



San Juan River Reserved Campsite Descriptions and Map

Conditions and group size suitability are subject to change.

SLICKHORN A: *river right; maximum group size 25; 17.5 miles from Clay Hills take-out*

Slickhorn A is a medium campsite at the mouth of a small drainage. The campsite is approximately ½ mile from the mouth of Slickhorn Canyon. There is a trail to the canyon, but depending on river and weather conditions, it can be a difficult walk, especially for small children. However, the distance from the canyon usually insures more privacy. There are few trees for shade, but the sun drops below the opposite cliff fairly early.



SLICKHORN B: *river right; maximum group size 25; 17 miles from Clay Hills take-out*



Slickhorn B is a large campsite just upriver from the mouth of Slickhorn Canyon, providing easy access for hiking. There is little shade, with tent sites scattered among boulders. The trail from Slickhorn A sometimes leads others through the campsite. It is also often a landing area for groups who are camping elsewhere but want to hike the canyon.

SLICKHORN C: *river right; maximum group size 25; 17 miles from Clay Hills take-out*

Slickhorn C is a large campsite downriver from the mouth of Slickhorn Canyon, providing easy access for hiking. There are some large tamarisks which can provide shade for a kitchen or small group tent sites; larger groups usually have tents scattered across the upper bench area. The trail from Slickhorn D, which is adjacent to this camp, leads through the edge of the campsite.



SLICKHORN D: river right; maximum group size is 15; 17 miles from Clay Hills take-out



Slickhorn D is a small to medium campsite just downriver from the Slickhorn C camp. This camp has easy access for hiking, although the trail requires skirting the edge of the C camp. There are several tent sites among the tamarisks on a bench above the river. Access is sometimes difficult at low water levels.

SLICKHORN E: river left; maximum group size is 25; 17 miles from Clay Hills take-out

Slickhorn E is a medium size campsite located on the point of land where the river bends left, approximately 0.3 mile below the mouth of the canyon. Due to lack of access to the canyon, most groups who want to hike must stop at the mouth of the canyon before continuing down to the campsite. There are a few tamarisks providing a little shade. A camping permit from the Navajo Nation is required.



GRAND GULCH: river right; maximum group size is 25; 13 miles from Clay Hills take-out



Grand Gulch is a medium size campsite located at the mouth of Grand Gulch. The camp is above the river on a rock bench which gradually decreases in height as you float downstream from the mouth of the canyon, making landing and access easier. Unless the stream is running exceptionally high, tents can be carried across to additional sleeping areas. The only shade is in the drainage itself.

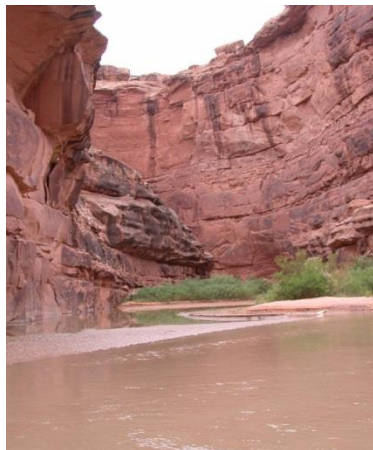
TRIMBLE CAMP: *river left; maximum group size is 6; 11 miles from Clay Hills take-out*

Trimble is a small campsite at the mouth of a small drainage. Due to a flash flood, this camp is currently in a boulder-strewn delta that formed at the mouth of the drainage. There is little vegetation, and few open areas for a kitchen and tents. This camp is recommended for small groups only. The campsite is located within the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, so a Navajo Nation camping permit is not required.



OLJETO WASH: *river left; recommended group size is 8 (max is 25); 8 miles from Clay Hills take-out*

Oljeto Wash is located at the mouth of a narrow canyon, and size and access vary with river level. It is sometimes possible to boat into the mouth of the canyon and camp on a bench area there, or there is often a large sandy area where it is possible to camp next to the river. Both of these locations are extremely susceptible to flash flooding. There is a small rocky bench located on the downstream side of



the canyon (see pic below), which is above the flood-prone area and accommodates camping for groups of about 8 people. The campsite is located within the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, so a Navajo Nation camping permit is not required; however a tribal permit is required for hiking in the canyon.



STEER GULCH: *river right; maximum group size is 25; 6 miles from Clay Hills take-out*



Steer Gulch is a medium size campsite located just downriver from Steer Gulch. This area is being greatly affected from siltation caused by Lake Powell, and boat landings can vary from week to week. During the late spring/summer months, standing water trapped at the mouth of the canyon can benefit a large mosquito population. Tamarisks provide some shade.

