

San Juan River, UT

BLM manages the river from Montezuma Creek to the boundary of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and by agreement with the National Park Service, issues permits for all river segments on the 102-miles between Montezuma Creek and Clay Hills Crossing. A permit is required year-round to float any section of the San Juan River. There are 3 access points, and most trips launch at Sand Island or Mexican Hat, and take out at Mexican Hat or Clay Hills. Permits are issued only through a pre-season lottery and advanced online reservations. Permits are required year round and issued through www.recreation.gov/permits/250986.

Permit Lottery for trips April 15 – July 15: will be accepted from December 1st to January 31st.

Advance Reservations for trips January 1st – April 14th are booked on same website beginning December 1.

Applicants will be notified of the results on their recreation.gov accounts and via email in mid-February. Successful applicants must accept and pay the per person permit fees for their awarded reservation by March 15th. Unaccepted reservations will be cancelled.

Fees: \$6.00 non-refundable application fee.

Permit fees are required for trips launching **March 1 – October 31**.

Sand Island to Mexican Hat: \$10.00 per person

Mexican Hat to Clay Hills: \$20.00 per person

Sand Island to Clay Hills: \$30.00 per person

No fee is charged for the Montezuma Creek to Sand Island section, but a permit is still required.

Cancellations: Permit holders who cancel their reservation or reduce their party size a minimum of 31 days prior to the launch date will receive a refund of their permit fees. No refunds are issued for reservations cancelled or reduced 30 days or less before the launch date under any circumstances.

Additional Information: Maximum group size is 25 persons. No pets are allowed.

Navajo Nation Permits: Requires additional permits to camp, hike, or visit archaeological sites on river left. For permits information, contact Navajo Parks and Recreation Department, (928) 871-6647, <http://navajonationparks.org/>.

Trips taking out at Clay Hills: Campsites below Government Rapid (~ river mile 64) is allowed at nine designated sites only. These sites must be reserved as directed by the recreation.gov website.

Contact:

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<http://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/passes-and-permits/lotteries/utah/sanjuanriver>