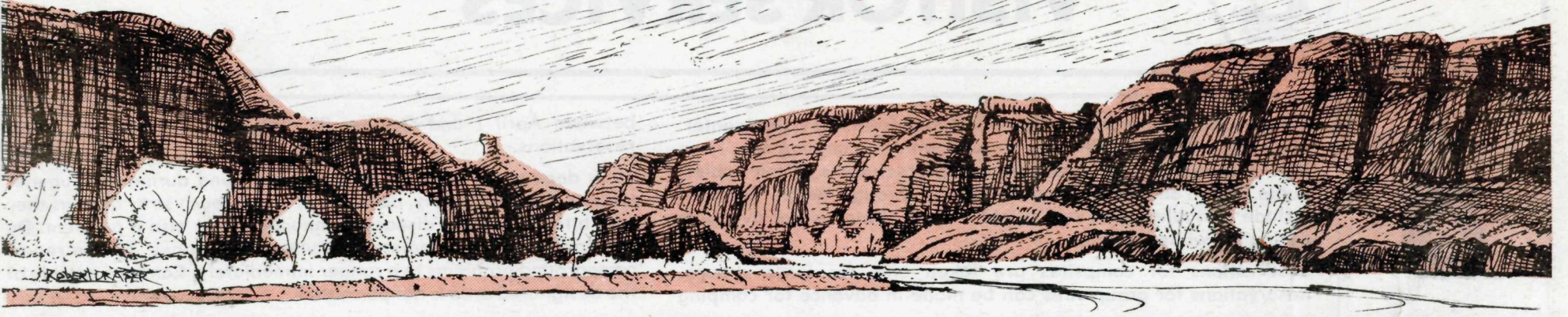


CANYON OVERLOOK



A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO CANYON DE CHELLY NATIONAL MONUMENT 1986

DINE' BEKE'YAH (Land of the People)

WELCOME TO THE LAND OF THE PEOPLE. A solitary landscape of mountains, desert and canyons that extends from the east sacred mountain, Mount Blanca, to the south sacred mountain, Mount Taylor, and from the west sacred mountain, San Francisco Peak, to the north sacred mountain, Hesperus Peak. This land, rich with beauty and a living culture, offers you an opportunity to experience and enhance your knowledge of those who call themselves Dine' "The People".

To understand Dine' culture is to understand both the land and the people. It is a culture with a complex society that is unique to this generation and the past. The Dine' are adaptable people, picking up traits from their neighbors but also maintaining and preserving the values of their traditions. Here in Canyon de Chelly you will observe a variety of differences among groups and individuals. This information provides you with an understanding of these people.

The people believe they evolved through the underworlds and emerged into this fourth world under the direction of their Holy People. The archeologists date the arrival of the people into the southwest by the late 16th century after having journeyed through northwestern Canada. Their traditional homeland is Dine'tah, located in northwestern New Mexico along the San Juan River.

Today the Navajo Reservation covers approximately 16.5 million acres, primarily in northwestern Arizona and extending into New Mexico and Utah. There are approximately 180,000 members of the tribe who are governed by elected delegates representing various chapters. The chapters serve as local units of government. The delegates are headed by an elected Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. The capitol of the Navajo Nation is located in Window Rock, Arizona.

Throughout your tour of Canyon de Chelly National Monument and the surrounding area you will find clusters of homesites that may include a modern house, a mobile home and a hogan. Although presently under the influence of Anglo American architecture, the Navajo still use the "hogan" (hoo ghan). The hogan serves as a home and for ceremonies. The round crib log hogan is the most common type used today. It may vary in size, typically six or eight sided, and is built with material from available resources. The doorway faces east to greet the blessing rays of the morning sun, like the hogan located outside the Visitor Center. The hogan is usually blessed before it is used.

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WHAT TIME IS IT?

Mountain Daylight Time

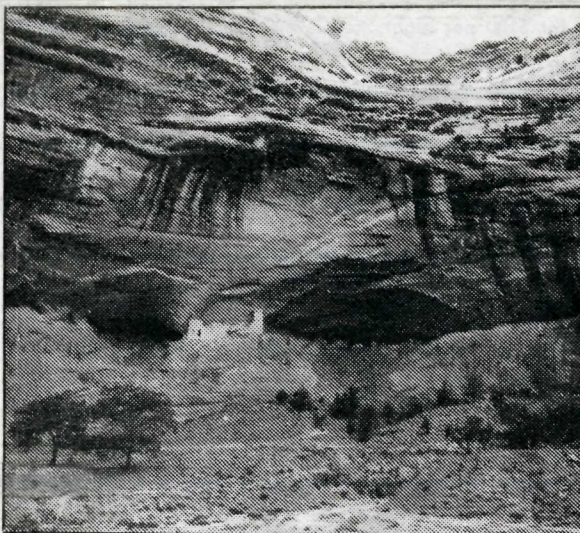
The Navajo Nation, although in Arizona observes Daylight Savings Time April 29 thru October 26. The rest of Arizona and the Hopi Reservation remain on Mountain Standard Time.

Pour Visiteur Francais

On peut se procurer des renseignements en Francais au bureau de centre touristique.

Fuer Deutsche Besucher

Information auf Deutsch ist am Auskunftsschalter des Besucherzentrums erhaeltlich.

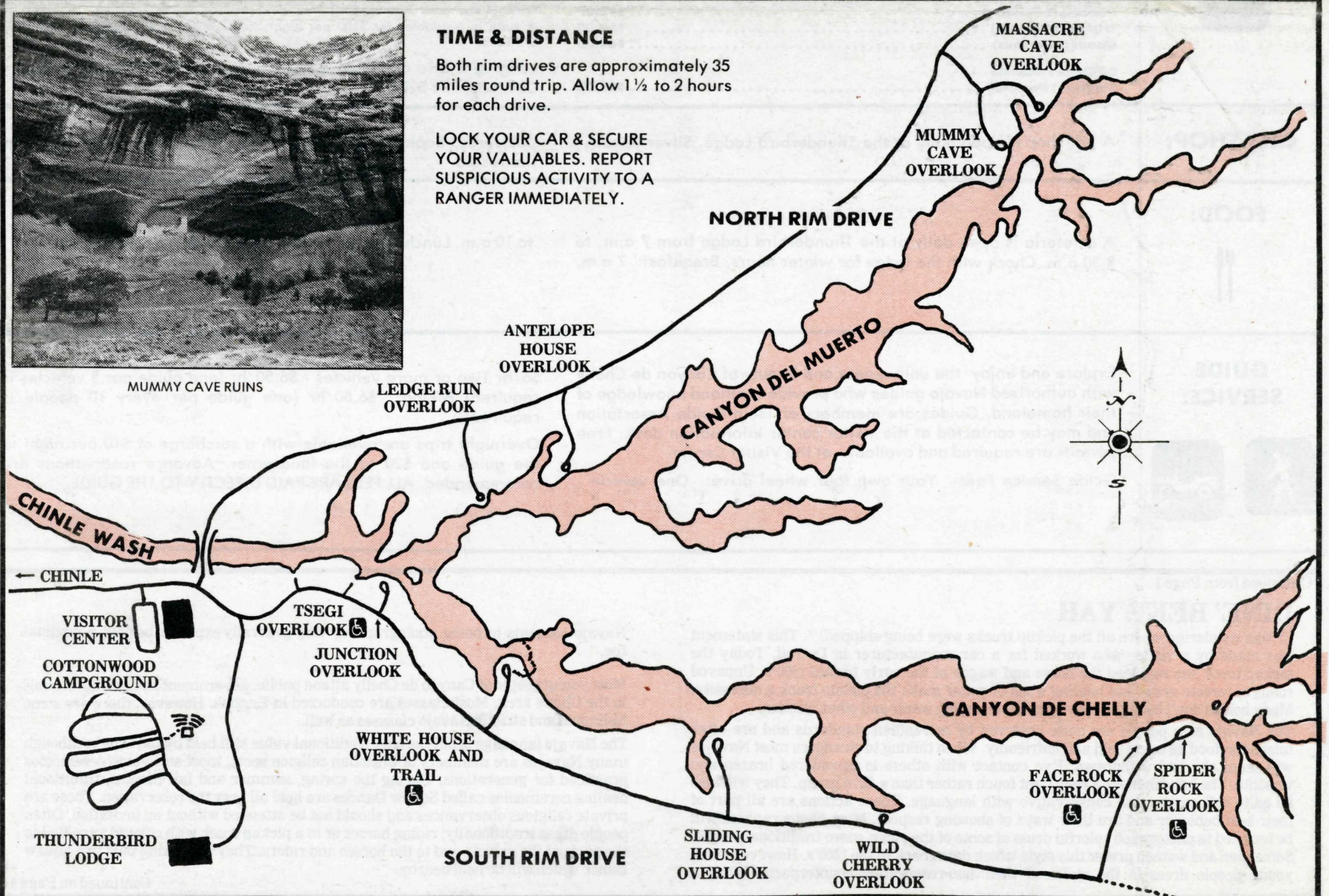


MUMMY CAVE RUINS

TIME & DISTANCE

Both rim drives are approximately 35 miles round trip. Allow 1 1/2 to 2 hours for each drive.

LOCK YOUR CAR & SECURE YOUR VALUABLES. REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO A RANGER IMMEDIATELY.





VISITOR SERVICES

CAMPING:



Cottonwood campground is located ½ mile from the visitor center. The campground is open year around with no camping fee. From April through October, facilities include restrooms, picnic tables, dump station and water. From November through March, facilities include portable toilets and picnic tables. Water is not available during the winter months.

Reservations for campsites are taken only for large groups. Reservations for group sites can be made in advance for camping

between April 1 and October 31. Call (602) 674-5436 for group reservations.

Stray dogs are a problem in the campground during the summer months. For your safety, do not feed or approach stray dogs as they may bite or transmit disease. Panhandlers are also a problem. Do not encourage panhandlers by giving them money. Please report campground problems to a ranger immediately. Camping outside of the designated area is not permitted.

HORSEBACK RIDING:



Twin Trails Tours offers day and overnight horseback riding trips in the canyon from May 15 through October 15. Twin Trail Tours is located 8 miles (12.9 km) north of the visitor center along the north rim drive. Call (602) 871-4663 for information and reservations.

9:00 A.M. DEPARTURES
Monday thru Saturday

RATES

Per Person \$35.00
Per Couple \$65.00
Additional in Family \$20.00

DISCOUNTS

\$5.00 on prepaid reservations \$5.00 Senior Citizens (60+)

OVERNIGHT

Per Person from \$60.00
Two Full Days & One Night, \$240 Min., Reservations Only
Multiple day /night rides and special group adventures available on request.

CANYON TOURS:



The Thunderbird Lodge offers tours into the canyon with 4 and 6 wheel drive vehicles. The tours are led by Navajo guides. Canyon sights include ancient ruins, rock art, plants and their uses, and farms and homes of the resident Navajos.

All day tour: Departs 9 a.m. Daily (returns at approximately 5:30 p.m.)
\$36 per person (includes lunch)

Half day tour: Departs 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Daily (approximately 3½ hours)
\$23 per adult \$16 children under 12

LODGING:



Lodging is available at the Thunderbird Lodge located ½ mile from the visitor center. The lodge is open year around and offers reduced rates from Nov. 15 through Feb. 28.

SUITE (1 or 2 Persons) \$100.00
King size bed with queen size sofa bed, T.V. in living room and bedroom, central heating and cooling. LUXURIOUS

ADOBE ROOMS
Singles (1 Person) \$56.00
Doubles (2 Persons) \$60.00
Triples (3 Persons) \$64.00
Quads (4 Persons) \$68.00

DE CHELLY ROOMS
Singles (1 Persons) \$45.00

Doubles (2 Persons) \$49.00
Triples (3 Persons) \$53.00
Quads (4 Persons) \$57.00

the above rooms are deluxe rooms with two double beds, color television, air conditioning and full bath.

LODGE ROOMS

Singles (1 Person) \$36.00
Doubles (2 Persons) \$40.00
Triples (3 Persons) \$44.00
Quads (4 Persons) \$48.00

A suite is available for \$100 per night. Reservations are suggested. Call (606) 674-5443.

Lodging is also available at the Canyon de Chelly Motel in Chinle. Call (606) 674-5288.

GIFT SHOP:

A gift shop is open daily at the Thunderbird Lodge. Silver jewelry,

postcards, books, film, T-shirts and Indian crafts are among the items sold.

FOOD:



A cafeteria is open daily at the Thunderbird Lodge from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Check with the lodge for winter hours. Breakfast: 7 a.m.

to 10 a.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dinner: 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

GUIDE SERVICE:



Explore and enjoy the uniqueness and beauty of Canyon de Chelly with authorized Navajo guides who provide firsthand knowledge of their homeland. Guides are members of Tsegi Guide Association and may be contacted at the visitor center information desk. Free permits are required and available at the Visitor Center.

Guide Service Fees: Your own four wheel drive: One vehicle -

\$6/hr Two or more vehicles - \$6.50/hr (one guide per 5 vehicles is required) Hiking: \$6.50/hr (one guide per every 10 people is required)

Overnight trips are available with a surcharge of \$10 per night to the guide and \$20 to the landowner. Advance reservations are recommended. ALL FEES ARE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE GUIDE.

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DINE' BEKE'YAH

"I was wondering where all the pickup trucks were being shipped!" This statement was made by a visitor who worked for a car manufacturer in Detroit. Today the pickup truck has replaced the horse and wagon of the early to mid 1900's. Unpaved roads in remote areas and hauling wood or water make the pickup truck a necessity. Many homes don't have the convenience of running water and other utilities.

The Navajo as a people are quite reserved by non-Indian standards and are often misunderstood as being cold and unfriendly. When talking to strangers most Navajos will seem shy and withdrawn. Eye contact with others is considered brazen and impolite. The handshake is a very light touch rather than a firm grasp. They will also be quite soft spoken and conservative with language. These actions are all part of their best behavior and are their ways of showing respect. Most photographers will be tempted to photograph colorful dress of some of the older, more traditional people. Some men and women prefer this style which dates back to the 1800's. However, most young people dress in the styles of their non-reservation counterparts. When a

Navajo consents to being photographed, they generally expect to be paid a nominal fee.


Most young people of Canyon de Chelly attend public, government and private schools in the Chinle area. Most classes are conducted in English. However, there are some bi-lingual and strictly Navajo classes as well.

The Navajo language is not the only traditional value still held by the Dine'. Although many Navajos are members of Christian religion sects, most still value ceremonies practiced for generations. During the spring, summer and fall months, traditional healing ceremonies called Squaw Dances are held all over the reservation. These are private religious observances and should not be attended without an invitation. Often people dress traditionally; riding horses or in a pickup truck with colored yarn tied to the parts of the vehicle and to the horses and riders. They are taking part in a Squaw Dance which will be held nearby.

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VISITOR ACTIVITIES: (May 24 thru Sept. 30)

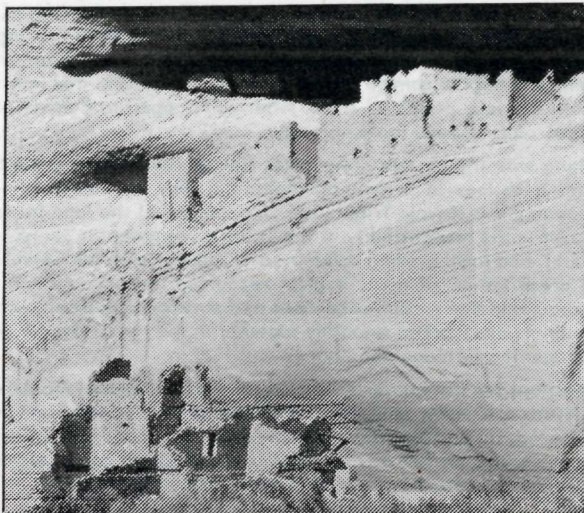
VISITOR CENTER:	<p>Information desk, Exhibits, Book Sales, Hiking Permits. DAILY PROGRAM - 2PM - JOIN A RANGER FOR A ½ HOUR TO HOUR PROGRAM. Meet at the Visitor Center Flagpole. Self-guided Plant Walk - take the short trail behind the visitor center and learn about local plants. A guide book is available at the information desk. A WILDLIFE CHECKLIST and OBSERVATION CARDS are available at the information desk.</p> 
<p>OPEN DAILY 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Oct. thru April) 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (May thru Sept.)</p>	
CANYON HIKE:	<p>Put on your hiking shoes and join a ranger for this guided hike into the canyon. This is a special opportunity to experience first hand the canyon - its geology, plants and animals, ancient ruins and rock art, and the present day lifestyle of the resident Navajos. Bring water, a snack, binoculars and camera, and insect repellent. Be prepared to walk through ankle deep water. Moderate to easy hike.</p>
<p>Daily 8 a.m. to noon Meet at Visitor Center flagpole</p>	
ARCHEOLOGY WALK:	<p>Join a ranger for this opportunity to get a close up view of the Sleeping Duck Ruin. Discover the ancient ruins of the Anasazi Indians and what the National Park Service is doing today to preserve these remnants of the past.</p>
<p>Daily 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole for carpooling</p>	
JR. RANGER PROGRAM:	<p>Hey, kids! Do you want to be a Junior Ranger? Earn your Junior Ranger certificate by joining a ranger for fun filled activities such as Navajo games, songs and crafts. For children ages 6 to 12.</p>
<p>Sat & Sun - 10 a.m. Meet at the campground amphitheater</p>	
THUNDERBIRD LODGE TALK:	<p>Join a ranger for this one hour evening program. Topics include the history of the Thunderbird Lodge as an early trading post and other topics related to Navajo culture. Program topics are posted at the Visitor Center, Thunderbird Lodge lobby and on the campground bulletin board.</p>
<p>Sat., Sun, Tues. & Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Meet at the Thunderbird Lodge Gift Shop</p>	
SUNSET GEOLOGY TALK:	<p>Join a ranger for this one hour talk about Canyon de Chelly's geologic history. Spectacular scenery and sunsets highlight this evening activity.</p>
<p>Mon-Wed-Fri 7:30 p.m. Meet at Tsegi Overlook parking area (South Rim)</p>	
CAMPFIRE PROGRAM:	<p>Gather around the campfire for this traditional National Park Service program. Park Rangers present a different program nightly. Topics are posted at the visitor center, Thunderbird Lodge lobby and the campground bulletin board.</p>
<p>Nightly - 9 p.m. Meet at the campground amphitheater</p>	
MOONLIGHT HIKE:	<p>Take a short hike with a ranger and enjoy the beauty of the full moon. Listen to Navajo and Anasazi stories, myths and legends as they pertain to the natural world.</p>
<p>Full Moon Nights (weather permitting) 9 p.m. Meet at campground amphitheater</p>	

SELF-GUIDED YEAR AROUND ACTIVITIES



RIM DRIVES

Enjoy the sights of Canyon de Chelly and Canyon del Muerto by driving the north and south rim drives. Allow approximately 2 hours for each rim drive. Guide books are available at the visitor center.



WHITE HOUSE RUINS TRAIL

An excellent way to experience Canyon de Chelly is to hike the White House Ruins trail. This scenic trail descends 600 feet to the canyon floor on a well maintained, moderately easy trail. Be prepared to wade across the Chinle Wash and carry drinking water with you. Do not wander off the trail and respect the privacy of canyon residents. A trail guide is available at the visitor center. Approximately 2 hours - 2½ miles round trip.

THUNDERBIRD LODGE TRADING DAYS

Situated in a grove of cottonwood trees one half mile southwest of the visitor center, the Thunderbird Lodge continues a long tradition of providing visitors to Canyon de Chelly with accommodations, meals, canyon tours and local crafts.

In 1902, during the heyday of the trading posts, trader Sam Day built a log cabin (now a part of the cafeteria) and began trading with the local Navajo. The trading post not only provided staples of coffee, flour, sugar and tobacco, but acted as a bank, post office, general store, community meeting place, and even provided medical and mortician services! Navajos would make long journeys from surrounding areas on foot, in wagons and on horseback to trade their sheep, wool, rugs and jewelry for goods, cash or credit. Trader Cozy McSparron encouraged Chinle area weavers to return to simple classic rug patterns using only vegetal dyes from local plants. Today this "Chinle" pattern is still typical of many rugs woven in this area.

As news of exciting cliff dwellings found in the southwest began to spread back east, scores of visitors, archeologists, and dignitaries began to travel the torturous dirt roads to see the spectacular canyon and its treasures. At first, visitors were put up at the trading post on cots or on the floor, but eventually the need to build more guest rooms to accommodate them became apparent. The first canyon tours were done in horse drawn wagons, then in Model T Fords.

Many historic trading posts have long since disappeared, but the Thunderbird Lodge still retains some of its heritage while continuing to change with the times.

HUBBELL TRADING POST

Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site is the oldest continuously operated trading post on the Navajo Reservation. The original buildings still stand and you may roam the grounds at your own pace.

Hubbell's home, which was occupied until 1967, is open daily for Ranger guided tours.

Traditional Navajo crafts, weaving and silversmithing are demonstrated at the National Park Service Visitor Center.

The Post is open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. May thru September and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the remainder of the year. Remember Daylight Savings Time takes effect in the summer months.

Hubbell Trading Post is located 35 miles South of Canyon de Chelly in Ganado, AZ.

PARK REGULATIONS

The Rangers at Canyon de Chelly want you to enjoy your visit, however, the Code of Federal Regulations and Navajo Tribal Codes prohibit the following:



Entering the canyons of Canyon de Chelly National Monument without a Park Ranger or an authorized guide with a permit. Travel to and from White House Ruins on the hiking trail is the only exception to this rule.

Possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages on the Navajo Reservation

Entering any ruin or other archaeological site

Disturbing, destroying, injuring, defacing, or removing any natural feature or prehistoric object.

Allowing pets to run at large

BE SAFE, NOT SORRY

Theft from motor vehicles is a common problem. Thieves can open even locked doors in seconds. When leaving your vehicle, LOCK IT and secure valuables in the trunk. Purses, wallets, cameras and binoculars should be carried with you.

Watch your step! The Rim Drive Overlooks provide excellent views of the canyons below. They also present the potential for a serious fall if you are not cautious around the canyon edges. Remain behind retaining walls and control your children and pets.

Watch for stock on the highway. The Navajo Reservation has an open range policy. Livestock are not fenced in and are frequently encountered on the roads. Obey the speed limits and remain alert, especially after dark.

Join the Canyon Watch effort. Should you observe an accident, theft, or any suspicious activity, please contact a Ranger as soon as possible.

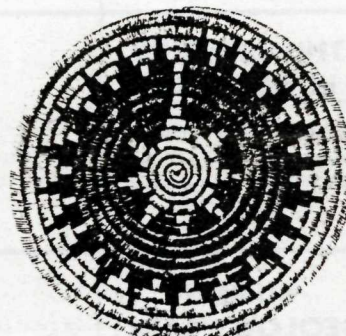
SCHOOL PROGRAMS



Park Rangers are available year around to present talks and tours to school and community groups. To schedule a talk or tour, call (602) 674-5436, or write to the Superintendent, P.O. Box 588, Chinle, Arizona 86503.

DONATIONS

In order to maintain the high quality of service to our visitors, the National Park Service is accepting donations to help supplement the costs of visitor services and campground maintenance. Donation boxes are located at the visitor center and in the campground. THANK YOU!



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DINE' BEKE'YAH

Many Navajos still live in the canyons of Canyon de Chelly National Monument. The population is largest during the summer months. The farms in the canyon grow corn, squash, beans, melons and some alfalfa. There are also some peach and apple orchards which were planted decades ago. Canyon de Chelly has been used in much the same way by the Navajos for hundreds of years. Even then many families migrated to and from the canyons with the seasons. This pattern has its origin in antiquity. Navajos have always respected the land and have enjoyed their lives to its rhythms. Returning to the Canyon establishes a link with the past. It is a reaffirmation of traditional values still held dear. The land is the mother and must be respected, preserved, and returned to.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Canyon de Chelly. Please maintain respect for the Navajos and their land. May you walk in beauty, see, feel and experience beauty all about you, above you, below you and all around you.

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ADMINISTRATION: The National Park Service, Department of the Interior administers the Monument. Address comments and requests for information to: Superintendent, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, P.O. Box 588, Chinle, Arizona, 86503.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency:

Park Ranger 674-5436 or 5213

Navajo Police 674-5291

Ambulance 674-5464

Information:

Visitor Center (602) 674-5436

PLANNING THE FUTURE OF CANYON de CHELLY

What will Canyon de Chelly National Monument look like in 10-15 years? Every year the number of visitors to the canyon increases. The population of Chinle and the number of people living on the rims of the canyons are also increasing. Especially in the spring when the weather is pleasant and the water is running in the canyons, the National Monument has become a popular picnicking and play area for Navajos from Chinle and nearby communities. As the number of people using the canyon grows, littering, vandalism, and interference with the privacy of canyon residences become serious problems. Also, what will happen to Canyon de Chelly's scenic beauty as residence, utility lines, and roads become more numerous?

The National Park Service is working with the Navajo Tribe, local Navajo residents and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to answer these and other questions in a joint management plan for Canyon de Chelly National Monument. The land within the monument is Navajo Tribal land, and the use of the land for farming, grazing, residences, timbering, and other uses is the responsibility of the Tribal government in Window Rock, the local units of government (called chapters), and local grazing committees. The National Park Service is responsible primarily for the protection and preservation of archeological resources, accommodation of visitors, and monument administration. The Bureau of Indian Affairs exercises a trust responsibility on Navajo lands. These various units of government have not always worked smoothly together in the past. How can they cooperate in the future for the best possible management of monument lands?

We welcome your ideas and suggestions for the future of Canyon de Chelly National Monument. A response form and a summary of the major issues at Canyon de Chelly is available at the headquarters information desk. The planning team hopes to have a proposal and alternatives addressing the issues at Canyon de Chelly ready in draft form for public review in the spring or fall of 1986. If you would like a copy, leave your name and address at the information desk, and we will keep you up-to-date on our planning process.



SUNRISE SUNSET

DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
April 1	6:05	6:39
15	5:45	6:51
May 1	5:26	7:05
15	5:12	7:17
June 1	5:02	7:29
15	5:00	7:37
July 1	5:04	7:40
15	5:12	7:36
Aug 1	5:25	7:24
15	5:36	7:10
Sept 1	5:49	6:47
15	6:00	6:27
Oct 1	6:13	6:03
15	6:24	5:44
Nov 1	6:40	5:23
15	6:54	5:11
Dec 1	7:10	5:04
15	7:21	5:05

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