



Launching from Bullfrog Marina – towing a powerboat

North Itinerary

Day 1:

From Center Dock, Turn left out of the break water in Bullfrog Bay heading towards Hall's Crossing Marina which is approximately 3.1 miles. When approaching Hall's Crossing Marina, you will notice the docks with white roofs; these are commonly referred to as the "Covered Slips." The main channel of the lake intersects with Bullfrog Bay at Hall's Crossing Marina.

To head north up the lake, you will turn left. If you've had a late start in the day, this a good option since these canyons are the closest with beaches and hiking. Because these are close there will be many houseboats camped with a 5 mile radius of the marina. There is no guarantee that there are any camping spots open. You might want to send your powerboat ahead to find an available beach.

Option 1: Moki Canyon is at Buoy 99, having several beach options. It is the first canyon on the right going north from Hall's Crossing. At higher lake levels the ruins and pictographs are easily accessible.

Time by houseboat from the Center Dock: 1 – 1.5 Hours

Option 2: Crystal Springs Canyon at Buoy 104 has a few beaching options. This is the second canyon on the right north of Hall's Crossing Marina. This canyon is very serene and quiet, with high canyon walls and lone beaches. The beaches in it are quite popular in the summer, especially since they are only wide enough to fit one houseboat in. With the winding passageway and sandy beaches, it is ideal for peace and quiet, but not ideal for wakeboarding.

Time by houseboat from the Center Dock: 1.5-2 hours

Option 3: Forgotten Canyon is at Buoy 106, having several beach options. This is the third canyon on the right north of Hall's Crossing. It's very popular with hikers and boaters due to the length of the canyon and access to the Defiance House ruins and pictographs. At higher water levels, the ruins are accessible by boat and a short walk. At lower levels, it's about a 2 mile moderate hike over sand hills each way and lasts about 2 hours. There are also floating restrooms located at the mouth of the canyon.

Time by Houseboat from the Center Dock: 1.5-2 hours



Once you've secured your campsite and anchored your houseboat for the evening, daylight permitting, you may now explore side canyons. You may utilize your powerboat to explore the Hansen Creek, Warm Springs and Smith Fork Canyons. There's a hike at the end of Smith Fork Canyon and lasts about 2-3 hours. At higher water levels the hike up can actually take you to overlook the lake. It is best to stay out of the slot canyons if there is any weather or has been any weather due to flash flooding.

Day 2:

Option 1: Cedar Canyon has many options for beaches. There is great fishing in this canyon along with good shelter from the weather. The canyon goes on for days. But there is not much reported to see.

Time by Houseboat from the Center Dock: 2 – 2.5hrs.

Option 2: Seven Mile Canyon has a few beaches. There is also some hiking back in here with some narrows and dry falls which will stop you from going farther.

Time by Houseboat from the Center Dock: 2 – 2.5hrs.

Camp in on of these areas and go exploring. There are quite a few places to see like Warm Springs Canyon, Knowles Canyon, Seven Mile Canyon and Cedar Canyon.

Day 3:

If you are due back today then give yourself at least 3.5 hours; 2 hours for the drive and 1.5 hours for refueling and unloading.

If you are due back on the fourth day you may want to consider traveling down to Hansen Creek Canyon at buoy 104 to stay the night. You will then be closer to the marina and not have to rush as much. Allow 3 hours; 1-1.5 hrs for the drive and 1.5 hours for refueling and unloading.

Proceed up lake via main channel to Good Hope Bay; this will take about an hour. There are a lot of beaches in this bay, being one of the biggest bays on the lake with some of the best fishing and plenty of room for water sports. There are lots of submerged rocks near the shore lines; they are difficult to see due to murky water. Find a nice beach and then go exploring.

Ticaboo Canyon has no beaches but is great for fishing. At the end of this canyon you can hike up to a small slot canyon.

Red Canyon has beaches and can also be accessed from the highway. There may be some vehicles. (This road is a very rough 4 wheel drive road) There is not



much shelter from the weather here. Use caution when going up much higher than Red Canyon. There are submerged logs and sticks.

Blue Notch Canyon has beaches but the canyon is not very big. White Canyon, Farley's Canyon and Trachyte Canyon are great for fishing.

Day 4:

Any of the above referenced canyons are great for beaching and enjoying the lake. If you are due back on the fifth day you may want to consider going back about half way to cut your driving time. It will take about 4 hrs to get back to Bullfrog Boat Rentals from here. If you return as far as Forgotten Canyon you will than have about a 2 hour trip on the fifth day.

Day 5:

Continue to hang out here and enjoy the area. If you are due back just remember to give yourselves enough time to fuel up and unload by the designated time. (At least 1.5 hrs) Count this into your driving time.

Day 6:

Head back down lake on this day to split up the drive back. Stay in Knowles Canyon at buoy 108. There are some beaches in here with fishing and hiking possibilities. Hiking in the back of this canyon is very serene. There is running water but it is not potable. There is possible bird watching with some shade from cottonwoods.

Time by Houseboat to the Center Dock: 2 – 2.5hrs.

Day 7:

Wake with enough time to get on your way to be on time. Allow 4 hours; 2.5 for the drive and 1.5 to fuel and unload. Go out to the main channel and head down lake. In between Forgotten Canyon and Crystal Springs Canyon on the left canyon wall (heading down lake) you will see a couple of sand stone mounds. If you look hard you will see the Moki Steps going up the canyon wall. This was one of the ways the Anasazi Indians used to access the top of the Glen Canyon. These steps are very steep and slippery. Do not try to go up the steps; they are dangerous and there is nothing at the top. The fuel dock is located to the right of the covered slips.



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South Itinerary

Day 1:

From Center Dock, Turn left out of the break water in Bullfrog Bay heading towards Hall's Crossing Marina which is approximately 3.1 miles. When approaching Hall's Crossing Marina, you will notice the docks with white roofs; these are commonly referred to as the "Covered Slips." The main channel of the lake intersects with Bullfrog Bay at Hall's Crossing Marina.

To head down lake you will make a right at Halls Crossing Marina. If you've had a late start in the day, Halls Creek Bay would be a good place to stay. This is located around buoy 93; there is white buoy that has Hall's Creek Bay on it. It's the first canyon on the right. The canyon is very congested so use caution when driving through it.

This is a great canyon for water sports, fishing and hiking. When hiking you need to wear lots of sun block and take lots of water. There are a few hikes in the back of this canyon but they are moderate to difficult to hike in the heat. They need to be researched before you head out.

Time by Houseboat from the Center Dock: 45min – 1hr.

If there is sun light left, this would be the time to go exploring. Head back out to the main channel and take a right. You will then see another canyon about 200ft down lake on the right side. This is Lost Eden Canyon. Follow this canyon to the back were you will find that the channel gets very narrow, use caution and go slow as there are a lot of people in here.

If you continue farther back it will open up to a big cave that you can drive into. (Yes with the boat) you can only see this when the water is lower. This is one of the few shaded spots on the lake. You will not be able to get a houseboat back here, only kayaks, PWC or powerboat.

Time from Halls Creek Bay: 15 – 20 minutes.

Day 2:

Head out of Halls Creek Bay and go right down lake. There are many canyons to explore.

Option 1: Lake Canyon is at buoy 88, having only one beach in the back of the canyon. This canyon is very serene, but has some really rough waters. There are no sandy beaches to absorb the boat wakes, so they just continue to bounce off the



canyon walls making it rough. If you would like to chance it, send your powerboat back first to scout out the spot.

Time by Houseboat from Center Dock: 1.5 – 2hrs.

Option 2: Annie's Canyon is at buoy 84, with a few beaches in the back this is a very nice canyon. You can hike up the back and listen to the peace and serenity.

Time by Houseboat from Center Dock: 2hrs

Option 3: The Rincon starts at buoy 78 and has many places to beach. There is a floating restroom located around buoy 77 on the left side. We do not suggest camping within 200 yards of this because in the right wind the smell can be strong. This is a great place for camping, fishing, water sports and exploring.

Time by Houseboat from Center Dock: 3 – 3.5hrs.

Explore Slick Rock Canyon where you can view the ruins. (Please do not try to go around the fence, it's there because people were damaging these ruins.) The ruins have been restored to a point but are not good enough to walk in. The hike is about 2hrs round trip. There are some beaches here but it's more of a cove now.

Iceberg Canyon has great fishing and a natural lake in the back of the canyon. Long Canyon and Brown's Canyon are nice. Both of these canyons end at little waterfalls.

Day 3:

If you are due back today you will want to give yourself at least 5 hours; 3.5hrs of driving time and 1.5 hrs to fuel and unload by the designated time. If you are due back on the fourth day you may want to consider heading up lake to one of the closer canyons. You will then be closer to the Marina and not have to rush as much.

Proceed down lake to the Escalante River Arm at buoy 68, this is a place to hike, camp, fish and enjoy the peace. There are a lot of Beaches located in this river arm. There is another floating restroom in the mouth of the river.

Time by Houseboat from Center Dock: 4.5 – 5 hrs.

There is some great hiking in Davis Gulch Canyon. The hike back to the arch is about an hour. Also go visit The Cathedral in The Desert up Clear Creek Canyon; this is more visible when the water is low. It is truly worth the effort.



Day 4:

If you are due back on day five, then you may want to consider boating up lake and staying somewhere closer to the marina.

Today just hang out and go and enjoy the peace. You can head down to The Hole in The Rock to see where the Mormon settlers came through. There is a buoy that marks this spot, at marker 63.

Day 5:

If you are due back on the sixth day, then you will want to head back up lake and stay somewhere closer to the marina.

Otherwise, continue to enjoy the lake.

Day 6:

You will want to head back up lake today. Find a nice camping spot half way back to cut the drive time in half. This will help out with the drive back on the last day.

Day 7:

You will want to give yourself enough time to get back fuel up and unload at the designated time. The fueling and unloading can take about 1.5 hrs.

If you would like to research the lake area and hiking that you can do there is a book that can be purchased of a couple websites.

The name of the book is Boaters Guide to Lake Powell by Michael R. Kelsey

www.glencanyonassoiation.org

www.mapstore.utah.gov/recreation/fishing.htm