history of the area and is available at local businesses. Allow 2 hours for homes are along the historic tour. The tour guide book discusses the natural homes remain. Built in the Victorian style but with sandstone block, these This pioneer settlement dates to the late 1800's and many of the original Bluff Historic Walking / Biking Tour





Solstice Celebration. Population: 380. Elevation: 4,350 ft. annual Bluff International Balloon Festival, Bluff Arts Festival, and parks, monuments, the San Juan River, and Monument Valley. Hosts the outpost with a stop at the Bluff Fort. Centrally located for easy access to surrounding ruins and rock art. Delve into the past of this historic western the thrill of hiking the backcountry with a knowledgeable guide, or visit Experience the excitement of a river trip on the San Juan river, enjoy for contemporary fine art and excellent examples of native craft. visitor a desert hideaway and shopping in trading posts and galleries Situated in the center of the Four Corners region, Bluff offers the

#### **HEAR BLUFF**

Tour to Rainbow Bridge is 8 hours. Trail from Navajo Mt. is 14 hours Parks & Recreation). 2 hours drive time from Blanding to each marina. or by trail from Navajo Mountain (a permit is required from Navajo natural stone bridge, is accessible via tour from Halls Crossing Marina of Blanding via Utah Hwy. 95. Rainbow Bridge, the world's largest available at Cal Black Mem. Airport. Hite Marina is 87 miles SW Bullfrog Marina daily during summer. Scenic and charter flights miles SW of Blanding via Utah Hwys. 95 and 276. Ferry crosses to Country on the eastern side of the lake. Halls Crossing Marina is 90

> Bridge National Monument/Lake Powell Glen Canyon National Recreation Area/ Rainbow

Over 1,800 miles of shoreline. Two marinas serve Utah's Canyon



13 space campground. Visitor Center. Fees. Located 47 miles SW of by trail, the easiest and shortest (4/10 of a mile) is to Owachomo Bridge. on Bridge View Drive, an 8 mile loop through the park. All are accessed world's largest natural stone bridges. Each can be seen from overlooks Tucked away in White Canyon, this small park shows off three of the Natural Bridges National Monument



and fees. Located 45 miles southeast of Blanding. Allow 3 hours. thoroughly explore the sites near the visitor center. Campground at this park where you can travel on back roads to outlying sites or from the visitor center. Square, round, and D-shaped towers are unique Hovenweep. Square Tower Group, with walls 20 ft. high, is just steps

Six groups of Ancestral Puebloan sites await your exploration at

Hovenweep National Monument









Float trips travel from Bluff to Mexican and on to Clay Hills. This quiet river, with only a few stretches of active water, harbors "sand waves" which provide an unexpected roller coaster ride. Tour operators focus on the natural and human history along the river. Campground at Sand Island where a large petroglyph panel reveals multiple images of Kokopelli, the hump backed flute player of southwestern mythology. Located 4 miles W of Bluff at Sand Island Boat Launch Area. Allow 1 hour for rock art panel.







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.

## **NEAR MEXICAN HAT**

Nestled amid deep red sandstone cliffs, Mexican Hat is named for the inverted sandstone sombrero which is north of the town. The community is home to several trading posts, motels, restaurants, and is a launch site for San Juan River Trips. Population: 26. Elevation: 4,350.



### **Goosenecks 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. Eons 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. (435-587-1500). Access to Grand Gulch from Kane Gulch Ranger 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.

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

summer and winter all sites are first come, first served. Allow 3 hours. entrance. Spring and fall, half the camping sites are reservable online, U211. Services available at Needles Outpost, close to the park camping. 14 miles N and 32 miles W of Monticello off US191on areas, highway vehicle is okay for others. Entrance fee. Year-round Canyonlands. Open all year. 4 wheel drive required to access some Explore the canyons and desert of this colorful section of

Meedles District / Canyonlands National Park



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



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







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



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



Valley of the Gods, a miniature Monument Valley, is home to towering sandstone formations with fanciful names like Seven Sailors. Southern Lady, and Battleship Butte. The perfect place for a tour in the spring and fall when temperatures are cooler. Native surface road suitable for high clearance vehicles. Entrance from US163 12 miles W of Bluff or from U261 8 miles NW of Mexican Hat. Allow 3 hours





### 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 Navaio weaver at work, and visit the movie museum.





### **Navajo Tribal Park Visitor Center**

The center offers information, camping, 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.

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

### **NEAR MONTICELLO**

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

#### Wilson Arch



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

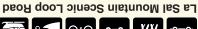
Scenic Byway 279



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



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













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



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



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

The Maze is the most inaccessible of the three park districts, requiring The Maze District/Canyonlands National Park







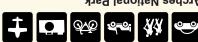
of Moab via State Highway 313. Allow 3 hours, longer for hiking. all year. Entrance fees are collected. Located 36 miles northwest available on the Island, but the primitive campground is open viewpoints along a paved road. There are no services or water Green and Colorado Rivers are showcased from easily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





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

Arches National Park











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

National Scenic Byway 128



Sheer walls of red sandstone contrast with the flowing waters of the







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

