

See & Do Guide

Southeastern Utah

NEAR MOAB

The early history of the Moab area can be traced back 10,000 yrs and is visible in the area's many panels of ancient petroglyphs. A permanent pioneer settlement was not established until 1880. Today Moab supports a diverse population and economy and is considered one of the most cosmopolitan small towns in Utah. Enjoy the Museum of Moab, Slickrock Bike Trail, and a wide variety of restaurants and lodging accommodations. Population: 4,242 (as of 2016). Elevation: 4,000 ft.



National Scenic Byway 128

Sheer walls of red sandstone contrast with the flowing waters of the Colorado River, which runs adjacent to this Scenic Byway. The road connects US 191 with I-70, and features such attractions as Fisher Towers, which loom 1500 feet above the valley floor, and Dewey Bridge, a one-lane suspension bridge, which was used until 1986. Dewey Bridge burned by brushfire in 2008. Scenic Byway 128 begins 3 miles north of Moab and runs 44 miles to the junction with I-70 near Cisco. May be driven in conjunction with the La Sal Mountain Loop Road. The bridge has been placed on the National Historic Register. Hittle Bottom Homestead is located at a popular picnic and boat launch and was the turn-of-the-century home of a local mail carrier.



Arches National Park

Features the greatest concentration of natural stone arches in the world, offering spectacular displays of the natural forces of erosion at work. Hiking trails lead to the world famous free standing Delicate Arch, the impressive 306' span of Landscape Arch and other features. The visitor center and campground are open all year. Entrance fees are collected. Located 5 miles north of Moab, off US 191. Allow 2 hours for a short auto tour, longer for hiking. For current reservation information visit discovermoab.com/reservations.



Island in the Sky District/Canyonlands National Park

From the high broad mesas of the "Island", the canyons of the Green and Colorado Rivers are showcased from easily accessible viewpoints along a paved road. There are no services or water available on the Island, but the primitive campground is open all year. Entrance fees are collected. Located 36 miles northwest of Moab via State Highway 313. Allow 3 hours, longer for hiking.



The Maze District/Canyonlands National Park

The Maze is the most inaccessible of the three park districts, requiring 4-wheel drive to explore its rugged interior. Horseshoe Canyon is accessible by 2-wheel drive and offers hikers an opportunity to view "The Great Gallery", one of the finest panels of Indian pictographs to be found. Primitive camping has no water. Located 46 miles southwest of Green River off State Highway 24.



Colorado and Green Rivers

The lifelines of the Canyonlands Region are its rivers, which offer spectacular views of the forces of nature at work, and exhibit millions of years of geologic history.



Dead Horse Point State Park

Offers dramatic views of the La Sal Mountains, Canyonlands National Park and the Colorado River 2,000 feet below. An almost isolated island-mesa, the area was at one time used as a natural corral for wild horses. A visitor center, museum and campground are open year-round. Fees are collected. Located 34 miles NW of Moab. Allow 3 hours.



La Sal Mountain Scenic Loop Road

From its junction with Scenic Byway 128, this road passes through Castle Valley (a popular movie and commercial location) and leads to the forests, lakes and streams of the Manti-La Sal National Forest. North portion of loop may be closed in winter. Some tight turns. Allow 2 1/2 hours for the 65 mile loop.



Mill Canyon Dinosaur Bone Trail and Track Site

An outdoor paleontological museum providing an opportunity to view dinosaur bones and fossils in situ along a short self-guiding trail. A short distance from the trail are the stabilized remains of the Halfway Stage Station which served as a rest area for the traveling public between Moab and the railroad at Thompson from 1883 to 1904. 13 miles N of Moab off US 191. 2 miles of dirt road to trailheads. Allow 1 hour.



Scenic Byway 279

Travels through the red rock gorge of the Colorado River. Attractions include dinosaur tracks, Indian petroglyphs, and arches. 3 miles north of Moab off US 191. Allow 1 hour for the 36 mile round trip.



Wilson Arch

A beautiful natural arch located adjacent to US 191. A parking area provides convenient access. 26 miles southeast of Moab. Allow 1 hour.

NEAR MONTICELLO

Nestled at the foot of the Abajo Mountains, Monticello is the northern gateway to Utah's Canyon Country. The community has a rich western heritage of ranchers, farmers, and pioneers. Wheat fields still surround the community with delicate green in the spring and rich gold in late summer. The Hideout Golf Club, one of Utah's premier courses, is in Monticello. The Frontier Museum and visitor center are on Main Street (US191). Mountain recreation is nearby as well as the Canyon Country Discovery Center. Restaurants and lodging. Centrally located

for easy access to parks & monuments. Population: 2,000. Elevation: 7,069.



Harts Draw Road

Paved into the Manti-La Sal National Forest, reaching an elevation of 8,200 feet. The road crosses the flank of the Abajos where deer and turkeys can be seen foraging. A spectacular overlook into the desert and access to several small fishing lakes are on the route. Two USFS campgrounds. W of Monticello 9 miles via 200 South St. then 8.5 miles on County Rd. 101. to junction with U211 - access to Canyonlands National Park. The Abajo Loop Scenic Backway follows the same route before turning south through the mountains to end in Blanding. Reaches an elevation of 10,300 feet and is suitable for high clearance vehicles. 34 miles of graded gravel and native surface. W of Monticello 5 miles on County Rd. 101 to junction with CR285 then S 29 miles to Blanding. Allow 4 hours.



Canyon Rims Recreation Area

Features extensive, high-desert vistas. 22 mile drive on paved road to the Needles Overlook, a 1,500 foot high mesa overlooking the Needles District of Canyonlands National Park. 16 mile graded gravel road to Anticline Overlook and a view of a geologic anticline, the Colorado River, and Kane Springs Canyon. 52 miles Northwest of Monticello. Allow 4 hrs. for both overlooks.



Newspaper Rock / Indian Creek Corridor Scenic Byway

14 miles N of Monticello, Indian Creek Canyon begins at the bottom of a series of switchbacks (tight turns) and descends from the high-desert near Monticello. This large petroglyph panel, is easily accessed along the road. The rock art is representative of multiple cultures and times. 12 miles W on U211. Allow 1 hour.

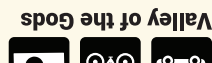


Needles District / Canyonlands National Park

Explore the canyons and desert of this colorful section of Canyonlands. Open all year. 4 wheel drive required to access some areas, highway vehicle is okay for others. Entrance fee. Year-round camping. 14 miles N and 32 miles W of Monticello off US191 on U211. Services available at Needles Outpost, close to the park entrance. Spring and fall, half the camping sites are reservable online, summer and winter all sites are first come, first served. Allow 3 hours.

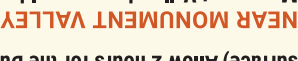
NEAR BLANDING

Edge of the Cedars State Park, home to an Ancestral Puebloan site, is a repository for artifacts from the Four Corners region. View one-of-a-kind artifacts: macaw feather sash, a prehistoric loom, and an ancient place setting of wooden plates and exquisitely made knives. The Dinosaur Museum will take you even farther back in pre-history. Beginning point for Trail of the Ancients National Scenic Byway, an auto tour through the heart of Utah's Canyon Country. Visitor Center. Restaurants and lodging. Centrally located for easy access to parks, monuments, and Lake Powell. Population: 3,500. Elevation: 6,200 ft.



Moki Dugway / Muley Point

A "dugway" is a road or trail along a hillside which is dug out to provide a path for transport. Built in the 1950s during the uranium boom by Texas Zinc Minerals to provide a route for ore haulers from the mines on Cedar Mesa to the mill near Mexican Hat, the Moki Dugway is an 11% grade on gravel. If you don't mind heights, the views from the road and the overlook at the top are worth the trip. Views of Valley of the Gods and in the distance Monument Valley on the southern horizon. Muley Point offers another great view from the canyon's edge into John's Canyon. Dugway: 13 miles NW of Mexican Hat on US 261. Muley Point: 18 miles NW of Mexican Hat (Co Rd 241 - native surface) Allow 2 hours for the Dugway, 1 hour for Muley Point.



NEAR MONUMENT VALLEY

Monument Valley, known world-wide, is the quintessential western landscape and the location of many movies. To the Navajo people it is home. The best way to see the valley and the stunning scenery, is to take a tour with a native guide. Guided tours leave from the Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park visitor center or from Goulding's Lodge. Visit the original trading post, see the film "Earth Spirit", eat at a table with a view, see a Navajo weaver at work, and visit the movie museum.



Navajo Tribal Park Visitor Center

The center offers information, camp, a restaurant, and tours. Learn about the Navajo people and land they call home. Arts & crafts are available. 24 miles SW of Mexican Hat and 1 mile E of the junction of US163 and County Rd. 421. Allow 2 hours to a full day.



Gouldings Lodge / Trading Post/Museum

Nestled at the foot of towering sandstone cliffs, Goulding's Lodge offers a museum in the original 1926 residence with special emphasis on the Navajo people and the films made in the valley. The cabin from the film She Wore A Yellow Ribbon is here. The lodge offers tours, Navajo arts & crafts, a restaurant, and evening showings of the film, Earth Spirit. Lodging, campground, 2 miles W of the junction of US163 and County Rd. 421. Allow 2 hours to visit the museum and trading post.



Comb Wash

Comb Wash is a deep, wide canyon splitting the landscape from the Abajo Mountains to the San Juan River. Hidden along its length are Ancestral Puebloan ruins and rock art for those willing to search. Comb Ridge, on the eastern side of the wash, presented an impassable barrier to the pioneers who were forced to travel along it to the river to bypass its height. Located 7.5 miles west of Bluff. Allow 3 hours for cursory exploration.



Gooseheads State Park

The longest entrenched river meander in North America gives this small park its name and spectacular views. The river twists and turns covering more than 6 miles while advancing less than 2 miles toward Lake Powell. The park offers visitors a close-up view of geology in the raw. Cons of geologic activity are on view. The canyon is 1,500 ft deep and layers are easily seen. Camping & fees. No water. 9 Miles NW of Mexican Hat via US163, US261, and U316. Allow 1 hr.



Grand Gulch Primitive Area


The Ancestral Puebloans inhabited this area over 700 years ago. This canyon, cut into Cedar Mesa, shelters petroglyphs, pictographs, archaeological structures, and artifacts. Travel is restricted to foot or horseback, and camping requires a permit from the BLM. Station is a 5 hour hike. Many day hikes are possible throughout the Cedar Mesa area. Detailed maps are recommended. Ranger station at Kane Gulch, signed. Allow 3 hrs to multiple days.

- » Plan ahead and prepare
- » Stay on the trail
- » Don't bust the crust - protect fragile desert soils
- » Pack out what you pack in
- » Dispose of human and pet waste properly
- » Leave historic sites and rock art untouched
- » Respect wildlife
- » Be considerate of other visitors
- » Drive slowly through residential neighborhoods

Recreate Responsibly:

Southeastern Utah

Recreation Activities Key

-  **Auto Tours** Paved roads lead to many of the attractions in Utah's Canyonlands and provide a perfect introduction to the area's magic. A memorable opportunity exists to explore the wonders of nature, whether via a scenic drive in the breathtaking high altitude National Forest or on a roadside tour of our National Parks and Monuments.
-  **Hiking** In addition to the hiking trails within the National Parks, trails exist throughout the region providing convenient access to some of the area's lesser known backcountry and prehistoric Indian sites. For the explorer, acres of relatively untouched wilderness awaits. Use existing trails and respect resources.
-  **Mountain Biking** A recreational center for mountain bike enthusiasts, the area's range of slick rock, dirt roads, and forest trails offers a multitude of possibilities. Whether you are an amateur or a rider looking for a challenge, the varied landscape of Utah's Canyonlands provides an experience of a lifetime.
-  **4-Wheel** Largely a legacy of mining activities, thousands of miles of 4-wheeling and ATV trails exist in the Canyonlands area. A variety of scenery and a range of challenging trails offer the opportunity for countless days of exploration. Area maps are available.
-  **Rock Climbing** Hundreds of established climbing routes present new challenges to experienced rock climbers. The endless sandstone walls have an abundance of demanding crack climbs. The scenery is fantastic and the climbing areas are not congested.
-  **Water Activities** This area offers some of the finest white water in the country, including the rapids of the Colorado River and the calmer but no less fun white water of the San Juan River. In addition, the Green River offers 120 miles of continuous flat water ideal for canoeing. Lake Powell provides fishing, boating and water skiing. In all, Utah's Canyonlands is a water lovers paradise offering a full range of activities from calm water jet boating to technical kayaking.
-  **Horseback Riding** A true horseback paradise, the area offers a variety of exploration opportunities, with guided trips ranging from a few hours to several days. Stable arrangements are available, making horseback adventure convenient and exciting.
-  **Golfing** Moab's 18 hole course spreads to the base of rugged red cliffs in view of the La Sal Mountains. The alpine setting of the The Hideout, Monticello's 18-hole course, affords dynamic views of the Abajo Mountains and complex terrain with multiple elevation changes. Relaxing and challenging, both courses are considered some of the finest in the state.
-  **Handicapped Accessible** Some areas are accessible to all, such as Mule Canyon Ruin and Newspaper Rock Recreation Site. All National Park facilities, most museums, and other commercial attractions are accessible.
-  **ATV** ATV trails are maintained throughout the area. Maps are available. All levels of experience are welcome. Tours available.
-  **Flight-Seeing** With the perspective of a hawk, a scenic flight provides a special view of the varied landscape of the region. A tour from the air enhances the appreciation of the scope of this remote country and is the perfect compliment to other recreational activities.
-  **Movies** The Moab to Monument Valley area has been a popular filming location since early in the 20th century, offering dramatic western landscape for such popular John Wayne classics as Stagecoach, Wagon Master, Rio Grande, and the Comancheros. The area continues to attract film companies producing feature film, commercials, documentaries, and music videos.
-  **Photography** Sandstone spires, expansive vistas, spectacular sunsets and the glow of aspens in the fall represent some of the many landscapes that attract both amateur and world-renowned photographers to Utah's Canyonlands.
-  **Hunting / Fishing** From alpine lakes to the deep blue waters of Lake Powell, Utah's Canyonlands provides a variety of fishing. For hunters, the area offers some of the best Mule Deer and Elk habitat in the west. In addition cougar, bear, as well as migratory and upland game seasons are scheduled each year.
-  **Skiing / Snowmobiling** With powder snow, high Alpine terrain, and easy access, both the La Sal and Abajo Mountains offer incredible opportunities for cross country skiers and snowmobilers. The La Sal Mountain Range is the second highest in Utah. Call 435-259-SNOW (7669) for mountain winter weather information.
-  **Archaeological Sites** Petroglyphs, pictographs, and archaeological structures dating back thousands of years can be found in abundance throughout Southeastern Utah. Maps to popular sites are available at area visitor centers, BLM, and Forest Service offices.

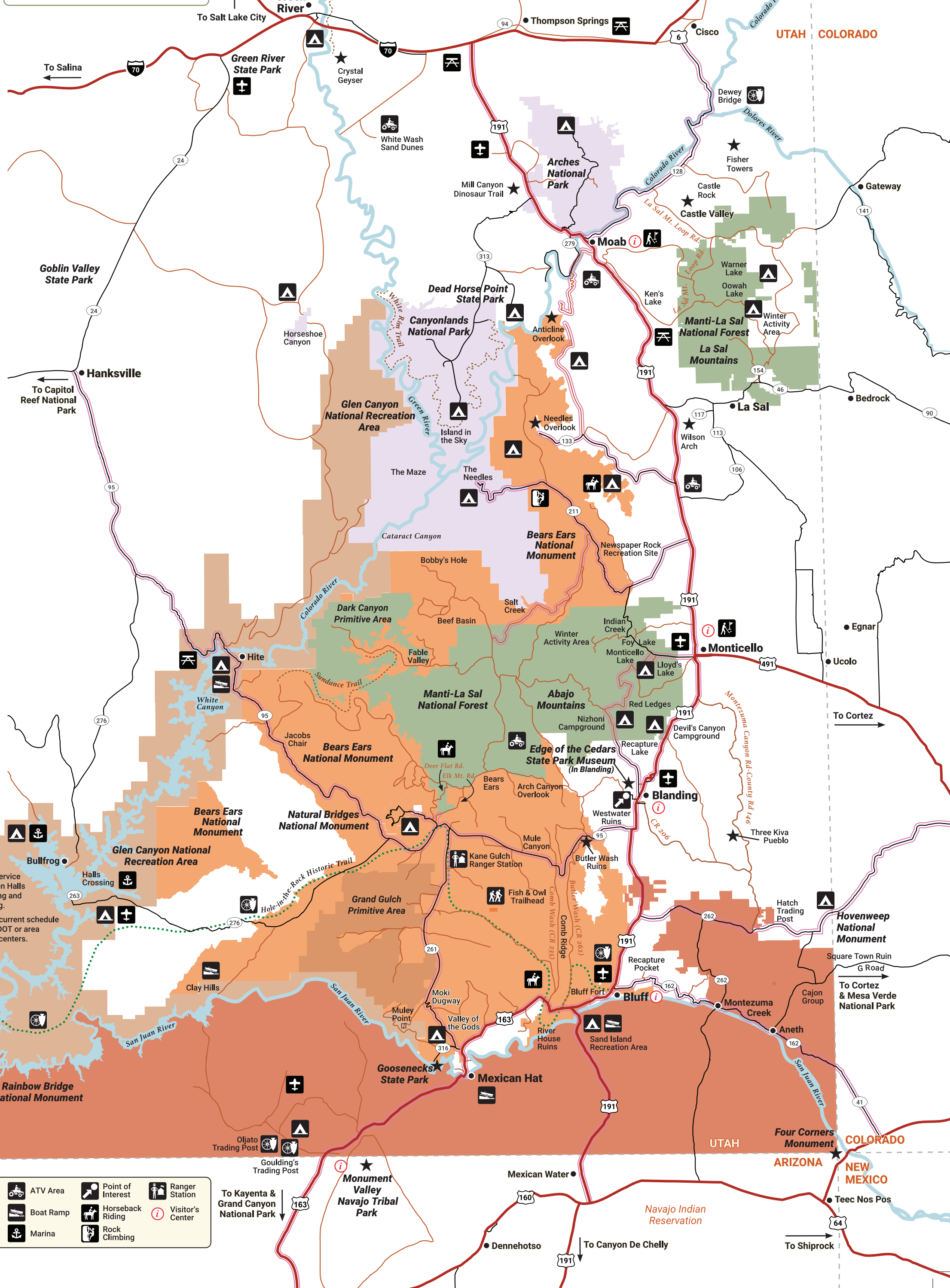
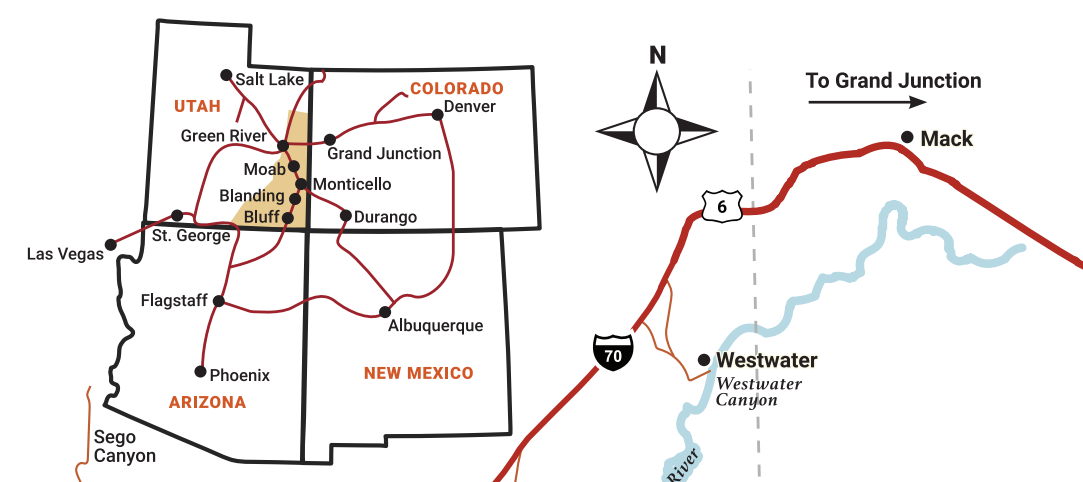
Recreational Guidelines

Out of respect for the delicate ecological nature of the area, and in accordance with the law and common sense, please observe the following while visiting Utah's Canyonlands:







1. Tread lightly when traveling and leave no trace of your camping and hiking.
2. Help keep Canyon Country clean.
3. Protect and conserve scarce desert water sources.
4. Allow space for wildlife.
5. Leave historic sites, Native American rock art, ruins, and artifacts untouched for the future.















Safety Tips For Outdoor Travel

1. Carry water - 1 gallon per person per day.
2. Wear appropriate & protective clothing.
3. Leave your destination and time of return with someone.
4. Plan your trip well.
5. Stay with your group.
6. Carry your cell phone.



Map Legend

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| Roads | Land Designation |
| Scenic Byway or Backway |  National Park |
| Primitive Roads
<i>High Clearance Recommended</i> |  National Monument |
| Passenger Vehicle |  National Forest |
| Highway |  National Recreation Area |
| Hole-in-the-Rock Historic Trail |  Navajo Reservation |
| Hiking / Biking Trail |  Primitive/Wilderness Area |

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|  Campground |  Historical Site |  ATV Area |  Point of Interest |  Ranger Station |
|  Airstrip |  Golf Course |  Boat Ramp |  Horseback Riding |  Visitor's Center |
|  Rest Area |  Scenic Attraction |  Marina |  Rock Climbing | |