PAGE, ARIZONA & THE SURROUNDING AREA

The Ultimate Page, Arizona Guide 2026

A free sample of the complete, research-backed planning guide to Page, Arizona and the best day trips and overnight extensions within roughly three hours. This preview includes a handful of sections pulled directly from the full guide so you can see exactly what you're getting: the same research, the same level of detail, and the same practical approach to planning your trip.

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Welcome to Page, Arizona

A small town on the rim of Lake Powell, in the middle of some of the most photographed country on Earth

Page, Arizona is a town of roughly 7,500 people, built in the 1950s to house the workers who constructed Glen Canyon Dam. Today it is the base camp for an extraordinary concentration of sights: slot canyons carved into Navajo sandstone, a river bend that wraps around a 1,000-foot drop, a vast reservoir with hundreds of side canyons, and, within a two-hour drive, the Vermilion Cliffs, Lees Ferry, and the slot canyons of Wire Pass; a little farther out, the Grand Canyon's quiet North Rim, the buttes of Monument Valley, and the hoodoos and badlands of southern Utah.

This guide covers the major Page-area attractions and the strongest nearby day and overnight trips. It is organized so you can use it in any order: start with the Current Status box and the Page Radius table to see what exists and what is open right now, jump to the chapter for any stop that interests you, and use the itinerary and budget chapters near the back to turn your picks into a plan. Rather than pushing one right way to see the area, the guide lays out real options -- guided or self-guided, paved or rugged, free or expensive -- so you can build the trip that fits your group, season, and budget.

A note on how to use this guide: Recommendations are based on research into official National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Navajo Nation Parks, and City of Page sources, plus verified traveler information, researched as of November 1, 2026. Prices, tour operators, road conditions, and permit systems change. Anywhere a detail is likely to shift, we have flagged it so you know to double-check before you go.

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CURRENT STATUS AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026 -- Verify Before You Go

Grand Canyon North Rim is open through November 30, 2026, or the first major snowstorm of the season, whichever comes first. The Cape Royal Road and Point Imperial Road are closed from sunset October 15 through sunrise November 3, 2026 for road repair. There is no lodging inside the park on the North Rim in 2026, the North Rim Campground is closed for the year, and the rim's gas station has closed for the season -- fuel up at Jacob Lake. Many North Rim trails remain closed after the 2025 Dragon Bravo Fire. Check nps.gov/grca/northrimstatus.htm before you drive out.

North Rim late-season warning: after October 15, 2026 there is no potable water or food service on the rim, and the general store and backcountry information office are closed. Carry all food, water, fuel and emergency supplies from Jacob Lake or another gateway.

Lake Powell remains open for water-based recreation through 2026, according to a September 15, 2026 National Park Service release, but ramps and marinas keep adjusting to low water: the Bullfrog Primitive Launch Ramp and the Stateline Auxiliary Ramp are open, and an access project is underway at Antelope Point. The Rainbow Bridge boat tour from Wahweap is listed as currently unavailable until further notice. Confirm ramp, marina, and tour status with Glen Canyon National Recreation Area before booking.

Navajo Nation tribal parks, including Lake Powell Navajo Tribal Park (Antelope Canyon) and Monument Valley, may close on major Navajo Nation holidays, including Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day; verify each park's holiday schedule before travel. The upper loop of the Lees Ferry Campground is closed for renovation. At Navajo National Monument, Canyon View Campground is closed for winter and Inscription House is closed to visitation.

Daylight saving time ended on November 1, 2026, so Arizona, Utah, and the Navajo Nation are all on the same clock until spring. From March through early November, Page and most of Arizona stay on Mountain Standard Time year-round while Utah and the Navajo Nation move forward an hour -- see the Time Zones chapter.

Page, Arizona at a Glance

A fast overview of the town and region before you dive into planning details.

Location	Northern Arizona, on the Utah border, on the south shore of Lake Powell; about 4.5 hours from Las Vegas or Phoenix and about 6 hours from Salt Lake City
Elevation	About 4,300 ft; desert climate with hot summers, cold winters, and strong spring winds
Known for	Antelope Canyon, Horseshoe Bend, Lake Powell, Glen Canyon Dam, the Colorado River below the dam

Within about 2 hours	Lees Ferry, Vermilion Cliffs, Wire Pass and Buckskin Gulch, Kanab, Coral Pink Sand Dunes, Zion's east side, Navajo National Monument; stretch goals of 2.5-3 hours include Grand Canyon North Rim, Monument Valley, and Kodachrome Basin
Best for	Slot canyons, photography, boating, kayaking, road trips, families, and as a hub for a Southwest national parks loop
Antelope Canyon	Guided tours only, no self-entry. Prices, permit-fee handling and rules differ by operator and tour; see the Antelope Canyon chapters and check your exact tour
Horseshoe Bend	$10 per passenger vehicle (City of Page lot), $5 motorcycle; sunrise to sunset; federal passes not accepted
Lake Powell / Glen Canyon NRA	$30 per vehicle for 7 days; $25 motorcycle; $15 per person on foot or bike; $55 park annual pass
Typical stay	2-3 days covers Page's headline sights; 4-7 days lets you add day trips in every direction
Reservations needed for	Antelope Canyon tours, boat tours, The Wave and Wire Pass permits, peak-season lodging and campgrounds

PAGE RADIUS AT A GLANCE -- CORE TRIPS + STRETCH DESTINATIONS

What is realistic as a day trip, and what is better as an overnight extension

Drive times below are approximate one-way estimates from Page under normal conditions and do not include stops. Confirm in your navigation app before you leave, and treat every unpaved road as weather-dependent. **CORE** trips are roughly 0-2 hours from Page. **STRETCH** destinations are roughly 2.5-3 hours away; they are long days or better as overnight extensions.

CORE TRIPS (roughly 0-2 hours)

Destination	Direction	Approx. drive	Best for	Cost / access
Antelope Canyon	In Page (east edge)	10-15 min	Slot-canyon photography	Guided tour only
Horseshoe Bend	In Page (south edge)	10 min	Iconic overlook, sunset	$10/vehicle City of Page lot
Glen Canyon Dam / Carl Hayden Visitor Center	5 mi north	10 min	Dam views, history, exhibits	Visitor center free; dam tours vary
Lake Powell (Wahweap, Lone Rock, Antelope Point)	North and east	10-20 min	Boating, kayaking, swimming	$30/vehicle GLCA fee

Destination	Direction	Approx. drive	Best for	Cost / access
Lees Ferry & Navajo Bridge	Southwest	40-45 min	Fishing, river history, hiking	GLCA fee at Lees Ferry
Vermilion Cliffs / House Rock Valley Road	West	45 min +	Remote scenery, condors	Free; unpaved roads
Wire Pass / Buckskin Gulch	West, via US-89	About 1 hr	Slot-canyon hiking	Day-use permit required
The Wave (Coyote Buttes North)	West, via US-89	About 1 hr to trailhead	Strenuous photography hike	Lottery permit only
Kanab, Utah	Northwest	About 1 hr 15 min	Base town, dunes, sanctuary	Free to visit; fees vary
Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park	Northwest	About 1 hr 45 min	Dunes, sand play, OHV	State park fee
Navajo National Monument	East, on US-160	About 1 hr 40 min	Cliff-dwelling overlook	Free
Zion National Park (east side)	Northwest	About 2 hr to east entrance	Scenic drive, tunnel, east-side hikes	$35/vehicle plus surcharge rules

STRETCH DESTINATIONS (roughly 2.5-3 hours)

Destination	Direction	Approx. drive	Best for	Cost / access
Bryce Canyon National Park	Northwest, via Kanab	About 2.5 hr	Hoodoo amphitheater	NPS fee; check nps.gov/brca
Kodachrome Basin State Park	Northwest	About 2.5-3 hr	Spires, camping, hiking	$10/vehicle day use
Monument Valley	East, via Kayenta	About 2.5 hr	Buttes, scenic drive	Navajo Tribal Park fee
Grand Canyon North Rim	Southwest, via Jacob Lake	About 2 hr 45 min (5.5 hr round trip)	Quiet rim views	Seasonal; very limited services in 2026

Antelope Canyon

One of the world's most photographed slot-canyon landscapes, on Navajo land at the edge of Page

Antelope Canyon is a set of narrow sandstone slots on Navajo Nation land just east of Page, carved over thousands of years by flash floods. The walls curve, swirl, and glow orange, pink, and violet as sunlight bounces down from the opening above. It is one of the most photographed places in the American Southwest, and it is only accessible on a guided tour led by a Navajo-authorized operator. There is no legal way to walk in on your own.

It is also a culturally significant Navajo landscape, not simply a photography attraction. Visiting is a privilege extended by the Navajo Nation, not an entitlement to special access or photo positions: follow your guide, respect posted and spoken rules, and treat the canyon accordingly.

There are several distinct slot canyons, and choosing between them is the most important decision you will make. They differ in difficulty, crowd level, price, and what the photography looks like. The next chapter compares them side by side.

Antelope Canyon -- OPERATOR RULES VARY: CHECK YOUR EXACT TOUR

Every section requires a Navajo-authorized guide. Rules come from three levels: (A) Navajo Nation and Lake Powell Navajo Tribal Park rules; (B) the rules of your individual authorized operator; and (C) the rules of the specific tour product you book. Bag, age, car-seat, photography-equipment, video, check-in, mobility and cancellation rules differ by operator and tour product. Standard sightseeing tours at Upper, Lower and Canyon X generally prohibit tripods, monopods and selfie sticks, but some specialized photography products -- such as Canyon X's dedicated photography tour -- may specifically allow a tripod. Bag policies vary: some Upper tours allow only transparent bags, other products prohibit bags entirely (standard Canyon X hiking tours prohibit bags of any size), and some Lower operators may prohibit backpacks, fanny packs and hydration packs. Tours can be cancelled for flash-flood risk, usually July through September. Check the exact rules on your confirmation before arriving.

Horseshoe Bend

A 1,000-foot overlook above a perfect U-turn in the Colorado River

Horseshoe Bend is a short walk from a parking lot just south of Page to a rim overlooking a near-perfect horseshoe of the Colorado River about 1,000 feet below. The walk is a 1.5-mile round trip on a hardened path, with two shade structures along the way and no shade at the overlook itself. The path is accessible under the Architectural Barriers Act, and railings protect the overlook platform but not most of the rim.

Parking, Hours & Rules

The parking lot is operated by the City of Page, not the National Park Service, and costs $10 per passenger vehicle or RV and $5 for a motorcycle. Federal passes such as America the Beautiful are not accepted. The gate opens at sunrise and stops admitting visitors at sunset every day; you may stay past sunset to finish your visit and hike out, but overnight parking is not allowed. Cards are normally accepted, but the booth may take cash only on major holidays. Parking on US-89 is prohibited and ticketed, and there is no overflow shuttle, so if the lot is full you will be asked to return later. Drone rules apply; check with the City of Page before flying.

When to Go

Horseshoe Bend is busiest around sunset and in the middle of the day. For the best light and the fewest people, go within an hour of sunrise; the bend is in shadow early, and the canyon floor lights up as the sun climbs. Midday gives the greenest river and the strongest color but the harshest heat from late spring through early fall. The rim is exposed, drops about 1,000 feet, and should be treated with respect -- keep children and pets close, stay well back from the edge, and never lean out for a photo.

Beyond the Overlook

For a different view, a smooth-water float trip on the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam gives a river-level look at the same canyon, run by Wilderness River Adventures under National Park Service authorization. Reserve ahead at 800-992-8022 (press 1) and confirm the current meeting point and season.

Plan Before You Go

What to reserve first, in priority order

Book This First

If you only act on one section of this guide before you go, make it this one. Roughly in priority order:

- Antelope Canyon tours, especially Upper light-beam slots (reserve 4-6 weeks ahead from April to October)
- Lodging in Page for summer weekends, spring break, and light-beam season
- The Wave advance lottery, four months before your hike month ($6 application fee, plus $7 per person or dog if selected), and the daily lottery if you are already in the area
- Wire Pass day-use permit ($6 per person and per dog) on Recreation.gov, or follow the trailhead process
- Lake Powell boat tours, kayak rentals, and Rainbow Bridge status (confirm the tour is running)
- Lees Ferry float trip, if you want a river-level look at Glen Canyon
- A fresh check of North Rim status, ramp status, and any unpaved-road conditions for your travel dates

This Free Preview Ends Here

You've just seen a handful of sections from the full Page, Arizona guide -- Welcome, Current Status, At a Glance, the Page Radius table, the Antelope Canyon overview and operator-rules callout, the complete Horseshoe Bend chapter, and the Book This First priority list.

The full guide goes much further: side-by-side Antelope Canyon tour comparisons, Lake Powell, Lees Ferry, Wire Pass and The Wave permit details, Kanab, the North Rim, Monument Valley, lodging and dining, a full itinerary library from one day to seven, budget planning, safety, and a quick-reference contacts page -- all cross-checked against official sources.

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