

# Glen Canyon National Recreation Area

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**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area** (Glen Canyon NRA or GCNRA) is a recreation and conservation unit of the National Park Service (USA) that encompasses the area around Lake Powell in Utah and Arizona, covering 1,254,429 acres (5,076 km<sup>2</sup>) of mostly desert. The recreation area borders Capitol Reef National Park and Canyonlands National Park on the north, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument on the north, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument on the west, and Grand Canyon National Park on the south.

The Glen Canyon NRA was established in 1972 "to provide for public use and enjoyment and to preserve the area's scientific, historic, and scenic features."

The stated purpose of Glen Canyon NRA is for recreation as well as preservation (whereas a national park may carry more emphasis on natural preservation). As such, the area has been developed for access to Lake Powell via 5 marinas, 4 camping grounds, two small airports, and houseboat rental concessions.

The southwestern end of Glen Canyon NRA can be accessed via U.S. Highway 89 and Arizona State Route 98. Use Utah SR-95 and Utah SR-276 to get to the northeastern end of the recreation area.

The current Lake Powell lies above Glen Canyon, which was flooded by the Glen Canyon Dam, completed in 1966.

## Recreation

Lake Powell has nearly 2,000 miles of fish-holding shoreline and provides opportunity to fish for largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and striped bass that swim in the midst of the recreation area.

Lake Powell National Golf Course Championship is an 18-hole course sitting on a high mesa overlooking the Glen Canyon Dam, Lake Powell, and Vermillion Cliffs.

Several local marinas make available for tourist houseboats, powerboats, jet skis, kayaks, fishing gear, and related equipment.


## External links

- Official National Park Service site (<http://www.nps.gov/glca/>)
- Official National Park Service Concessionaire Site (<http://www.lakepowell.com>) Lake Powell Resorts & Marinas, managed by ARAMARK, is an authorized concessioner of the National Park Service, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

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IUCN Category V (Protected Landscape/Seascape)



<b>Location</b>	Southern Utah & Northern Arizona, USA
<b>Nearest city</b>	Page, Arizona
<b>Coordinates</b>	 <span><span><span><span><span>36°59′37″N</span> <span>111°29′13″W</span></span></span><span><span>﻿</span> / <span>﻿</span></span><span><span></span></span></span></span>
<b>Area</b>	1,254,429 acres (5,076 km <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Established</b>	October 27, 1972
<b>Visitors</b>	1,832,378 (in 2004)
<b>Governing body</b>	National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation

- Glen Canyon Natural History Association (<http://www.glencanyonassociation.org/>)
- Page Lake Powell Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.pagelakepowellchamber.org/>)
- Lake Powell National Golf Course (<http://golflakepowell.com/>) scenic 18-hole golf course
- Lake Powell Yacht Club (<http://lpyachtclub.org/>) to serve the interest of boat owners and water recreational enthusiasts

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