

Dirty Devil to Bullfrog

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Several groups of RMSKC members have spent time this summer on the north end of Lake Powell and the drainage systems that supply it.

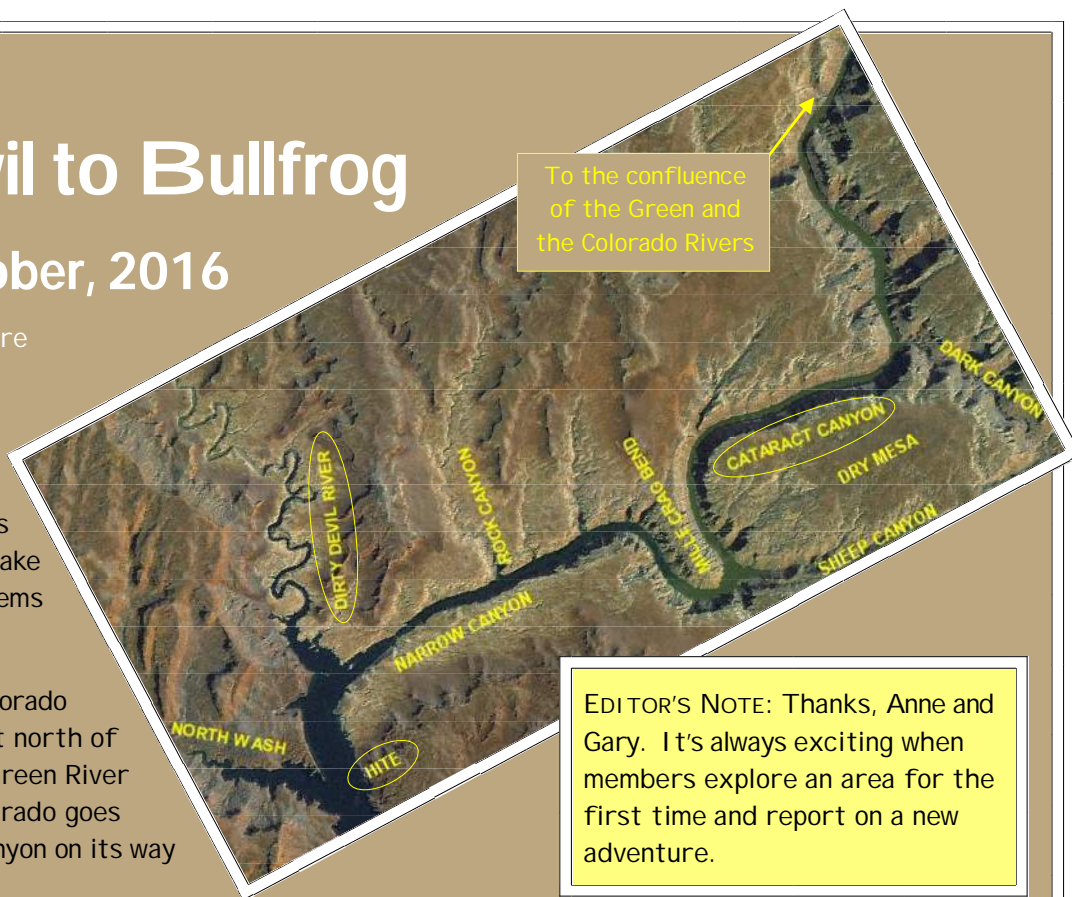
The Green River joins the Colorado River at the Confluence, just north of where the paddlers on the Green River trip took out. Then the Colorado goes through famous Cataract Canyon on its way to filling Lake Powell.

While it is flowing southwest and more like the Colorado River than Lake Powell it is joined by the Dirty Devil River coming in from the north. Continuing as the Colorado it goes past the old Hite Marina at the top of Lake Powell, which at today's water level is high and dry and out of service, and then into Good Hope Bay, where the folks from *Powell Houseboat 2016* spent part of their week on the lake.

Anne Fiore and Gary Cage were itching to explore that far section of Lake Powell beyond Hite where none of us has gone. They organized a 90-minute shuttle, put in just below where the Dirty Devil joins the Colorado and paddled back to Bullfrog Marina. Here are Anne's notes and pictures from their trip:

DAY 1: We started at the Dirty Devil put-in and paddled about six miles in a moderate head wind, exploring the North Wash Canyon along the way. [The map on page 39 shows places that Anne and Gary paddled.]

DAY 2: We paddled down to Trachyte Canyon then up White Canyon. The day started calm but ended with a moderate wind. Our day ended with watching the moon and Venus and a nice view of the stars.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks, Anne and Gary. It's always exciting when members explore an area for the first time and report on a new adventure.





Evening sky on the second day

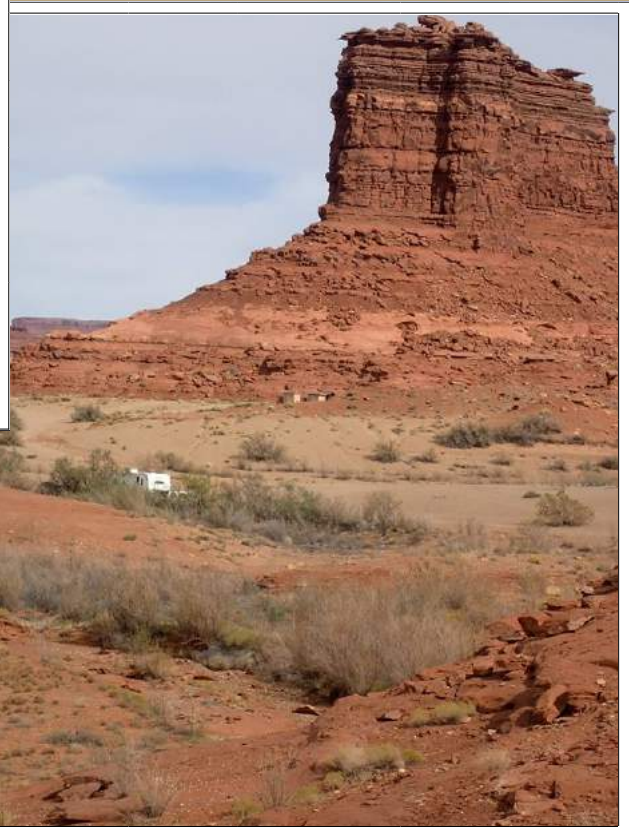


DAY 3: A strong wind came up overnight so this turned into a day of rest and grebe watching.

About 2:00 in the afternoon it calmed enough for us to head up Farley Canyon to its end. At full pool (3700 feet), there is a road and campground at the water's edge. At this level there is what looks like an ATV track down to the water where a couple of boats were parked with a couple of campers parked up higher.



Day Three. Gary built a windbreak for the tent



We hiked up out of the canyon and had a stunning view of a monument valley.

DAY 4: The wind calmed down overnight. We got up and headed down to Good Hope Bay and camped in a protected cove below Blue Canyon.

DAY 5: We got up early again and headed down lake. At Mile 114 we entered territory that we visited on our outing in 2014.



Our plan was to camp at the same spot between Knowles and Smith Canyons but it turned out the lake is about 10 feet higher than in 2014 and that camp is underwater.

We found a nice spot on the same side about 100 yards up lake and set up camp. We started the day in calm water but the wind came up to a moderate level as the day went on.

DAY 6: We had a leisurely breakfast and were on the water by the crack of noon with a moderate tail wind which lessened as the day went on, and reached Bullfrog Marina around 4:30. It was a wonderful vacation.



Gary Cage heading toward Bullfrog