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FORREST GUMP

1 FORREST GUMP HILL

One of the most recognizable roadside views in the American West, Forrest Gump Hill became famous after appearing in Forrest Gump. With Monument Valley rising in the distance, this stretch of highway has become a must-stop for movie lovers, photographers, and road trippers hoping to recreate an iconic cinematic moment.





THE LONE RANGER

2 JOHN FORD'S POINT

John Ford's Point offers one of Monument Valley's most legendary views and honors the director whose films helped define the look of the American West. The dramatic overlook has long been tied to the area's film legacy and remains a memorable stop for visitors wanting to experience a landscape that has inspired generations of filmmakers.

THELMA & LOUISE

3 DEAD HORSE POINT STATE PARK

Perched high above the Colorado River, Dead Horse Point State Park delivers sweeping canyon views that feel made for the big screen. Its striking desert scenery has helped it earn a place in several film and television productions, making it a favorite for travelers drawn to Utah's cinematic landscapes.

Also filmed here:

PASSION IN THE DESERT



STAGECOACH

4 GOULDING'S LODGE

Goulding's Lodge is one of Monument Valley's most historic film-related destinations. Closely tied to the golden age of Westerns, it welcomed filmmakers and supported productions that helped turn Monument Valley into an icon of the silver screen. Today, it offers visitors a deeper connection to the area's rich storytelling legacy.

Also filmed here:

FORT APACHE
SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON
RIO GRANDE
THE SEARCHERS





TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION

5 LA SAL JUNCTION

Surrounded by wide open desert and dramatic southeastern Utah scenery, La Sal Junction has served as a fitting backdrop for film productions looking for bold Western landscapes. Its setting captures the rugged, expansive feel that continues to make this region so appealing to directors and location scouts.

BIRDS OF PREY

6 CANYONLANDS NTL PARK

With vast overlooks, layered rock formations, and deep canyons carved over millions of years, Canyonlands offers scenery that feels epic in every direction. Its striking natural features have attracted filmmakers and visual storytellers looking for landscapes that are both dramatic and unforgettable.



CITY SLICKERS II:
THE LEGEND OF CURLY'S GOLD

7 DUGOUT RANCH

Set against the rugged beauty of canyon country, Dugout Ranch reflects the remote, timeless character that has drawn filmmakers to southeastern Utah for decades. Its connection to Western and adventure storytelling adds another layer to the region's long relationship with the screen.





WAGON MASTER

8 MONUMENT VALLEY & MOAB

Together, Monument Valley and Moab represent two of Utah's most visually iconic film landscapes. From classic Westerns to modern productions, these destinations have helped shape the image for audiences of the American Southwest with scenery that is instantly recognizable and endlessly cinematic.

THE AMAZING RACE
AND SO MANY MORE...

9 MONUMENT VALLEY

Monument Valley didn't become a film icon by accident. During the Great Depression, local trader Harry Goulding saw its beauty and helped bring it to Hollywood's attention. Soon after, John Ford filmed Stagecoach there in 1939. The film introduced audiences to the valley's towering buttes, open desert views, and one-of-a-kind landscape. Since then, Utah's Canyon Country has appeared in Westerns, adventure films, documentaries, television shows, and modern blockbusters. This guide highlights a few of the places where visitors can experience those cinematic landscapes in person.

Also filmed here:
STAR TREK · 10,000 A.D. · DYING DAYS · WINGED MIGRATION
WINDTALKERS · VERTICAL LIMIT · JOE DIRT · WILD WILD WEST
WILD AMERICA · VANISHING POINT · GUNS, GIRLS, AND GAMBLING
A MILLION WAYS TO DIE IN THE WEST

