

MAY 25 - ANTELOPE CANYON, PAGE AZ

After a comfortable but warm night in the Walmart parking lot in Page, we awoke early. We wanted to go to Horseshoe Bend just south of Page before my tour of Antelope Canyon at 10:30.

The signboard at Horseshoe Bend indicated a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile walk to the viewpoint. Jen and I walked up the hill, surveyed the landscape, and decided to "borrow" a picture from the 'net. Jen couldn't have made the distance and I didn't want possibly screw up my Antelope Canyon tour.



Because we had time, we enjoyed a leisurely breakfast at Denny's in Page. Afterwards, we stopped at a scenic view point to view the Glen Canyon dam and down river.



The layers in the rocks were quite incredible. It made me realize how fantastic Mother Nature is...how many eons it took to make what I was walking over this morning.



I rejoined Jen who informed me that the wind moving over the layers in the rock were making "pan flute" sounds. "Listen", she said. I heard the pan flute sound, then looked at her cane which has holes in the metal tube so that you can adjust the length of the cane. Holding it just right against the wind made the flute sounds. Nice try, Jen!

We drove to the tour company location about 6 miles east of Page. Wow, crowds of people already and it's only 8:30! I checked in and was able to get on the 9:10 tour.

Our group walked down to the starting point at the bottom of the canyon. The sun was shining and it was starting to get very warm. Fortunately there was a covered waiting area. You can see the line waiting to descend into the canyon - 5 ladders to get to the bottom!



So now my problem is how to describe this natural wonder. Well, I can't. Just like the Grand Canyon you will have to come and walk through it yourself. But in the meantime, here are some of the pictures that I and our tour guide took. I hope these excite you enough for you to put Antelope Canyon on your list.

The canyon is very narrow in spots.



All of this is the result of water and wind erosion over millennia. Just look at the colours.



This picture "Twin Peaks" was take by our tour guide. He knelt down on the floor of the canyon and shot the picture straight up. He did it for all eleven of us.



Here's another.



And my favourite "Rocky Mountain Sunset".



Well, as Bugs Bunny used to say at the end of a cartoon: "That's All, Folks".

We exited the canyon (yep, that narrow little trench) and walked back to our starting point. The entire took about 1.5 hours. Was it worth the price of admission? ABSOLUTELY!!

Around 10:30 (my original starting time), we hit the road, drove across the Glen Canyon dam bridge and headed for Kanab, UT. We're at an RV park there for 3 nights.



Tomorrow, we are going to drive to Bryce Canyon. Saturday will be Zion National Park. Sunday we will pull out and head for Cedar City, UT. See you there.