

Itinerary for October 15-24
Navajoland and Writing with Craig Childs

General Reading for entering Navajoland:

“The Fragility of Understanding”
“The Navajo”, in Navajoland folder.

Wednesday, October 15

Morning: Take off San Juan River at Mexican Hat, Drive to Dooda Desert Rock Protest Camp near Shiprock, NM.

Late Afternoon: Meet Elouise Brown, protest organizer. We will be doing some service work for the camp: hauling water, cutting firewood, etc.

Thursday, October 16

Morning: Meet with Elouise Brown for discussion of proposed Desert Rock coal-fired energy plant.

Afternoon: Drive to Farmington, NM to meet Dine CARE activist Dailan Long on the proposed Desert Rock power plant.

Please read basic information about Dooda Desert Rock and Dine CARE in the Navajoland folder. More information is also available at:

<http://www.desert-rock-blog.com/>

<http://www.dinecare.org/>

Return to Dooda Desert Rock Camp

Friday, October 17

Depart early for Window Rock, AZ

10:00am Meet attorney Stanley Pollack to discuss Navajo water politics and we will have the chance to discuss Desert Rock with him as well.

READ: “Seeking the Water Jackpot”, *High Country News*, about Mr. Pollack’s controversial work.

If possible, I am hoping we will have the chance to visit the Council Chambers (Navajo Seat of Government) to view the famous murals that adorn the walls.

Afternoon: Meet attorney Levon Henry and Zackeree Kelin to discuss Navajo religious rights issues in the context of the San Francisco Peaks reclaimed water controversy, and uranium mining issues on the Navajo Reservation.

We will then take a short field trip (30 minute drive each way) to visit uranium mining sites near Church Rock, NM.

READ: "Peaks Opinion," "Sacred Claims" and "Navajo Windfall" in Navajoland folder.

Drive to Canyon de Chelly National Monument. Camp.

Saturday October 18

Time to explore Canyon de Chelly.

Late afternoon/evening: Group discussion of Navajoland issues.

Sunday, October 19

Travel Day: Leave Canyon de Chelly for Comb Ridge/Cedar Mesa Camp near Blanding, UT

Tour Edge of the Cedars Museum near Blanding, UT (great collection of pottery, Basketmaker/Puebloan artifacts)

5:00 or 5:30 Meet Craig Childs at the Museum, caravan to Camp

October 20-23: Writing Workshop with Craig Childs

October 24: Travel Day to New Mexico