portable toilet requirements on page 2.

- **Lone Rock Beach**
  - Drive to the lake and camp on the beach. Be aware of soft sandy areas. It is easy to get a vehicle stuck in the sand. There is a designated off-road vehicle (ORV) play area.

- **Lake Powell Resort Lodge.** Rooms of various sizes, restaurant, gift shop.

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**About the Road:**

Easy, paved

- From the Carl Hayden Visitor Center turn right and drive north 0.7 mile (1.1km) on Hwy 89.
- Turn right at the Wahweap South Entrance (park entry fee required).
- Enjoy the scenery along Lake Shore Drive for 4.1 miles (6.6km) with two pull-outs.
- Continue to 4-way stop and turn left onto Wahweap Drive.
- After 2.4 miles (3.9km) exit through the Wahweap North Entrance and turn left to go south on Hwy 89.
- Continue for 4.4 miles (7km).
- Turn left just past the Scenic View turnoff (open sunrise to sunset), and drive 1.5 miles (2.4km) to the top of the hill for a panoramic view.
- Return to Hwy 89 and turn left to drive south.
- About 1.3 miles (2.1km) past the Glen Canyon Bridge, turn right onto Scenic View Road.
- Then turn right into the Dam Overlook parking lot.
- Take a short walk down the stone steps to the viewing area.

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Moderate to Difficult, unpaved

- Four-wheel drive high clearance vehicles required.
- Dirt road is impassable when wet – check road conditions before you go.
- Must cross Wahweap Creek.
- From the Carl Hayden Visitor Center, drive north on Hwy 89 for 15.3 miles (24.6km).
- In Big Water, UT, turn right (opposite from the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument visitor center) onto Ethan Allen Rd for 0.3 mile (0.5km) then right on NPS road 230.
- Drive 13.4 miles (21.6km) to the junction of BLM road 300 and NPS road 230.
- Turn right and continue following NPS road 230 for 4.3 miles (6.9km).
- Watch for the Alstrom Point sign and turn right onto NPS road 264.
- Drive 5 miles (8km) to the first overlook. Caution: dangerous drop off – no railing.

Where can I hike?

**Hike**

- **Easy**
  - **Dam Overlook**
    - 940 ft (286m)
    - 30 minutes to 1 hour
  - **Hanging Garden**
    - 1 mile (1.6km)
    - 1 hour minimum
  - **Horseshoe Bend**
    - 1.5 miles (2.4km)
    - 1 hour minimum
  - **Wiregrass Canyon**
    - 6 miles (9.7km)
    - Half day

**Terrain**

- Walk down stairs and over sandstone
- Rocky and sandy
- Sandy hill, rocky, uneven ground. Caution: dangerous drop-off, no railings
- Sandy wash, some rock scrambling required

**About the trail**

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- From Carl Hayden Visitor Center turn south on Hwy 89 and proceed across Glen Canyon Bridge. Turn left one half mile (0.8km) east on Hwy 89. Trailhead is 500 yards down dirt road. Hike over sand and slick rock to a cool alcove seep spring. **Open: sunrise to sunset. Bring drinking water.**
- From Carl Hayden Visitor Center turn south on Hwy 89. Approximately 5 miles (8km) on U.S. Hwy 89, just south of highway marker 545, turn right into the parking area. Follow the trail to cliff edge for a remarkable view of the Colorado River. **Bring drinking water.**
- Follow directions for Alstrom Point drive (see above) for about 4.7 miles (7.6km) down NPS road 230. There will be a sign marking the trailhead. Proceed into the canyon, then hike as far as you can go, turn around, and come back. View excellent examples of erosional processes including a slot canyon, hoodoos, and two natural bridges. **Bring drinking water and snacks.**
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What do I have time to do?

**One Hour**
- Bullfrog Visitor Center (hours may vary): Exhibits, movie, bookstore.
- Defiance House Lodge: Exhibits.
- Hike Bullfrog Campground Trail or Bullfrog Slot Canyon Trail, see Hikes page 7 for more information.
- Halls Crossing Contact Station (hours may vary): Exhibits, information.

**Two Hours**
- Take the Charles Hall Ferry between Halls Crossing and Bullfrog: Walk-on passes are $10.00 per person one-way. Call 435-684-3088 for schedule.

**Three Hours**
- Hike Pedestal Alley from the Burr Trail, see Hikes page 7 for more information.

**Half to All Day**
- Defiance House Archaeological Site: Boat from Bullfrog or Halls Crossing up-lake to Forgotten Canyon. Visit with respect. Leave only footprints, take away only your memories of visiting this remarkable cultural site.
- Rent a Boat or Kayak and Explore Lake Powell: for reservations call Bullfrog Marina 435-684-7000, or Halls Crossing Marina 435-684-3000.
- Burr Trail or Hole-in-the-Rock Trail: See Drives page 7 for details. Check road conditions before you go.
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| Burr Trail - Through Capitol Reef National Park | 67 miles (108km) | Half day to all day | - Paved and dirt roads – impassable when wet.  
- Four-wheel drive sometimes required. No RVs.  
- From the Bullfrog Visitor Center, drive north on Hwy 276 to the junction and turn left onto the Burr Trail. Continue to Boulder, UT.  
- Call 435-826-5499 for road conditions.  
- Visit the website for detailed information: [www.nps.gov/glca/planyourvisit/driving-the-burr-trail.htm](http://www.nps.gov/glca/planyourvisit/driving-the-burr-trail.htm) |
| Hole-in-the-Rock: From Escalante | 62 miles (100km) | All day            | - High-clearance 2-wheel drive when dry.  
- Last five miles require 4-wheel drive.  
- The junction of the Hole-in-the Rock Road and Highway 12 is just a few miles east of the town of Escalante.  
- Call 435-826-5499 for road conditions.  

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- Paved and dirt roads – impassable when wet.
- Four-wheel drive sometimes required. No RVs.
- From the Bullfrog Visitor Center, drive north on Hwy 276 to the junction and turn left onto the Burr Trail. Continue to Boulder, UT.
- Call 435-826-5499 for road conditions.
- Visit the website for detailed information: [www.nps.gov/glca/planyourvisit/driving-the-burr-trail.htm](http://www.nps.gov/glca/planyourvisit/driving-the-burr-trail.htm)

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- High-clearance 2-wheel drive when dry.
- Last five miles require 4-wheel drive.
- The junction of the Hole-in-the Rock Road and Highway 12 is just a few miles east of the town of Escalante.
- Call 435-826-5499 for road conditions.

About the Road: Moderate to Extremely Difficult

- Permit and a camping reservations required for overnight backcountry use. Apply through the Canyonlands National Park website: [www.nps.gov/cany/planyourvisit/backcountrypermits.htm](http://www.nps.gov/cany/planyourvisit/backcountrypermits.htm)
- Four-wheel drive required on moderate to extreme sections of slick rock and dirt roads.
- Check road conditions locally before beginning your trip. Call (435) 259-4351 ext 3.
- More information on the website: [www.nps.gov/glca/planyourvisit/orange-cliffs.htm](http://www.nps.gov/glca/planyourvisit/orange-cliffs.htm)
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Explore Rainbow Bridge

INSPIRING HUMANS FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, the grandeur of Rainbow Bridge was known to Native people long before the 1909 Anglo exploration. Five regional Native American tribes consider Rainbow Bridge to be sacred and preserve deep spiritual connections with this natural feature. Native people continue to perform ceremonies and tell enduring cultural stories about this “rainbow turned to stone.”

A unique product of eccentric stream erosion through a large fin of Navajo Sandstone, Rainbow Bridge towers 290 feet tall and spans 275 feet across Bridge Creek. People over time have been awestruck by its sheer size and shape. So much so, in fact, that this extremely remote site was designated in 1910 as one of the first U.S. National Monuments.

Over time the journey to get to this magnificent bridge has changed dramatically. Visitors once had to endure a multi-day horseback ride through rough and rugged canyons to see it. In later years visitors rafted the Colorado River through Glen Canyon and hiked over six miles up to the bridge. Prior to 1962 the largest recorded number of people to visit Rainbow Bridge was less than 3000.

Today, close to 100,000 visitors from around the globe experience Rainbow Bridge National Monument each year. With the creation of the Glen Canyon Dam and Lake Powell in 1963, access is much easier with a boat ride into Forbidding Canyon and a short hike from the docks. Still requiring effort, the many who have come before us including artists, explorers, authors, and past presidents would likely say the trip is well worth it.

How do I get to Rainbow Bridge?

Rainbow Bridge boat tour from Wahweap:
Take a 6½ hour boat ride up to Rainbow Bridge National Monument. Tours begin in the lobby of the Lake Powell Resort at Wahweap. For reservations call: 928-645-2433.

Boat tour from Antelope Point:
Boat tour to Rainbow Bridge by charter only. Call 928-608-4477.

Boat tour from Bullfrog:
Boat tour to Rainbow Bridge by charter only. Call 1-800-528-6154 to charter a group of six or more.

Boat yourself to Rainbow Bridge:
Twelve miles north of Dangling Rope Marina, turn east at buoy 49 to Forbidding Canyon. Follow the signs through the canyon as you take your boat to the dock. Travel through superb views of Lake Powell to Bridge Canyon where you will disembark and walk approximately ¼ mile (1.6 km) on a temporary (due to 2013 washout) dirt trail up to this magnificent natural bridge. Bring drinking water with you and wear shoes on the trail. Pets are not permitted at Rainbow Bridge or on the trail.

Hike around Navajo Mountain:
If you have 2-3 days, you can take the journey around Navajo Mountain to Rainbow Bridge. This 14-18 mile hike (depending on which route you take) has no services. A permit from the Navajo Nation is required to make this hike.

Services at Dangling Rope Marina (in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area):
Restrooms, convenience store, snack bar, fuel, pumpout.
Closed mid-November to March 1.