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## **BOATS, BATHING SUITS, AND CANYON BEAUTY**

*An Insider's Look at Rainbow Bridge National Monument*

On Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 3pm, the Springfield Public Library is hosting a talk by park ranger Doug Crispin about the Rainbow Bridge National Monument.

Rainbow Natural Bridge is located in Utah and is one of the world's great scenic and geologic sights. Some call it the world's *Eighth* Natural Wonder! Rainbow Bridge became a National Monument exactly 100 years ago, but few visitors have ever seen it. It is one of the most remote National Park areas in the lower 48 states.

How was Rainbow Bridge formed? What's the difference between a natural bridge and an arch? How does one view Rainbow Bridge? How did it become a National Monument a century ago? And what is the difference between a National Park and a National Monument?

Learn the answers to these and other questions as we take a special view of this National Monument, a view from one of its park ranger guardians. You'll hear stories about Red Rock canyon geology and American history. Along the way you will gain insights and appreciation for our great National Park areas. You will also enjoy an insider's glimpse into one of the last great professions in America, park rangers.

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Eugene resident Doug Crispin was employed as a park ranger at Rainbow Bridge National Monument. Last summer he claims he travelled over 3000 miles by boat on Lake Powell! Doug has worked 38 years as both a National Park and Oregon State Park ranger in the American West. Rainbow Bridge was his ninth national park area he both lived and worked in.

**What:** A presentation about the Rainbow Natural Bridge monument by park ranger Doug Crispin

**When:** Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 3pm

**Where:** Springfield Library Meeting Room, 225 5<sup>th</sup> St. Springfield, OR

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