

Old West GUIDE



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SITES & ATTRACTIONS



VALLEY OF THE GODS

SCENIC DRIVE

2 VALLEY OF THE GODS ROAD (NEAR MEXICAN HAT)

Often called a smaller, quieter Monument Valley, Valley of the Gods offers stunning red rock formations, towering buttes, and wide-open desert solitude, reminiscent of the backdrop for many classic western films and stories.

BLUFF FORT HISTORIC SITE

EARLY SETTLER PIONEER FORT

1 550 BLACK LOCUST AVENUE, BLUFF UT 84512

A restored pioneer settlement that tells the story of the 1880 Hole-in-the-Rock expedition. This free, family-friendly stop features original cabins and opportunities to pan for gold, pull a handcart and practice your roping skills.



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MONUMENT VALLEY NAVAJO TRIBAL PARK

ICONIC BACKDROP TO THE OLD WEST

3 [INDN ROUTE 42, OLJATO-MONUMENT VALLEY, UT](#)

The quintessential image of the American West—towering sandstone buttes rising from the desert floor in a vast, cinematic landscape located on Navajo land. Many different tours and activities are available, including horseback riding and overnight hogan stays.

JOHN FORD'S POINT

FAMOUS WESTERN FILM LOCATION

4 [WITHIN MONUMENT VALLEY NAVAJO TRIBAL PARK](#)

Named after the legendary film director who shot many Westerns here, John Ford's Point offers one of the most iconic views in Monument Valley. With panoramic vistas of towering buttes and mesas, it's a favorite photo stop.



CAVE SPRING TRAIL

SHORT HIKE PAST OLD COWBOY CAMP

5 [38.157222, -109.751755](#)
(NEEDLES DISTRICT - CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK)

Cave Spring Trail packs Old West atmosphere into a short, scenic loop. Highlights include a historic cowboy camp with preserved chuckwagon gear, ancient pictographs, and hidden alcoves once used for shelter.

BLUFF CEMETERY

SCENIC RESTING PLACE OF 1800S PIONEERS

6 [37.28780, -109.55420](#)
(NORTHWEST OF BLUFF POST OFFICE)

Offers a poignant glimpse into the lives of the area's earliest settlers. Weathered headstones, pioneer graves, and the resting place of Hole-in-the-Rock expedition members tell stories of hardship, resilience, and frontier spirit.



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FRONTIER MUSEUM

HISTORIC ARTIFACTS

7 232 S MAIN ST, MONTICELLO, UT 84535

A small-town gem that captures the rugged spirit of Southeastern Utah's pioneer days. Exhibits include pioneer tools, wagons, clothing, and stories from early settlers who carved out lives in the wild canyon country around Monticello, Utah.

PIONEER PARK

TRIBUTE TO EARLY SETTLERS

8 16 W 200 S, MONTICELLO, UT 84535

A small park with a replica of an old log church building used by the early settlers of the Monticello area.



NATIONS OF THE FOUR CORNERS

CULTURAL CENTER

9 461 W 500 S, BLANDING, UT 84511

Sites and artifacts in a little park, dedicated to the histories of the Navajo, Ute, Hopi and Zuni nations. The site includes open-air exhibits, architecture and interpretive panels.

MOUNTAIN JOE'S TRAIL RIDES

GUIDED HORSEBACK RIDES

10 65 MARKLE RD, LA SAL, UT 84530

Guided horseback rides through high desert meadows, forested trails, and breathtaking canyon overlooks—delivering the kind of frontier adventure straight out of an Old West daydream. Our mountain trail rides take you up to an elevation of 8,000 feet where temperatures are 15-20 degrees cooler than Moab and surrounding areas.

TOURS & GUIDES





SACRED MONUMENT TOURS

MONUMENT VALLEY EXPERIENCES

11 MAIN MONUMENT VALLEY RD,
OLJATO-MONUMENT VALLEY, UT 84536

Immersive, guided journeys by off-road vehicle or horseback into the ancestral lands and sacred sites of the Monument Valley region. See the Old West through the eyes of the native peoples who call this region home.

GOULDING'S TRADING POST MUSEUM

ICONIC MONUMENT VALLEY MEETING PLACE

12 1000 GOULDINGS TRADING POST RD,
OLJATO-MONUMENT VALLEY, UT 84536

Shopping and museum in the real-life backdrop of countless Western films. Once a working trading post, this site now showcases historic artifacts, film memorabilia, and the sites where Hollywood legends like John Wayne made films.

SHOPPING



TWIN ROCKS TRADING POST

NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACTS AND CRAFTS

13 913 NAVAJO TWINS DR, BLUFF, UT 84512

A vibrant hub of Native American art, culture, and craftsmanship. Visitors can browse handwoven Navajo rugs, hand-carved kachinas, and intricate silver jewelry—all with deep ties to the region's heritage.

STILL STEAKS - MEXICAN HAT LODGE

RUSTIC STEAKS COOKED OVER OPEN FIRE

14 2265 US-163, MEXICAN HAT, UT 84531

Dinner right in the heart of red rock country. Guests can enjoy steaks and burgers in a laid-back, outdoor setting with a Western flair.

Open evenings March - October

MEXICANHATLODGE.COM/DINING

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HOMESTEAD STEAKHOUSE

HEARTY WESTERN FARE

15 121 E CENTER ST, BLANDING, UT 84511

A warm, rustic setting. With aged steaks, smoked meats, and classic sides like baked potatoes and cornbread, it's the kind of place cowboys might've kicked back after a long day on the range.

HOMESTEADSTEAKHOUSEUT.COM



3 STEP HIDEAWAY

OFF-GRID LODGING

16 2430 LISBON VALLEY RD, LA SAL, UT 84530

Guests stay in rustic western style cabins or teepees, surrounded by wide-open skies, quiet mesas, and miles of untamed beauty. With horseback rides, campfires, and no cell service, it's a rustic, unplugged experience that channels frontier living.

3STEPHIDEAWAY.COM



LODGING

GLAMPING WAGON AT CORAL SANDS RV PARK

UNIQUE OVER-NIGHT STAY

17 150 6TH W ST, BLUFF, UT 84512

Experience the Old West in comfort with our 1800s-style glamping wagon. Stay in Bluff, learn about the pioneers, and sleep in a covered wagon—where history meets modern amenities.

CORALSANDSRV.COM/GLAMPING-WAGON-IN-BLUFF

SAN JUAN STAMPEDE PRO RODEO

3 WILD, EXCITING DAYS IN JUNE

18 965 E CENTER ST, MONTICELLO, UT 84535

It doesn't get more Western than San Juan County's annual pro rodeo; bull and bronc riding, barrel racing, roping, mutton bustin' and more.

SANJUANSTAMPEDEPRORODEO.COM

UTAH FILM TRAIL

San Juan County has become the unofficial backdrop for western cinema. Two (soon to be 3) of the various movie locations in the county even have physical markers at their iconic sites. Tour the Utah Film Trail at:

VISITUTAH.COM/THINGS-TO-DO/FILM-TOURISM/UTAH-FILM-TRAIL



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