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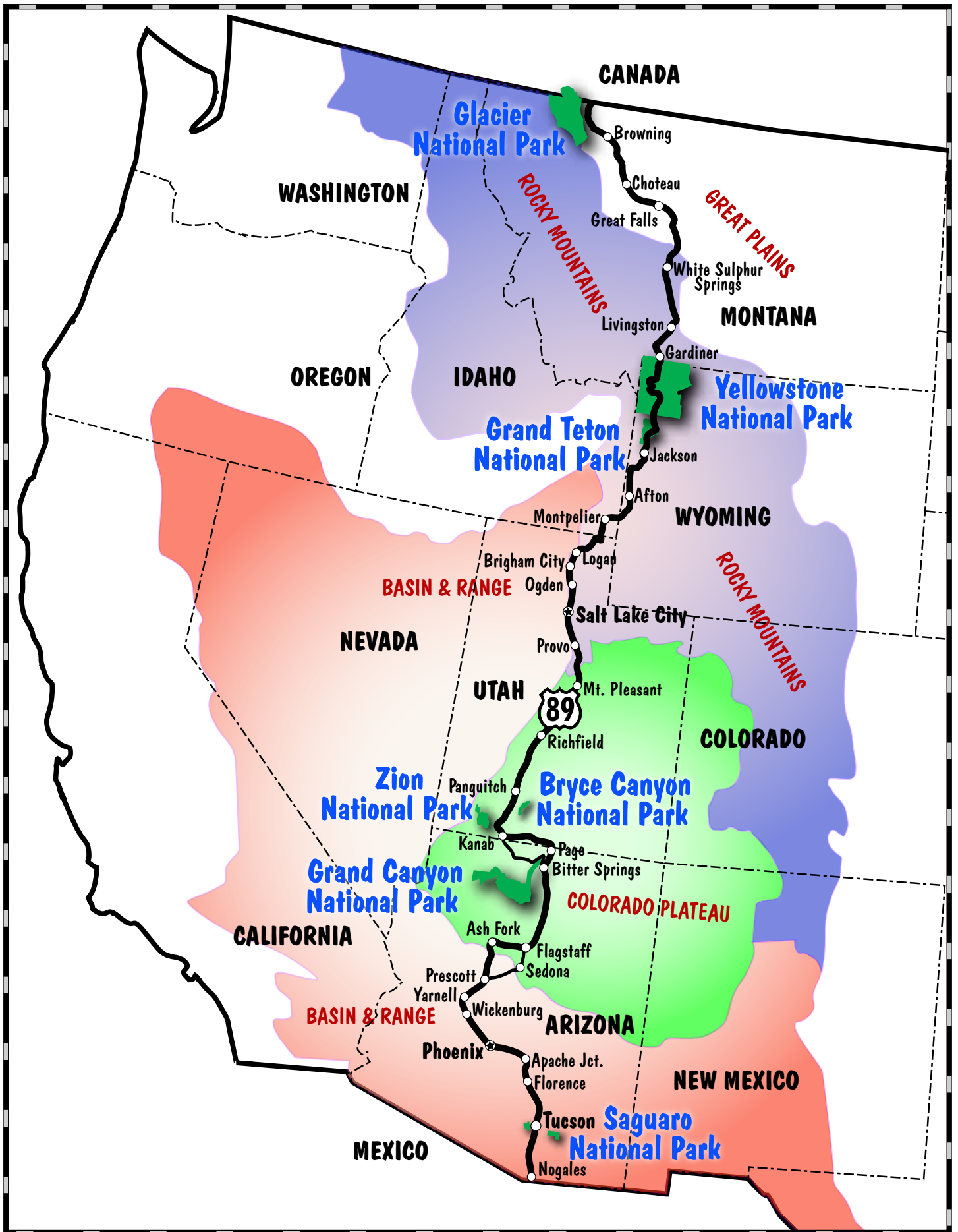
America's Most Scenic Road Trip

Road Trip Map Book



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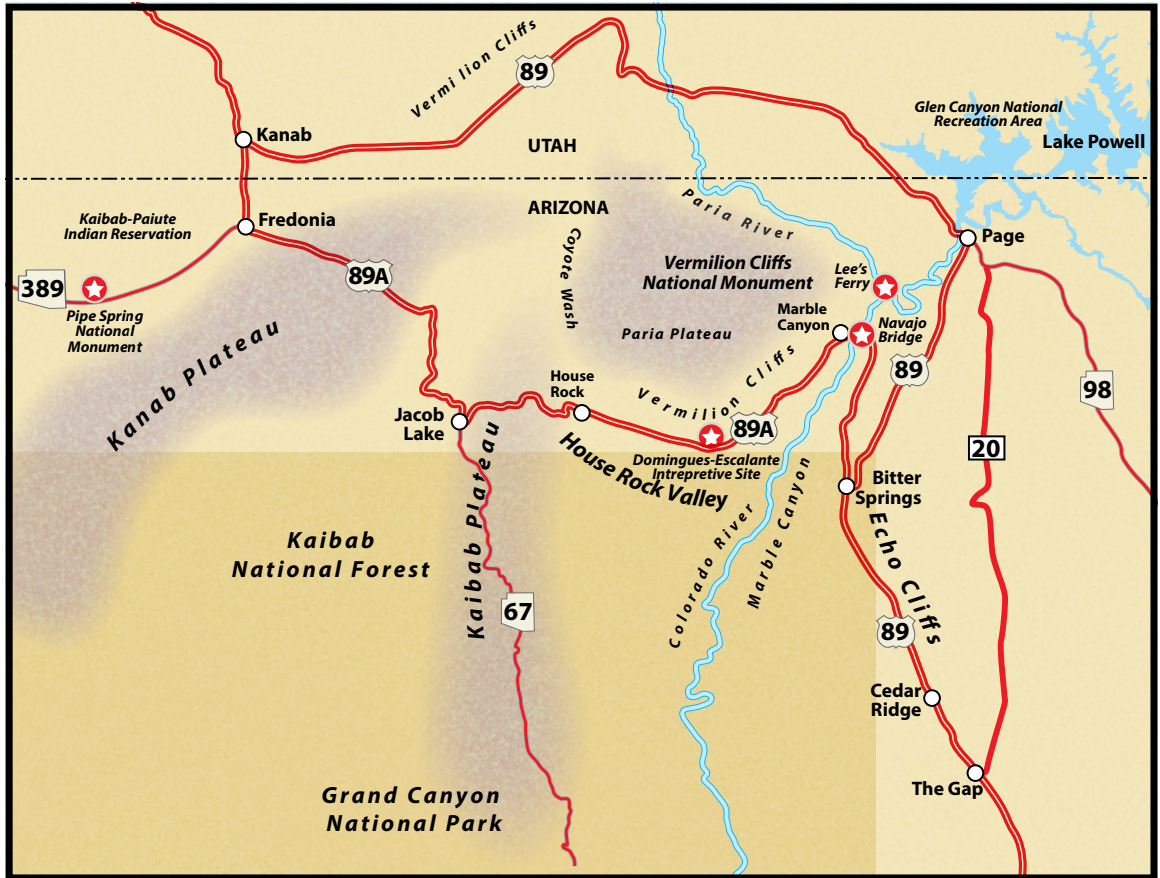
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US 89A Bitter Springs to Kanab Road Trip Guide

Distance: 92.7 miles • Elevation Change: Bitter Springs 5108 ft.–Kanab 4970 ft.

The original route of 89 was across the Kaibab Plateau from Bitter Springs to Kanab. With the construction of a bridge over the Colorado River at the Glen Canyon dam, this section was designated as an alternative route. From Bitter Springs, 89A goes north to Navajo Bridge at Lee's Ferry in Marble Canyon. When the first Navajo Bridge was completed in 1929, it opened up travel between Utah and Arizona. At the time it was the only crossing for 600 miles in either direction. In 1995, a new Navajo Bridge was



completed along side the original which is now open to pedestrians who wish to stroll out on it to stand 470 feet above the Colorado River. From Marble Canyon, US Route 89A follows the Vermilion Cliffs through House Rock Valley then climbs 2,500 feet onto the Kaibab Plateau. Access to the north rim of the Grand Canyon is along Arizona Route 67 which intersects with 89A at Jacob Lake. This road is closed by snow from late October until sometime in May. Continuing on from Jacob Lake, the road descends the west side of the plateau to an isolated area known as the Arizona Strip. In Kanab, 89A rejoins 89.

Special Attractions

Navajo Bridge, Lee's Ferry and Lonely Dell Ranch

From 1872 until the completion of Navajo Bridge in 1929, Lee's Ferry was the only way across the Colorado River for 600 miles. Today, Lee's Ferry is the launching point for raft trips through the Grand Canyon and for trout fishing upstream to Glen Canyon Dam. The Lonely Dell Ranch was home to the families that operated the ferry and is open for self-guided walking tours.

Vermilion Cliffs National Monument

Highway 89A follows the red sandstone Vermilion Cliffs across the House Rock Valley to the edge of the Kaibab Plateau. The 280,000-acre Monument is a geologic treasure, containing a variety of diverse landscapes from the Paria Plateau, Vermilion Cliffs, Coyote Buttes, and Paria Canyon. A California Condor viewing area is located three miles north on House Rock Road at the west end of the valley.

Grand Canyon National Park-North Rim

The north rim of the Grand Canyon is forty-five miles south of Jacob Lake via Arizona Route 67. Views of the canyon from the north rim are quite different from the south rim. Because the north rim is higher and erosion has occurred from north to south, the rim is some ten mile from the Colorado River. Thus the view is down long, deep canyons surrounded by towering buttes. Note: the road to the north rim is only open to vehicles from May to October depending on snow conditions.



US Route 89 Appreciation Society

If the thought of exploring US Route 89 fires your imagination, you are invited to join the US Route 89 Appreciation Society. The Society is dedicated to providing its members with the all the information they need to plan a trip along this unique highway. To become a member, go to the Society website, www.us89society.org, and click on **Support the 89 Project**.

Membership Categories and Benefits

Individuals:

10-Mile General Membership—\$10

- Membership Certificate
- Life's So Fine on Route 89 Magnet
- E-Mail Newsletter
- Invitation to all project events

50-Mile Enhanced Membership—\$50

- All General Member Benefits PLUS
- US Route 89 Map Book—Electronic (PDF) Version
- Member's discount on all publications

89-Mile Life's So Fine on Route 89 Membership—\$89

- All General Member Benefits PLUS
- US Route 89 Map Book—Electronic (PDF) Version
- "Life's So Fine on Route 89" Embroidered Patch
- Member's discount on all publications

100-Mile Sustaining Membership—\$100

- All General Member Benefits PLUS
- US Route 89 Map Book—Printed Version
- Member's discount on all publications

National Park Membership—\$250

- All General Member Benefits PLUS
- US Route 89 Map Book—Printed Version
- Fine Art 5x7 Print of Your Favorite Park
- Member's discount on all publications

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If you own a business or have an interest in promoting tourism along US Route 89, you are invited to become a Business Member of the Appreciation Society.

Business Membership—\$500

- Framed Membership Certificate
- Links on the US Route 89 Website from Road Trip Guide and Sponsors' page
- Link in monthly email newsletter, Along 89
- Listing in US Route 89 brochure
- Acknowledgement in all publications including the Road Trip Map Book
- 20% discount on licensing fees for the use of James Cowlin's photographs in promotional materials such as brochures, magazine articles, websites and trade show displays.
- 20% discount on prints of James Cowlin's photographs for display in your offices.

A vital part of the US Route 89 project is helping travelers and residents learn about our Western history and culture. Civic and cultural organizations are invited to join the Society at a special rate just for non-profits. Your organization will be featured in all publications and on the Society website.

Civic & Cultural Organizations Membership—\$250

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