

SAN JUAN PIONEER HISTORY — GUIDE —



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Bluff Fort Historic Site

550 E Black Locust Ave, Bluff, UT 84512

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Bluff Fort Historic Site commemorates the original pioneer town founded by Mormon missionaries at the end of their expedition to settle the San Juan area in 1880. Featuring recreations of the town, complete with a meeting house and cabins decked with some original furnishings provided by local families, Bluff Fort offers an interactive historical experience. Visitors can tour inside reconstructed log cabins and Native American dwellings, sit on covered wagons and more as they learn about the lives of these remarkable pioneers. Significant attractions at Bluff Fort Historic Site include an authentic replica of the Bluff Meetinghouse, the social epicenter of the community used as a church, school, Co-op Store, courthouse and dance hall, and the Barton Cabin, the oldest existing pioneer structure in San Juan County. Another recent addition is the giant water wheel in the center of the grounds, where visitors can try their hand at gold panning!



Monticello Frontier Museum

232 S Main St, Monticello, UT 84535

435-587-2271

The Frontier Museum is housed in a century-old barn once used as storage for the L. H. Redd Mercantile. The barn was moved from its original site and renovated to house the museum by the Monticello Foundation. The original post and beam construction is visible inside. Frontier life as it was lived on the edge of the Great Sage Plain over 100 years ago is on display. A visit to the museum is a passage through time via the day-to-day items used by our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. Exhibits include vintage clothing and household items. Items from famed Canyonlands tour guide Kent Frost, who brought the region to the world's attention, are on display. Early telephones, relics from ancient native people, and remains from the Home of Truth are on display. Cowboys, Native Americans, outlaws, farmers and shopkeepers are represented.



Monticello Pioneer Park

W 100 Block of S Main St, Monticello, UT 84535

Enjoy a relaxing stroll in Pioneer Park, a park containing replicas of historic Monticello buildings. Monticello holds an annual Pioneer Day celebration each year in honor of the pioneers who settled the town.



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Goulding's Museum

1000 Goulding's Trading Post Rd, Oljato-Monument
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Housed in the original 1920s trading post, the museum examines the history of Monument Valley and its people. Sections of the museum include the "Trading Post Bull Pen", the "Ware Room", the "Josef Muench Room", the "Movie Room" and the "Living Quarters". Step back in time as life in the 1920s comes to life!



Hole in the Rock Trail

The 55 mile-long Hole-in-the-Rock Road marks the only point at which early pioneers could descend to the Colorado River below with their wagons and animals. Hole in the Rock is a narrow and steep crevice in the western rim of Glen Canyon. Together with another canyon on the eastern side of the Colorado River, it provided a route for Mormon pioneers through what would otherwise be a large area of impassable terrain. Pioneers worked through the winter to widen the original crack, making a gap that allowed them to pass through to Bluff.



Nations of the Four Corners

461 W 500 S, Blanding, UT 84511

435-678-4000

Discover the unique history and heritage of the Four Corners region. The mesas and canyons were home to Ancestral Puebloan people, the Ute, Paiute, and Navajo, as well as the Pioneers in the area. Learn about the rich heritage of historic cultures by walking the trails, visiting the villages, and exploring the historic site.



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Utah's Canyon Country



Utah's Canyon Country is home to many, wonderful destinations and experiences. From wide-open spaces to historic neighborhoods, please remember to #RecreateResponsibly. When you visit, follow Leave No Trace and Visit With Respect principles so everyone can have the opportunity for years to come to visit these amazing sights.

- **Plan ahead** and prepare for your adventures
- **Stay** on designated trails
- **Leave** artifacts where you spot them
- **Do not enter** any archaeological structures
- **Do not eat near sites** and pack out what you pack in
- **Properly** dispose of human and pet waste
- **Leave** historic sites and rock art untouched
- **Respect and be aware** of wildlife
- **Keep** dogs on leashes at all times