



U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area



YOUR BOATING TRIP
TO
RAINBOW BRIDGE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Rainbow Bridge can be seen from a boat. A short trail of sand and rock leads from the courtesy docks to the bridge itself. While the trail is not difficult, it may prove a strain if you have a limiting physical condition. The temperatures in the summer months can reach well over 100 degrees. Comfortable low-heeled shoes should be worn and a shade hat or cap is advisable.

The colorful Rainbow Bridge is the largest known natural bridge in the world. With a span of 278 feet, the bridge arches to a height of 309 feet above the floor of Bridge Canyon. The bridge is wide enough (33-feet) to accommodate an average highway.

Proceeding just a short distance up the trail beyond the bridge, you will find, on your left, a plaque bolted to the sandstone cliff. This plaque commemorates the Piute Indian, Nasja Begay, who, along with Mikes Boy, guided the Douglass-Cummings party to the Rainbow Bridge in 1909. The members of the party, including John Wetherill, a trader, were the first white men to report the existence of this magnificent arch.

For those of you planning to take your own boat up the lake, the courtesy docks mentioned above are located at the start of the foot trail to Rainbow Bridge. The docks are provided, free of charge, by the National Park Service to enable you to moor your boat in a convenient location while hiking to the bridge. You may also make arrangements with the Park concessioner for a guided boat trip to Rainbow Bridge.

Because of intensive overcrowding and problems of public safety, no overnight mooring and camping on the courtesy docks, or in the canyon near the docks, is permitted. We ask that you limit your tie-up time on the docks to the length of your visit to Rainbow Bridge. No sanitation facilities are located at the courtesy dock or at the Bridge. However, these facilities, plus camping and boating supplies and gas, are available at the floating marina anchored in Forbidding Canyon. A Park Ranger is also stationed at the marina complex to assist you.

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HOPES THAT YOU WILL HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE VISIT. For your protection, please no swimming or fishing from the docks or from boats tied to the docks. Please lock up any valuables in your boat, or carry them with you while your boat is tied up at the courtesy docks.