



## HORSESHOE BEND - **GLEN CANYON DAM**



**Rating:** Easy hiking

**Length:** 1 hour (1 mile)

**Gear:** Standard Hiking Gear

**Maps:** None needed.

**Season:** Any

**Waypoints:**

Trailhead

12S 455197mE 4081309mN

N36° 52' 36" W111° 30' 10"

## Hype

Horseshoe Bend is exceedingly popular with photographers. After visiting the place, you will begin to notice its image all over, from magazines to calendars.

It is an incredible sight to behold, and well worth the short hike to visit. The trail is wide, well-traveled, and very easy. The hike is suitable for most, and a good family friendly outing. If taking children or pets, watch them at the end of the hike. The cliffs would be an easy place to stumble accidentally off of.

**Tags:** *hike, family friendly, access: paved*

## Trailhead

Go south out of Page for a couple of miles on Highway 89 to mile marker 544.8. The Horseshoe Bend trailhead is clearly marked on the west (right) side of the road, and is a large parking area.

## Route

From the trailhead, follow the wide, well-defined trail to the top of the small knoll. Some may wish to stop here at the covered pavilion viewpoint, but it is well worth continuing the additional 10-15 minutes to the actual overlook. It is a bit sandy, and can be hot in the summer, so take water.

As the sign at the trailhead warns, this is a big drop to the river. Be sure to keep an eye on kids and pets. The contrast of red cliff walls with the crystal blue waters of the Colorado River is stunning.

Note: For best pictures, go just before sunrise. As the sun begins coming up, seems to be the best time and lighting for photos. You are likely to see dozens of people there on a busy summer sunrise.

