

ALERTS IN EFFECT

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No dock access to Rainbow Bridge

At current lake levels, Rainbow Bridge docks do not reach the land. Dock-to-trail access to Rainbow Bridge will not be available until water levels rise again. Restrooms at the dock will remain open. Check the link for current lake information.

More (<https://www.nps.gov/glca/learn/changing-lake-levels.htm>)

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Basic Information

An Extraordinary Natural Bridge

Encompassing just 160 square acres of land, Rainbow Bridge National Monument is one of the smallest units of the National Park Service. However, what it lacks in size it more than makes up for with an abundance of unique and interesting features. The primary feature is, of course, Rainbow Bridge itself, one of the largest natural bridges in the world.

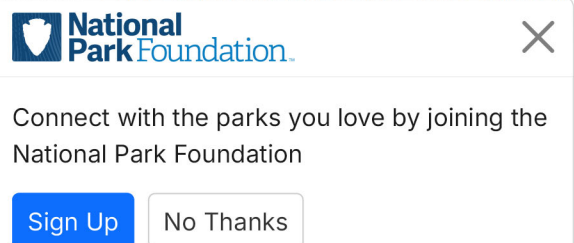
During the summer months rangers may be on site daily at the Rainbow Bridge viewing area to provide interpretive programs and information on the geology and cultural history of Rainbow Bridge. Group programs can be arranged throughout the year with advance notice.

Know Before You Come

You can only reach Rainbow Bridge by boat, or by a approximately 14-mile hike around Navajo Mountain. The hike requires a permit from the Navajo Nation. If you do not have a boat of your own, rental boats are available at [Wahweap, Bullfrog \(https://www.lakepowell.com/\)](https://www.lakepowell.com/), and [Antelope Point \(https://antelopepointlakepowell.com/\)](https://antelopepointlakepowell.com/) marinas. [Concession operated boat tours \(https://www.lakepowell.com/marinas/boat-tours/rainbow-bridge-tour\)](https://www.lakepowell.com/marinas/boat-tours/rainbow-bridge-tour) are available on a li

The boat trip, with no stops and about an hour at Rainbow Bridge National Monument, is currently no mid-lake marina available for fuel, snacks, boat repairs, etc. Bring a full tank of gas and a picnic. Connect with the parks you love by joining the National Park Foundation

Floating docks, walkways, and restrooms have been re-anchored at the back of the trail. Visitors will enjoy an approximately 1.2-mile hike to the national monument. If you have time, the trail continues around the bridge



to the canyon behind. The plaques honoring Jim Mike and Nasja Begay are back there.

Rainbow Bridge National Monument is closed from sunset to sunrise. There is no camping permitted within the boundaries of Rainbow Bridge National Monument. If you are shoreline camping on your boat, you are welcome to camp nearby on the [beaches of Lake Powell](https://www.nps.gov/glca/planyourvisit/camping.htm) (<https://www.nps.gov/glca/planyourvisit/camping.htm>) in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

At the Monument

Most visitors would arrive via boat to the courtesy dock, available for short-term docking while you hike to the bridge.

At current lake levels, the dock at Rainbow Bridge does not reach land. Beach your boat and walk through muck to the trail at your own risk.




The floating restrooms at the dock are the only facilities in the monument.

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Park rangers walk back to the boat from Rainbow Bridge at lake elevation 3529'. The water did not reach the shore through the wet muck.

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HOW TO RAINBOW BRIDGE



Directions

<https://www.nps.gov/rabr/planyourvisit/directions.htm>

How do I get here?



TAKE A RIDE TO RAINBOW BRIDGE!

Guided Tours

<https://www.nps.gov/rabr/planyourvisit/guidedtours.htm>

You can't get there by road. Find out how to take a boat tour to Rainbow Bridge.



OUT THERE AT RAINBOW BRIDGE

Hiking

<https://www.nps.gov/rabr/planyourvisit/hiking.htm>

Hike out to Rainbow Bridge National Monument and enjoy the view.



News

<https://www.nps.gov/rabr/learn/news/index.htm>

Find out what's new at Rainbow Bridge



Safety

<https://www.nps.gov/rabr/planyourvisit/safety.htm>

Your safety is our primary concern. This is a desert and a lake. Please be careful.



GET BACK TO GLEN CANYON

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

<https://www.nps.gov/glca/index.htm>

Rainbow Bridge National Monument, although a separate unit of the NPS, is administered by Glen Canyon. Services and regulation are there.



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