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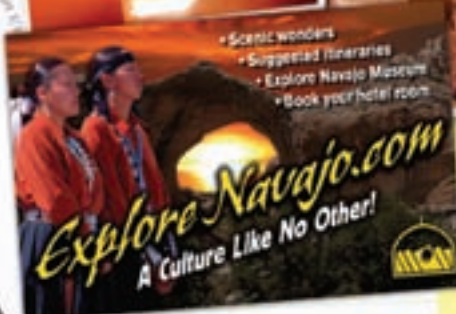
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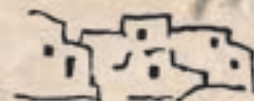
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Dear Fellow Travelers,

On behalf of the many members of the Grand Circle Association, I invite you to explore the best of America's Southwest – The Grand Circle. This is a diverse land of magnificent natural wonders, rich cultural traditions and colorful history.

From the depths of Arizona's Grand Canyon to the lofty mountains and mesas of Western Colorado, and Utah's soaring stone arches, a varied terrain will surprise you at every turn with its diversity. Traveling here is an adventure you will find nowhere else.

The Grand Circle is covered with National Parks and Monuments, laced with National Scenic Byways and dotted with archaeological wonders. As you drive through this wonderland of scenic attractions, experience Native American culture, both ancient and modern, rejuvenate yourself in welcoming communities and get outdoors for some adventure and exercise.

Whether visiting for the first time or returning, you will be planning your next trip all the while you are here.

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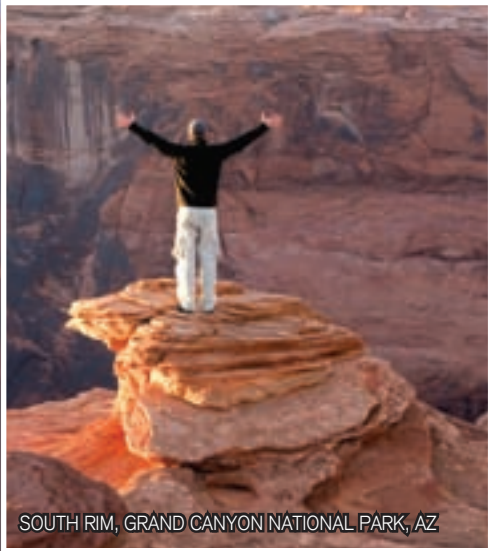
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SOUTH RIM, GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, AZ

SOUTH RIM, GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, AZ

The Colorado River has carved a score of canyons, but none so awe-inspiring as Glen Canyon and, of course the most awesome of all, the Grand Canyon. They are a study in contrasts: to early explorers of the Grand, its tumultuous waters “works on the nerves, there is no repose in it, nothing that is soft.” Glen Canyon, though, was “almost absolutely serene, an interlude for a pastoral flute.”

That is still true today, especially with most of Glen Canyon sleeping below the surface of Lake Powell. However, the upper sandstone walls of Glen Canyon are as seductive as ever – and they are more approachable. Now we can boat, float, ski, fish, sail, or kayak amongst sheer cliff walls and billowing towering domes. As for the Grand Canyon, most of us simply stare with incomprehension. It’s too vast, too old, too grand to grasp.

But for those of us who do hike or ride or raft into its depths, the Grand Canyon truly can transform our lives.

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK – SOUTH RIM. The Canyon, the Grand - it needs no other names. Ten miles wide, a mile deep. A silvery ribbon of water still relentlessly continues to slice through billion year old rock. From the best vantage points on the rim, you see less than a quarter of the Canyon, yet

Colorado River

ARIZONA



even this inspires us to silence. Hike down Bright Angel or Kaibab or Hermit Trail, and you'll begin to understand the enormity of these vertical walls. At 7,000 feet, the South Rim glistens with snow-clad buttes in winter, shimmers with heat mirages in summer. On the canyon floor, temperatures can easily reach over 100 degrees in July and August. Hiking, riding mules to Phantom Ranch, and flight-seeing all offer unforgettable moments in the Canyon. You can even

raft (no rapids) for just a day below the Glen Canyon Dam in serene Marble Canyon (see Page, AZ). Be sure to visit the Canyon View Information Plaza located at Mather Point to find out about shuttle schedules, interpretive programs, and hiking conditions. From the eastern entrance of the Park, a spectacular road winds along the rim, offering turnouts and scenic overlooks of the Canyon. The South Rim is open year-round. 928-638-7888, www.nps.gov/grca; for Park lodging

and concessions, 888-297-2757, www.grandcanyonlodges.com

Nearby Communities (South Rim): Tusayan is just a few miles south of the Canyon's southern entrance, and has a wide variety of hotels and restaurants. The National Geographic IMAX theater offers stunning and fascinating perspectives of the canyon on its giant screen. Grand Canyon flightseeing, by helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft, is

available from Tusayan's airport. At the Park's east entrance, the small reservation towns of Cameron and Gray Mountain each have lodging, shopping and a restaurant. Williams has numerous hotels and restaurants, and is the origination point for the Grand Canyon Railway, a historic ride to the South Rim, complete with strolling musicians and a mock train robbery. www.williamschamber.com

Flagstaff is the commercial center of northern Arizona, and has a nice historic district, many accommodations and restaurants, and several additional attractions, including Lowell Observatory and the Museum of Northern Arizona, which offers an excellent introduction to the natural and human history of the Colorado Plateau. Vestiges of Historic Route 66 are found in both Flagstaff and Williams. To the south, eclectic and bustling Sedona is set amid tall red rock buttes.

www.williamschamber.com, www.flagstaffarizona.org

Riordan Mansion State Historic Park.

A tour of the brothers' massive 13,000 square foot home provides insight into the life of a wealthy frontier family in the early 1900's. Its rustic exterior, perhaps Arizona's finest example of Craftsman style architecture, is a striking contrast to its opulent interior of hand-crafted furniture and period antiques. In Flagstaff - 928-779-4395. www.pr.state.az.us



HISTORIC ROUTE 66

Stretching from the New Mexico border to California, visitors find many reminders of the glory of the "Mother Road" across Northern Arizona. Winslow, Holbrook, Flagstaff, Williams, Peach Springs and Kingman all have vestiges of the motels, diners and gas stations that made Route 66 the epitome of highway travel. Even today, wanderers from around the globe to experience the nostalgia of those days.



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www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino

Walnut Canyon National Monument. South of Flagstaff, the monument offers a steep trail into the canyon to view the high limestone alcoves where the Sinagua built their homes between 1100 to 1250. 928-526-3367. www.nps.gov/waca



RED ROCK SCENIC BYWAY

Red Rock Scenic Byway winds through Sedona's Red Rock Country, often called a "museum without walls." Travelers are amazed by the high desert's power, diversity, and sense of intimacy with nature. Inhabited for thousands of years, the stunning red rocks are alive with a timeless spirit that captivates and inspires. 7.5 miles / 12.1 km I-17 to Sedona.

Sunset Crater and Wupatki National Monuments. This area is part of a 2,200 square mile volcanic field near Flagstaff with more than 400 cinder cones. Sunset Crater is the youngest volcano; it exploded in AD 1065 and blanketed the entire region in thick, moisture preserving ash. Different prehistoric societies moved here to take advantage of the suddenly rich soil, so the area became a trading crossroads. More than 800 ruins – the homes and villages of the Sinagua and Ancestral Puebloans – have been found in this immediate area, and are now protected as Wupatki National Monument. 928-526-0502.

www.nps.gov/sucr or www.nps.gov/wupa

Kaibab National Forest. "KY-bab" is a Paiute word meaning "mountain lying down." Its 1.6 million acres straddle the Grand Canyon with ecosystems ranging from desert to alpine. Wonderful for mountain biking, trail-riding, hiking and backpacking in summer; cross country skiing and snowmobiling in winter (North Rim). 928-635-8200.

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GRAND CANYON – NORTH RIM. A different world greets visitors to the other rim of the Canyon. Higher in elevation, lower in visitation, the North Rim offers splendid moments of solitude on the cool, green Kaibab Plateau. But the vistas across the Canyon and into its depths still stun and inspire, and trails still beckon hikers down below the rim. Visitor facilities including accommodations are open from mid May to mid October. Once it snows, access to the North Rim is closed for the winter. 928-638-7888, www.nps.gov/grca; for North Rim lodging and concessions, 877-386-4383, www.Travel-Forever.com/12gctp



KAIBAB PLATEAU NORTH RIM PARKWAY

Travel through the Kaibab Plateau's meadows and forests of dense ponderosa pine and mixed conifer to the brink of the spectacular north rim of the Grand Canyon, 1,000 feet higher than the south rim. Watch for the abundant wildlife and experience breathtaking views of the canyon. 42 mi. / 68 km Jacob's Lake to North Rim.

Nearby Communities (North Rim): Centrally located to visit many Parks, Kanab is the largest town north of the Grand Canyon. It offers dozens of activities – horseback and jeep tours, mountain biking, photography workshops, flight-seeing, the world's largest animal sanctuary, and an old west town created around Hollywood's movie sets. 435-644-5033. www.kaneutah.com



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Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park.

Red rock walls give way to a wide plain of bright reddish-pink sand dunes, dotted with wildflowers and wind-swept, low-clinging shrubs. Hundreds of off-roading trails in the vicinity. 24 miles West of Kanab, UT. 435-648-2800.

www.stateparks.utah.gov

Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. Born on January 11, 2000 – exactly 92 years to the day that President Theodore Roosevelt originally declared Grand Canyon a national monument – this one million acre monument protects invaluable watershed, diverse habitats biodiversity, shelter for large, increasingly rare predators, and a chance for solitude along the Canyon's north rim. Rugged four wheel drive roads and primitive camping in the monument are available. 435-688-3200. www.nps.gov/para

Kaibab Paiute Reservation.

Established around the perimeters of Pipe Spring, Kaibab Paiute Indian Reservation is currently home to about 300 people. The Paiutes had been a hunter gather

society that moved among springs and seasonal water sources. When Mormon settlers and other Anglos took over most of the available land and water, surviving Paiutes became dependent on them for food and supplies. The tribe had less than 100 people by the 1900s. Contemporary Paiutes cater to tourists and other passersby for tribal income.

Pipe Spring National Monument. Native Americans used this area for at least a thousand years before the Mormons arrived in the 1860s to begin cattle ranching. Made a national monument in 1923, it offers excellent living history demonstrations, an old fort, and interpretive trails that offer a glimpse of American Indian and pioneer life in the Old West. 15 miles SW of Fredonia, AZ. 928-643-7105.
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Millions of visitors now splash and play here in every conceivable way – houseboating, jetskiing, bass fishing, skin diving, kayaking, parasailing, and water skiing. Take a boat tour uplake from Wahweap Marina or Antelope Point Marina to Rainbow Bridge. Rent a houseboat for a week to explore the thousands of channels braced by high rock walls and lined with soft sandy beaches. Hike from the lake into Glen Canyon’s magical backcountry, following undulating rock for miles. Tumble down sand dunes and lose yourself in slot canyons. Simply... enjoy. 928-608-6405.

www.nps.gov/glca; for Park lodging, boat tours, or rentals, call 800-528-6154, www.lakepowell.com or call 800-255-5561, www.Travel-Forever.com/12gctp

Antelope Canyon. Slot canyons are magical crevasses in rock, split and polished by water and time, a favorite subject of photographers. Guided jeep and photo tours are available from Page, AZ. www.pagelakepowellchamber.org

Glen Canyon Dam. Construction began in 1960 and the gates closed in 1963 backing up waters that now lap 1,900 miles of shoreline. Informative

tours of the dam typically are offered daily. Check at the Carl Hayden Visitor Center for schedule. 928-608-6404.

www.nps.gov/glca

Marble Canyon. Icy waters gush into the Grand Canyon from below the Glen Canyon Dam creating a flat stretch of emerald water perfect for mellow float trips and world class fly fishing. Call 928-645-2741 for rafting and guiding companies.

Rainbow Bridge National Monument. “Sheer cosmic poetry” is how one writer describes the world’s largest natural bridge. Accessible by boat (half and full-day tours from

Wahweap Lodge & Marina and full-days from Bullfrog and Halls Crossing Marinas) and via a strenuous trail from Navajo Mountain. The towering bridge is a sacred site to neighboring tribes, so visitors are asked to treat the Bridge with the respect they would use in a cathedral. For tours: 928-660-3405. www.nps.gov/rabr

Nearby Communities: Page, on the shores of Lake Powell, was founded as the company town for construction of the Glen Canyon Dam. Today, it has grown into a tourism and recreational center offering great golfing, sightseeing, lake and backcountry access. It is a perfect base for exploring all of the attractions the area has to offer with lots of options for lodging, meals and entertainment. The Page Tourism Bureau can help with activity reservations. 928-660-3405.

John Wesley Powell Museum. A small museum featuring the famed explorer of the Colorado and Green Rivers, canyon and river geology, and the making of Lake Powell. Located in Page, AZ. 928-645-9496. www.powellmuseum.org

Navajo National Monument. Three beautifully preserved cliff dwellings (only one is visible by most visitors) are protected here. Exhibits focus on Ancestral Puebloan and Navajo culture, and uses for native plants. Between Page and Kayenta. 928-672-2700. www.nps.gov/nava

Petrified Forest National Monument. Multi-hued badlands of the Painted Desert, 225 million-year old fossils, and one of the world’s largest and most colorful concentrations of petrified wood make



ANTELOPE CANYON, AZ

this a fun side trip. Visitors often drive one way through the Park to connect between I-40 and Hwy 180.

928-524-6228. www.nps.gov/pefo

Bullfrog & Hall's Crossing Marinas. A ferry crosses the lake daily; check schedules.

Communities nearest Upper Lake Powell are **Blanding** and **Hanksville**, providing access to Bullfrog, Hall's Crossing and Hite Marinas. Each offer boat rentals. Bullfrog offers half-day tours to Rainbow Bridge and has a small lodge, restaurant and other amenities.

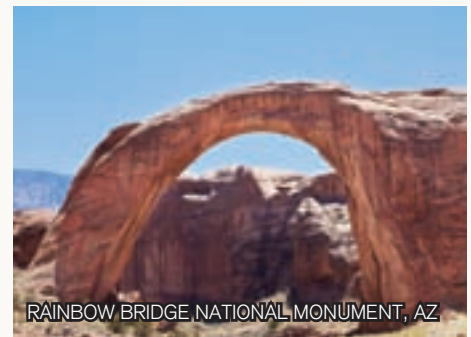
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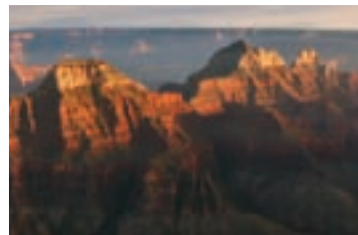
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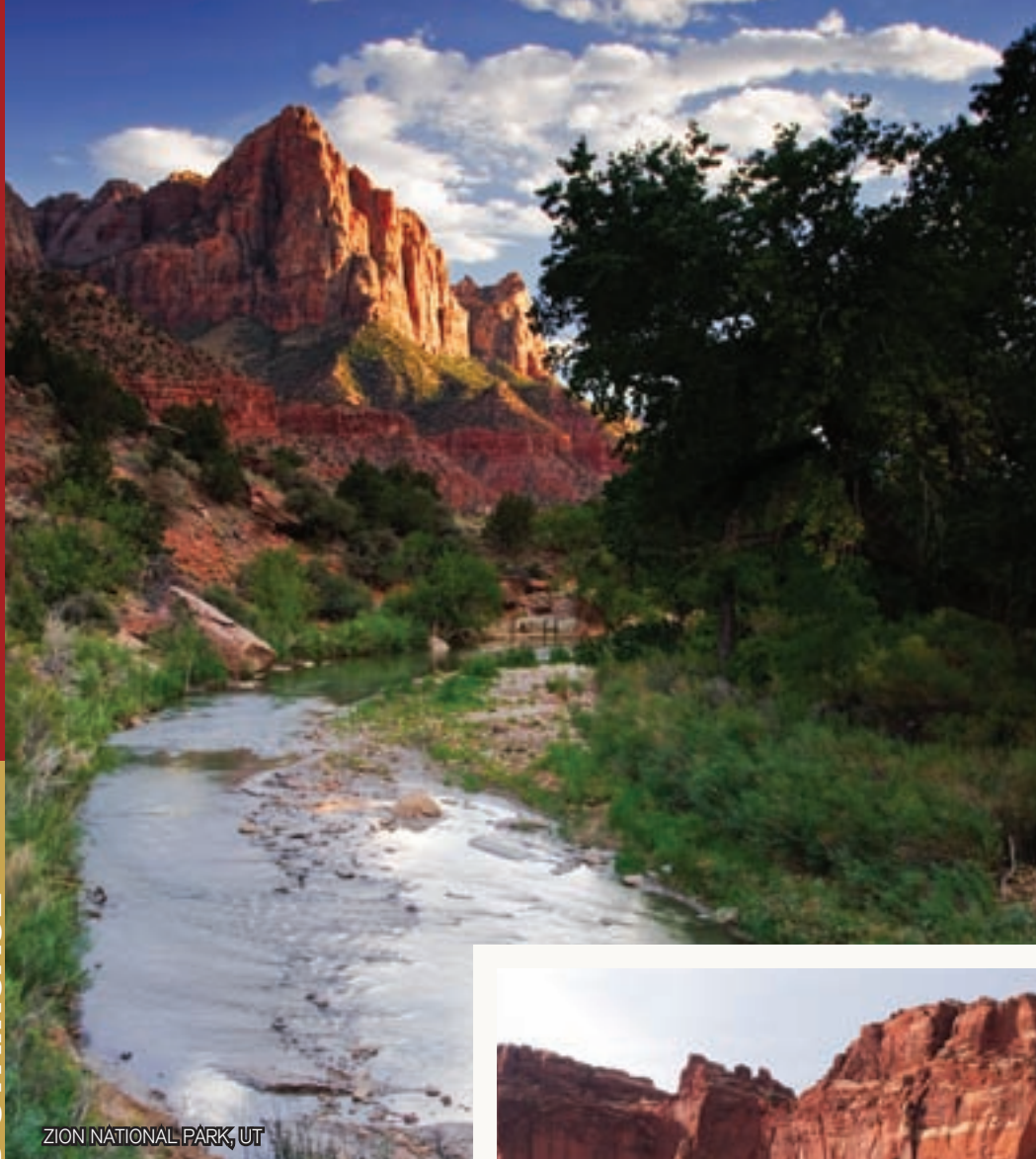


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ZION NATIONAL PARK, UT

In the northwest arc of the Grand Circle, a wondrous geologic ladder steps from the bottom of the Grand Canyon to raised tablelands of southwestern Utah. This Grand Staircase – the Chocolate, Vermilion, White, Gray, and Pink Cliffs – spans five different life zones from Sonoran desert to pine and spruce forests. It is a masterpiece of geological and biological diversity, encompassing Zion, Bryce, and Capitol Reef National Parks plus many other attractions.

Within the Grand Staircase, you travel between totally unique, contrasting landscapes. Zion's main canyon is a green oasis fed by waterfalls cascading down 2,000-foot sandstone cliffs. Bryce "Canyon" is actually one face of a plateau



CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK, UT

that is slowly eroding away, leaving behind amphitheaters with thousands of delicate spires and minarets. Vast oceans of red-gold rock undulate through both Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Capitol Reef. And enormous tracts of lush national forest weave among the Parks offering welcome respite from the heat of lower elevations.

This is one of the Grand Circle's finest year round playgrounds. The National Parks offer hiking trails up icy streams and into slot canyons, through arid amphitheaters of crumbling stone and beneath fabulous arches, over geologic folds in rock and across bristlecone studded forests. National forests and BLM lands offer other ways to explore

The



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BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK, UT

these lands as well: mountain biking, backpacking, and ATV activities abound in summer; nordic skiing and snowmobiling in winter. Thin 'Scenic Byways' snake between these points, twisting up hogbacks, across alpine meadows, and plunging down into small communities along the way.

Zion National Park.

Nature at its most eloquent, Zion is a place of towering sandstone cliffs, narrow slot canyons, spectacular arches, intermittent waterfalls and seeping springs. Originally inhabited by both Ancestral Puebloans and Paiutes, Zion received most of its colorful place names from early travelers and settlers. Gentle strolls or strenuous hikes allow exploration of the main canyon, with

its emerald pools and wooded valley, its upper reaches of sandstone and open desert, or nearby Kolob Canyon, where a 14-mile hike (roundtrip) will take you to the world's largest stone arch.

Zion is most definitely a photographer's paradise. Shuttles run into the Park from Springdale from April through November; private vehicles allowed offseason. 435-772-3256, www.nps.gov/zion; for Park lodging, 303-297-2757, www.zionlodge.com

Cedar Breaks National Monument.

A miniature Bryce Canyon, this amphitheater spans some three miles, and drops 2,000 feet off the plateau toward the town of Cedar City. In summer, the high rim of the canyon is dazzling with

verdant forests and brilliant wildflowers. Hiking only along the rim. Open late May through mid October. 435-586-9451. www.nps.gov/cebr

Nearby communities:

Springdale is within walking distance of Zion's visitor center; in fact, shuttles run from town into the Park much of the year. Fun motels, hotels and B&Bs, some excellent small restaurants, and an IMAX film theater make this a comfortable year round community.

St. George, 45 minutes from Zion is becoming a retirement community and golf haven with over 10 courses. It has numerous hotels and restaurants, and some wonderful historic architecture. www.utahstgeorge.com

Kanab, also listed on page 12, is less than 40 miles from Zion's eastern entrance. www.kaneutah.org

Cedar City, near Zion, is a bustling college town best known for its **Utah Shakespearean Festival**. Winner of the "2000 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theater," the Festival delights audiences with Shakespeare, Broadway, and more from mid June – late October. www.scenicsouthernutah.com

Brian Head Resort. Challenging mountain biking in summer and fun skiing in winter, Brian Head also offers some of the finest views in western Utah. For serious bikers, begin at the Brian Head Lookout Tower and bike down to Panguitch Lake, a descent of several thousand feet. Shuttles available from bike shops in both Cedar City and Panguitch. www.scenicsouthernutah.com

Bryce Canyon National Park. Bryce's original inhabitants, the Paiutes, believed that the rock figures here were people turned to stone by angry gods. Delicately colored spires, fins, and mazes haunt our imagination and beckon us to explore them more closely. Hiking and horseback trails wind through the Park, both along the rim and down amongst the towering rock formations called "hoodoos." A shuttle system (late May through mid-September) connects all major natural amphitheaters along the eastern rim; private vehicles are allowed offseason. Evening rodeos, flight-seeing, mountain biking, cross country skiing trails on outskirts of Park. 435-834-5322, www.nps.gov/brca; for Park lodging and concessions, 877-386-4383, www.Travel-Forever.com/12gctp.

Red Canyon. Just minutes from Bryce, a new visitor center showcases the Dixie

National Forest. It offers an excellent hiking and biking trail that loops from the top to the bottom of this forest service canyon. The trail runs along the recently designated scenic Hwy. 12, an All-American Road. Shuttles, bike rentals available nearby.

www.fs.fed.us/dxnf/recreation/redcanyon/
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Nearby communities:
Tropic and Panguitch are friendly towns with motels, casual restaurants, and campgrounds, situated near Bryce National Park. www.brycecanyoncountry.com



THE NARROWS, ZION NATIONAL PARK



BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK, UT



SCENIC BYWAY 143 UTAH'S PATCHWORK PARKWAY

Utah's newest National Scenic Byway crosses the Dixie National Forest from Panguitch to Parowan, near Cedar City. Cresting the 4,500-ft (1,372-m) pass at Brian Head, (the) the highway passes through six distinct life zones in 51 miles (82 km). It skirts Panguitch Lake and Cedar Breaks National Monument. By day, there are abundant outdoor recreational opportunities and, by night, some of the darkest and star-filled skies found anywhere on earth. 51 mi. / 82.1 km

Kodachrome Basin State Park. Red rock chimneys jut upward from the valley floor, perhaps originally springs which eventually filled in. As softer surrounding sandstone eroded, the chimneys remained. 435-679-8562. www.stateparks.utah.gov

Dixie National Forest. Covering 2 million-acres, the national forest encompasses three lovely plateaus, reaching elevations of 11,000 feet. Tall forests and open meadows, brilliant red rocks, lakes and rivers dot the forest. Hiking, biking, ORVs, fishing, horseback riding, and skiing abound. 435-676-2676. www.fs.fed.us/dxnf

Calf Creek Recreation Area. This small creek offers a chance to view native rock art and hike to a lovely

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Extending across a breathtaking 1.9 million acres, the Monument represents a unique combination of archaeological, geological, paleontological, and biological resources. These strikingly beautiful and scientifically important lands are divided into three distinct regions: the Grand Staircase, the Kaiparowits Plateau, and the Canyons of the Escalante.

Nearby communities:

Escalante and **Boulder** border the sprawling National Monument and Dixie National Forest. They offer excellent access to both. Small and friendly towns, they each have motels, fine B&Bs and several restaurants. Torrey and Bicknell right off Capitol Reef,

is slightly more developed, with numerous hotels and some fun dining.

Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, the monument is a “multi-use area” allowing hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, and backpacking/camping. Permits required for overnight use are available at offices in Cannonville, Escalante, Boulder, Big Water and Kanab. 435-826-5499.

www.ut.blm.gov/monument

Fishlake National Forest.

Located north of Dixie National Forest, Fishlake is particularly noted for hunting, fishing, and its 250-mile long Paiute ATV trail. Richfield, UT offers easiest access for the trail.

www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake



CEDAR BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT, UT

Capitol Reef National Park.

The Waterpocket Fold, an enormous wrinkle in the earth’s crust known as a monocline, forms the 100-mile long backbone of this Park. Early explorers described it as an “impassable reef” of rock, coining the parks’ name. The Park’s Visitor Center is located in an oasis enjoyed for millennia – pre-European rock art and early settlers’ orchards grace the area. Scenic driving, hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, and horseback riding allowed in the Park. 435-425-3791.

www.nps.gov/care, www.capitolreef.org



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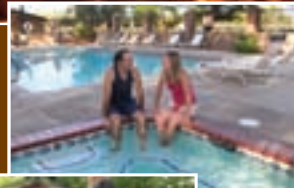
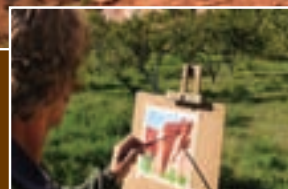
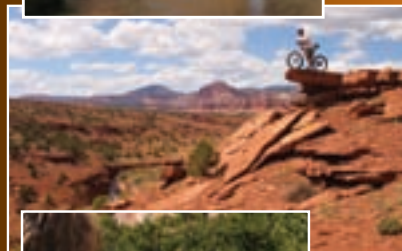
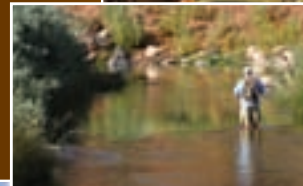
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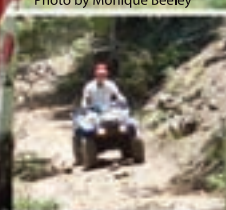


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Kitchen, Walker Flat and Mt. Nebo Wilderness. 37 mi. / 59.5 km, Payson to Junction, Highway 132 (near Nephi)

Nearby communities:

Bicknell and Torrey, right off Capitol Reef, has numerous hotels and some fun dining. www.capitolreef.org,

Anasazi State Park Museum.

One of the largest Ancestral Puebloan communities west of the Colorado River, the site was occupied from A.D. 1050 to 1200. The village remains largely unexcavated, but many artifacts have been uncovered and are on display. Boulder, UT.
www.stateparks.utah.gov

Goblin Valley Sate Park.

Whimsical rocks eroded into what appear to be “goblins” and other fanciful creatures greet visitors in

this vast sandstone bowl. Near Canyonlands National Park. 435-564-3633.

www.stateparks.utah.gov

Great Basin National Park.

Located west of the Circle in Nevada, the Park offers a staggering diversity of terrain – from lowland sage to the 13,000 foot Wheeler Peak – and numerous limestone caverns, including the glorious Lehman Caves. 775-234-7331.
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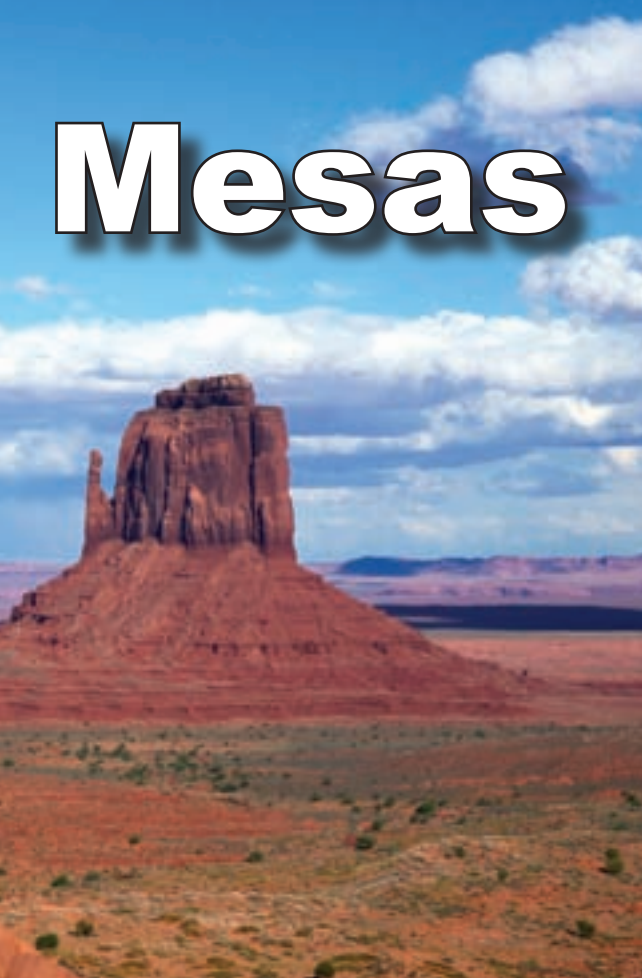
Snow fed rivers drain from the western slope of the Rocky Mountains to carve the canyons of the Colorado River Basin – polished works of geologic art. Extending from Colorado's Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Colorado National Monument on the Grand Circle's eastern fringe through Utah's famed Parks – Canyonlands, Arches, Monument Valley – is an empire of astonishing cliffs and canyons, mountains and mesas. It is a land that invites us to wander and wonder, hike, bike, boat, float, jeep, ride, fly, climb, ski, photograph, or just sit and absorb its timeless beauty.

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Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area. This scenic and fossil-rich area is accessible for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking (on some trails only), and off roading (Rabbit Valley only). Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness, with seven major red rock canyon systems, has the second largest concentration of arches anywhere in the world. As with all wilderness areas, no mechanized vehicles are allowed. 970-244-3000. www.co.blm.gov

Colorado National Monument. Celebrating 100 years since designation, this national monument is comprised of towering redowering red sandstone monoliths and deep, sheer-walled

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ARCHES NATIONAL PARK, UT

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canyons offer beautiful driving and hiking along the 23-mile Rim Rock Drive. Trails also meander down into the canyons. Just west of Grand Junction. 970-858-3617.

www.nps.gov/colm

Grand Mesa National Forest. The world's largest flat-topped mesa laced with small lakes, excellent fishing streams, and hiking, biking, and riding trails. 45 miles northeast of Grand Junction on I-70 and Hwy 65. 970.242-8211. www.fs.fed.us/r2/gmug

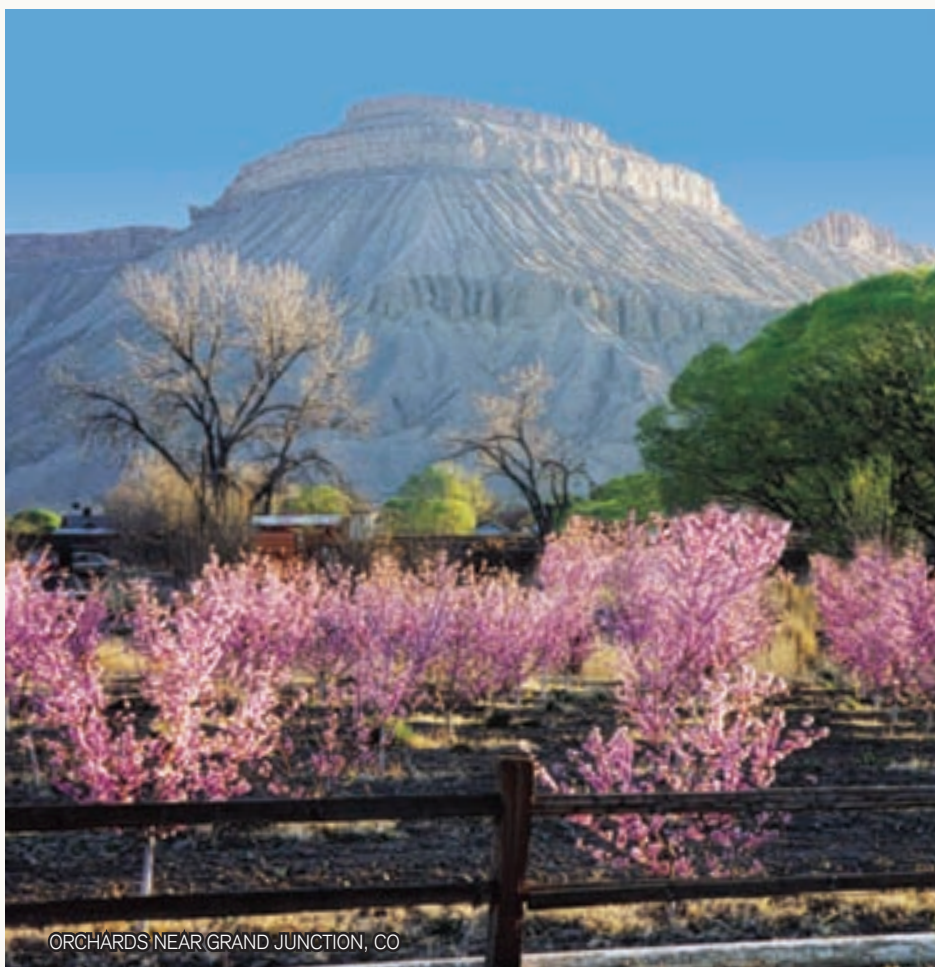
Nearby Communities: Grand Junction makes a wonderful central point from which to explore these monuments, mesas and museums. It's known as a paleontologist's playground, home to the greatest diversity of prehistoric bones ever recovered. Full of restaurants, accommodations, shops, even vineyards. Dinosaur Journey Museum is a wonderful stop for adults and kids alike - robotic dinosaurs, bones and skeleton casts, a working lab, a kids' quarry, and 1-3 day adult digs. 800-962-2547.

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www.nps.gov/blca

The small, friendly town of **Montrose** is close to the Black Canyon, and has more than a dozen motels to choose from. There's also an excellent small Ute Museum with information about this indigenous Western Slope tribe. 800-270-0211.

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Arches National Park. More than two thousand natural sandstone arches, including the world-famous Delicate Arch, frame this area's amazing beauty. In some areas, faulting has exposed millions of years of geologic history. An 18-mile paved loop road introduces visitors to a brilliantly colored landscape littered with fins, pinnacles, faults and fossils; hiking trails wind under arches and around windows in stone. 5 miles north of Moab on Hwy 191. 435-259-8161.

www.nps.gov/arch

Canyonlands National Park. Countless canyons, mesas and buttes comprise the three separate districts of this Park – Island in the Sky, the Needles, and the Maze (very difficult access). Each is special. Near Moab, short hiking trails loop through Island in the Sky as raft trips float thousands of feet below to the

confluence of the Green and Colorado Rivers. Grand View Point, about 30 miles from Moab, offers a 360 degree panoramic view of the deep canyons below. Off road vehicles and bikes are permitted on the 100-mile White Rim Trail. The Needles District north of Monticello offers a very different beauty with remote loop hikes to spectacular red rock gardens. 435-719-2313. www.nps.gov/cany

Dead Horse Point State Park. On the same mesa as Canyonlands' Island in the Sky, 2,000 feet directly above the Colorado River, Dead Horse Point provides a breathtaking panorama of Canyonlands' sculptured pinnacles and buttes. 435-259-2614.

www.stateparks.utah.gov

Manti-La Sal National Forest. Home to the **La Sal** (near Moab) and **Abajo** (near Monticello) Mountains, this forest offers outstanding recreation in cooler temperatures. Wonderful scenic drives

snake through these two different ranges, offering views of the surrounding desert floor.



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Newspaper Rock National Recreation Site. One fabulous wall of Ancestral Puebloan and Ute petroglyphs (art chiseled and pecked into stone) is located on the road into Needles District of Canyonlands. 435-587-1500

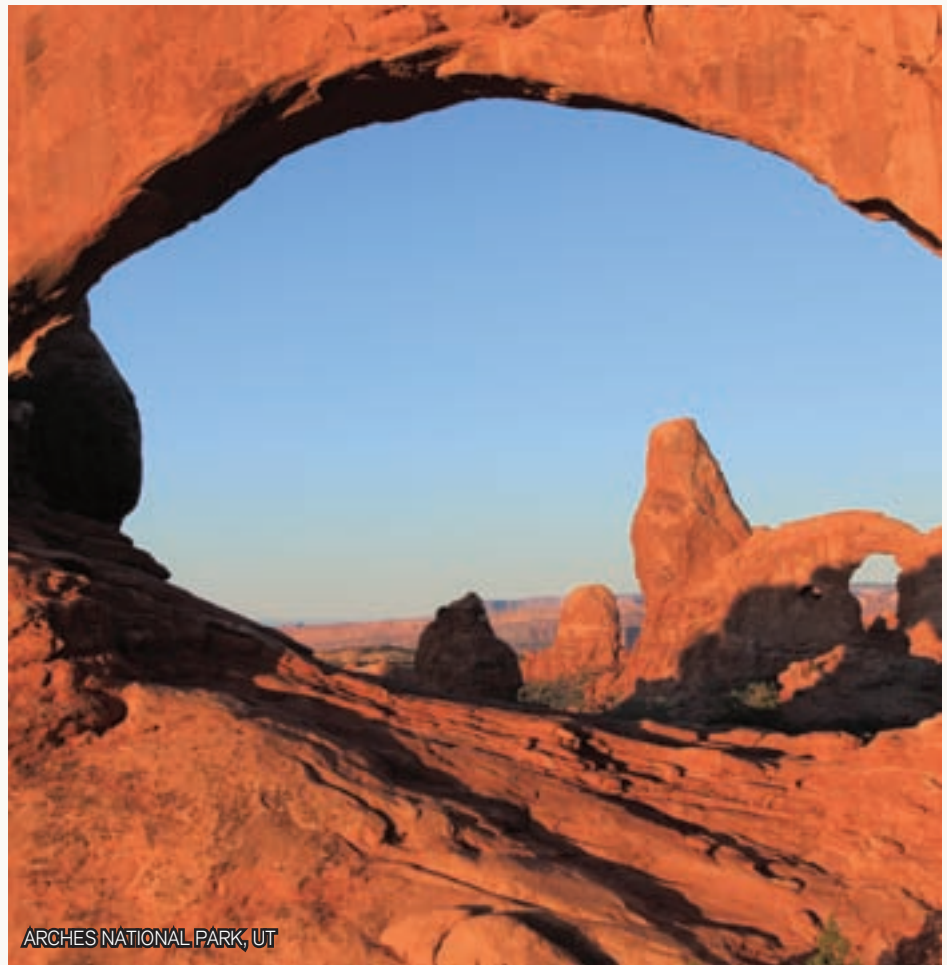
Nearby Communities: Moab is a vibrant town known for its world class slick rock mountain biking. But there's



FALSE KIVA, CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK, UT

more – rafting, boat tours, aerial trams, flight seeing, golf, and glorious, solitary hikes, and one of the best breweries in Utah. Lots of lodging and restaurants, some campgrounds. For the southern entrance to Canyonlands' Needles District, Monticello is close and is nestled at the foot of the lovely Abajo Mountains. It has a multi-agency visitor center, motels and restaurants. Websites: www.discovermoab.com,


Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park. Perhaps the most photographed landscape in America, this valley of monoliths and buttes has been a favorite Hollywood backdrop for 80 years. Still a traditional Navajo homeland, the valley is accessible by private vehicle and guided tours on limited roads. Horseback tours are also available. No backcountry hiking or biking is allowed. Goulding's, the area's first trading post, has a fine small museum on early trading days.



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Goosenecks State Park. A stunning overlook views an “ancestral entrenched meander,” deep, looping S-curves carved by the San Juan River. 18 miles south of Bluff, UT off Hwys 191 & 261. <http://parks.state.ut.us/parks/www1/goos.htm>

Grand Gulch Primitive Area. Hundreds of Ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings and rock art panels dot the canyons off Cedar Mesa for avid day hikers and backpackers to enjoy. Hiking & camping permits required; no off road vehicles allowed. Off Hwys 95 and 261, 30 miles south of Blanding, UT. 435-587-1532.

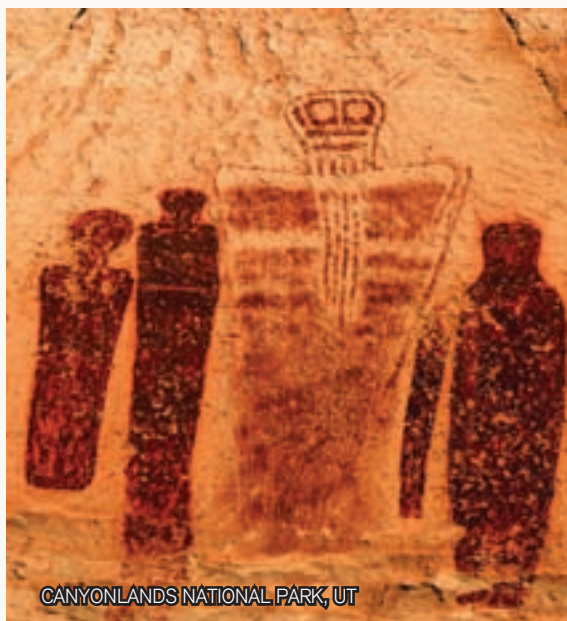
www.blm.gov/utah/monticello

Natural Bridges National Monument. Unlike arches, bridges are formed when streams cut through canyon walls. Three lovely bridges in one canyon, all accessible by short, steep hiking trails, are protected here. 36 miles west of Blanding, UT, off Hwy 95. 435-692-1234. www.nps.gov/nabr

Valley of the Gods. A landscape that rivals Monument Valley, but is more accessible for driving, hiking, camping, and biking (controlled by BLM). 12 miles south of Bluff, UT. 435-587-1500.

Nearby Communities: **Historic Goulding’s Lodge**, known as a western fort or town setting of many John Wayne movies, is one mile from the rim of Monument Valley. It offers accommodations, a restaurant, campground, a museum, grocery store, fast food, and flight-seeing. Twenty five miles south of the valley is **Kayenta, AZ**, on the Navajo Reservation, with several hotels and small restaurants. North of the valley, in Utah, are Mexican Hat, Bluff, and Blanding. **Blanding** is the largest, with several motels and restaurants. A recently opened visitor center offers area information. **Bluff**, though small, is charming with historic Mormon homes, lots of outfitters and rafters, and a few outstanding trading posts to complement its three motels and several B&Bs. **Mexican Hat** has three small motels and restaurants and is located on the San Juan River. Sheltered by the Abajo Mountains, **Monticello** has several hotels and motels and has a full range of dining options.

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CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK, UT



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PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT. Remember, nothing disintegrates out here, nothing. It's just too dry. We still find corncobs and plant fibers from clothing worn centuries ago. Whatever you leave behind will decorate this landscape for years to come: orange peels and cigarette butts and toilet paper. Bury human waste. Don't litter.

RESPECT WATER. Water is life itself here in the desert southwest. When you are delighted to find water, imagine how much more so are the local creatures. Your skin has soaps and lotions that will foul the water – don't bathe directly in waterholes or clear streams. Don't use up the available liquid by splashing about carelessly. Camp, wash dishes, and urinate at least 200 feet from any limited water source. And always, always use a water filter if you decide to take a drink.

TREAD LIGHTLY. Stay on official trails or, when that's impossible, on hard rock surfaces. Soil with dark, crumbly crusts on it is called "cryptobiotic" – it's actually made up of organisms that bind the soil together, making it resistant to wind and erosion and encouraging other plantlife to take root. Footprints or tire tracks pulverize these delicate crusts, setting back revegetation literally years.

PRESERVE THE PAST. Ancient sites and rock art panels abound in the Circle; many are more than 700 years old. Crumbling walls may collapse if you lean or climb on them; fragile flakes of stone or paint will absorb oils from your fingers and soon discolor or disappear. Corncobs and pottery sherds lying about are all part of the peaceful story of these sites – leave them undisturbed for the next visitor or scientist.



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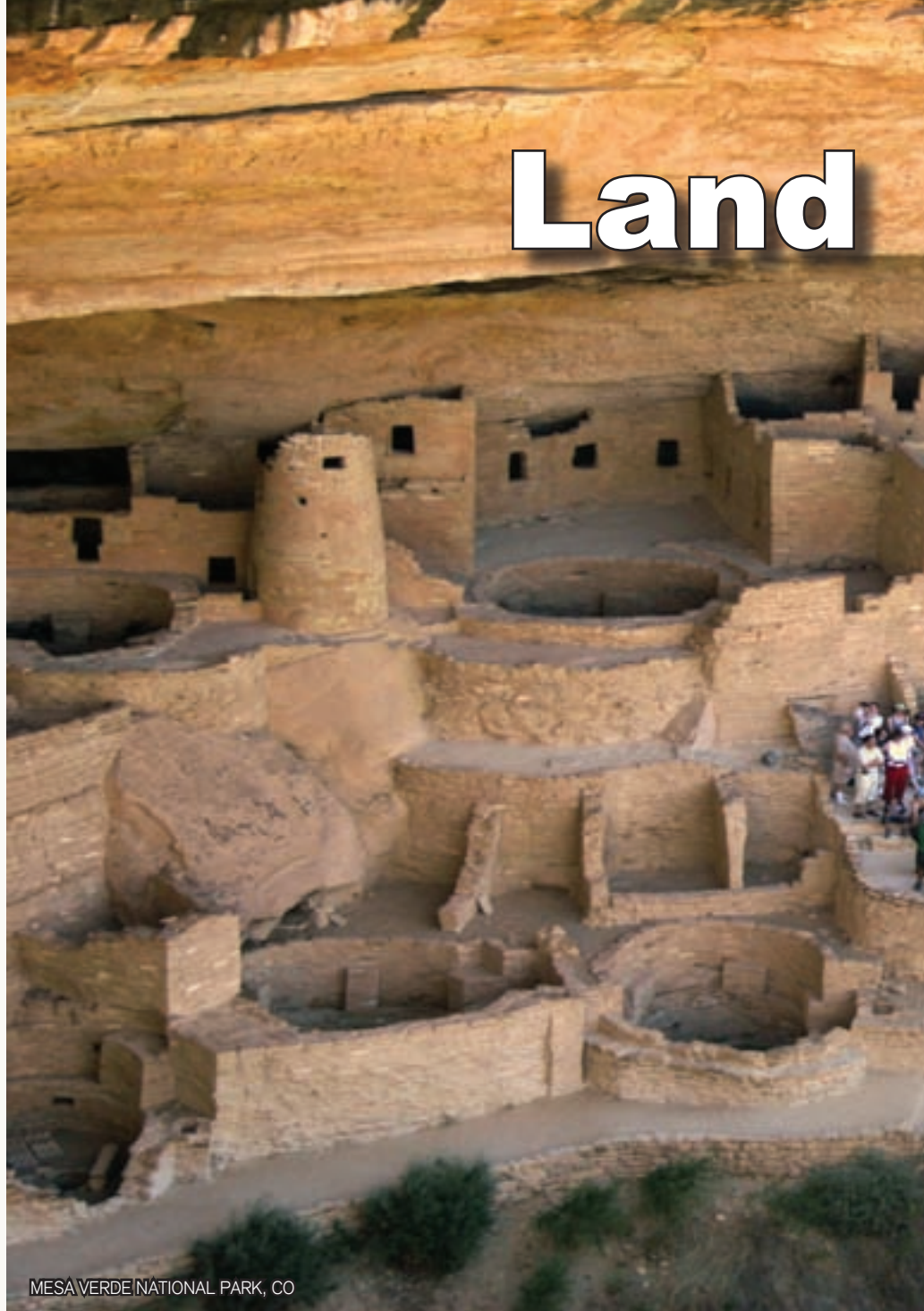
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HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT, UT

Human history seeps from the pores of this land — generations of nomads, farmers, builders, warriors, explorers, traders, miners, and ranchers have traipsed the Colorado Plateau and called it home. Nowhere is this more evident than in the southeast corner of this Grand Circle where remote canyons have nurtured civilizations for hundreds of years.

Tens of thousands of people once lived here, building villages along every creek and near every small, life-giving spring. Travel for a day in this part of the Circle and you'll see their traces: small granaries tucked inconspicuously up under rock outcroppings, circles of sunken stones still noting kivas, places of ceremony. Remnants of their homes litter sage-covered plains and mesas. But time and water — those same sculptors of the canyons — wreak havoc on ancient walls. One of the Grand Circle's newest national monuments, **Canyons of the Ancients**, was recently created to help protect some of these fabulous sites.



MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK, CO

The best-known treasures here are **Mesa Verde**, Chaco Canyon, and Canyon de Chelly. Mesa Verde first caught explorers' attention because it's so well preserved: whole towns protected from weather because they were built in high, dry cliff alcoves. Brooms and sandals, grinding stones and dog-hair weavings capture images of life 800 years ago. Archaeologists thought for years that Mesa Verde was this society's nucleus but, as it turns out, that high plateau

was merely a satellite of a far more organized, far more powerful community: **Chaco**. Apparently the trading and religious center of the Ancestral Puebloan world, Chaco's trade spread from the Pacific to the Mississippi to Meso America. Over hundreds of years, Chacoans created enormous villages and ceremonial structures, as well as precise solstice markers and elaborate irrigation systems. On the western side of the Chuska Mountains, **Canyon de**

of Ancients

An aerial photograph of ancient cliff dwellings, likely Mesa Verde National Park. The structures are built into the sandstone cliffs and feature circular kivas. A large group of people is gathered on a dirt path in the foreground, looking up at the ruins. The surrounding landscape is arid with some green shrubs and trees.

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Chelly was less developed, less populated during Puebloan times, but has been occupied since by other native peoples. The Navajo still farm and raise sheep in this magical canyon through a unique partnership with the National Park Service.

Where did the builders of these sandstone cities go? It appears that, by 1300, all the Ancestral Puebloans of this area had migrated south to join with other communities of kin – the Rio

Grande Pueblos, the Acoma, Zuni and Hopi peoples – possibly forced from this area by cooling weather and dwindling resources. Their traditions live on today though, in the arts and rituals spread throughout New Mexico and Arizona.

Acoma Sky City, the oldest continuously inhabited community in the US is perched high on a solitary mesa top with commanding, 360-degree views. San Esteban del Rey Mission is a designated National Historic Site. The pueblo is

open year round for guided walking tours from the Sky City Cultural Center and Haaku Museum. 800.847.0181.
www.acomaskycity.org

Zuni — thought to be the famed city of gold, Cibola, the Spanish searched for in 1539 — is a simple town surrounded by fields tended for centuries. a wonderful blend of Catholicism and Pueblo beliefs. Two additional National Monuments are near these villages: **El Malpais**,

with wonderful volcanic lava flows and cinders and **El Morro**, which commemorates Inscription Rock centuries of rock art and European explorers' signatures. www.nps.gov/elmo
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The **Hopi** live furthest west, isolated on the southern rim of the enormous Black Mesa, the driest place chosen by any Pueblo people. Able to coax corn and beans out of parched earth, ecologists call them "environmental wizards." One is not born Hopi, one aspires to become Hopi. Being Hopi is a state of being, of grace, peacefulness, and honesty. Their sacred dances invoke the rains, but also pray for peace and happiness for the entire world. Today, visitors are still allowed to view some dance ceremonies, but not all. Should you be lucky enough to attend one, no photography or recording devices are allowed.

Arts are a part of life for the different Pueblos. Each has become famed for its unique pottery, paintings, katsinas, carved fetishes, and jewelry — either very simple etched silver or delicately inlaid with colored stones. Visitors can appreciate the scope of Pueblo art in the villages or any trading post of the southwest.

Utes were undoubtedly the contemporaries of the Ancestral Puebloans, though their small clan, hunter and gatherer style left only scant traces of their centuries old habitation of the southwest. After the Ancestral Puebloans moved away, Utes continued to live along the western slope of Colorado and in the San Juan River basin. In the mid 1600's, after they acquired horses from the Spanish, Utes

flourished, becoming fearsome warriors, raiders, and buffalo hunters. But by 1880, the group now known as Southern Utes were only 500 people; the Ute Mountain Utes numbered 650. Today both tribes earn revenues from oil and mineral leases, casinos, and tourism. The **Ute Mountain Tribal Park**, wrapped around the base of Mesa Verde, contains world-class archaeological sites for visitors to tour with Ute guides.
www.utemountainute.com

Of all the tribes, the **Navajo** dominate the political and physical landscape. With more than a quarter million tribal members, and more than seven million acres of reservation land spread across three states, the Diné are a powerful nation. Relative newcomers to the southwest — they are believed to have migrated here in the 1400's — the Navajo language is similar to Canadian-Athabaskan. Masters of adaptation, the Navajo quickly picked up agriculture, sheep-herding, and weaving for profit from traders. Unlike the Pueblos though, most traditional Diné families choose to live apart from

their neighbors. Hogans — one roomed earthen structures that originally served as homes — often sit next to modern houses, but they're still used and appreciated. Notice how every hogan faces east, to greet the dawn. The traditional arts of the Navajo — sand painting, basket weaving, jewelry making, pottery and rug weaving — have experienced a revival in recent years and are valued by visitors and collectors. Today the Nation has its own unified government and a strong view of the future.
www.discovernavajo.com

Mesa Verde National Park.

Repeatedly cited as one of the world's top cultural attractions, Mesa Verde was home to the Ancestral Puebloans for more than 700 years. Many of the best-preserved dwellings were built high on cliff walls in alcoves, well-protected from the elements. Complete homes and entire villages have survived with many artifacts amazingly intact, providing visitors a unique and thought-provoking glimpse into America's pre-European past. Self-



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Cortez Cultural Center. A forum for arts, education, and Native cultures, the Center offers free Indian Dances and Cultural Programs, or the outdoor drama Black Shawl during the summer months. The Center also features exhibits of pre-historic and contemporary Native tribes, as well as rotating art exhibits.

970-565-1151

www.cortezculturalcenter.org

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. Newly designated to protect thousands of unexcavated archaeological sites, this Monument still lacks significant infrastructure. So far, there is just one interpretive site and two hiking trails. Lowry Pueblo, just north of Cortez, is a self-guided tour. Sand Canyon, off McElmo Canyon Road, has a nice canyon hiking trail that passes several cliff dwellings and Painted Hand Pueblo, a backcountry site has a beautiful standing tower and pictographs. For information on how to reach these hiking trails, visit the Anasazi Heritage Center. 970-882-4811. www.co.blm.gov/canm

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Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum. The small museum houses a superb collection of Ancestral Puebloan pottery and artifacts next to an excavated pueblo in Blanding. 435-678-2238. www.stateparks.utah.gov

Hovenweep National Monument. Five beautifully built ancient towers cluster at the heads of spring-fed canyons in this

small, undeveloped park. Their use is still unknown — was it for storage? Solstice observation? Defense? Facilities include a Visitor Center and self-guided interpretive and hiking trails. Travel 3 miles south of Cortez, CO. on Hwy 160, then west 39 miles on County Road G (McElmo Canyon Road). 970-562-4282. www.nps.gov/hove

Ute Mountain Tribal Park. The southern canyons of the Mesa Verde are on Ute lands, and contain wonderful, primitive, unexcavated cliff dwellings and surface sites similar to those found in the National Park. Ute tour guides take visitors into their tribal park to explore archaeological sites and rock art (prehistoric Puebloan and historic Ute) on half and full day tours — call ahead for reservations. 11 miles south of Cortez, CO on Hwy 160. www.utemountainute.com

San Juan National Forest. Blanketing spectacular, 10,000-14,000 foot mountains just north of Cortez and

Durango, CO, the San Juan offers outstanding hiking, mountain biking, riding, jeeping, climbing, kayaking, fishing, and camping. Many old mining towns dot the area. 970-247-4874. www.fs.fed.us/r2/sanjuan



SAN JUAN SKYWAY

Travel the "road to the sky" which offers views of the towering 14,000-foot San Juan Mountains to rolling hillsides speckled with ancient Indian pueblo ruins. Victorian towns offer both excitement and relaxation. Soak in hot springs, ride the narrow-gauge railroad, and sleep under the stars or in a cozy lodge. This byway can be traveled in a loop. Total distance: 236 miles / 379.8 km.

Nearby Communities: Sizeable towns nearest Mesa Verde are Cortez and Durango, Colorado. Cortez (8 miles west of Mesa Verde) makes a wonderful base for exploring more of the area's archaeology and offers free Indian dances nightly. **Durango** (36 miles east) offers the historic silver boom-town feel

with the famous Durango & Silverton Railroad, and Victorian architecture. Both have numerous hotels, restaurants, and other entertainment. Websites: www.mesaverdecountry.com www.durango.org

Chaco Culture National Historic Park. Unlike most of today's well-known, well-preserved Ancestral Puebloan sites, Chaco is not comprised of cliff dwellings. Instead, a broad, shallow canyon cradles the spectacular public architecture of this ancient urban center, the hub of the Puebloan world for religion, trade, and administration. Hiking only; mountain biking on the one loop road around the canyon floor. 76 miles south of Farmington, off of Hwy 550. 505-786-7014. www.nps.gov/chcu

Aztec Ruins National Monument. Built on the edge of a river by the Ancestral Pueblos, this 450 room village was occupied for less than 200

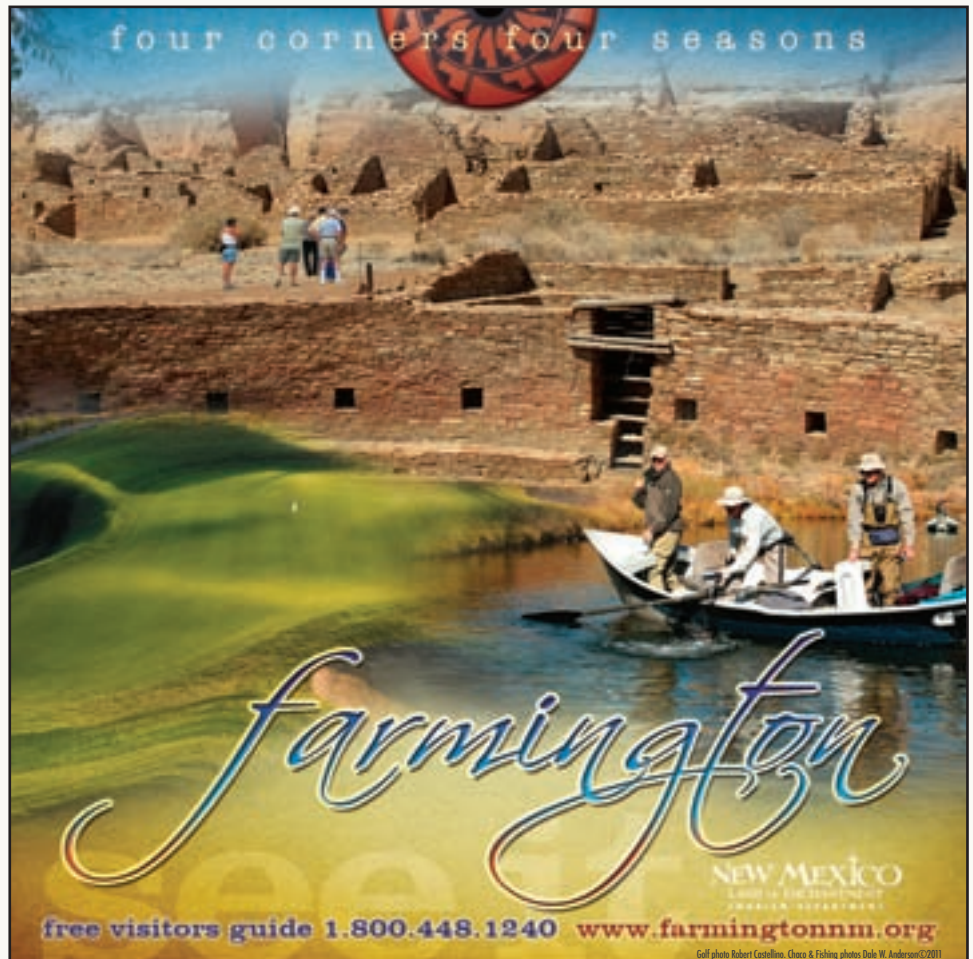
years by people from both Chaco and Mesa Verde. Its central feature today is a Great Kiva, a large ceremonial chamber, completely rebuilt in the 1930s. Self-guided interpretive trail, visitor center. Located 13 miles east of Farmington off Hwy 550. 505-334-6174. www.nps.gov/azru

Bitsi Badlands & Den-A-zin Wilderness Area. This wonderland of soft clay and sandstone formations can be reached from state road 371 on US 64.

Salmon Ruins & Heritage Park. Another large "greathouse," or small village, believed to have been a community connected to the people of Chaco Canyon. 8 miles east of Farmington, NM on Hwy 64. 505-632-2013. www.farmingtonnm.org



AZTEC RUINS NATIONAL MONUMENT



Angel Peak National Recreation

Area. This seldom-visited area southeast of Farmington is named for 6,988-foot-high Angel Peak. It is situated in the middle of a large expanse of badlands and arroyos, an area of very little vegetation but much scenic beauty. The rock formations in the Recreation Area are a palette of pastel earth-colored hues stretching across the horizon.

Shiprock Peak. The name Shiprock was first applied to this solidified lava core in the 1870s on U.S. Geological Survey maps for its resemblance to a nineteenth century clipper ship. Its Navajo name is Tsé Bit' A'í, "rock with wings". It is very important in Navajo mythology and religion.

Nearby Communities: Farmington, New Mexico, is the nearest city to Chaco Canyon and has a wide variety of hotels, restaurants, shopping, world class fly fishing and golfing.. Websites: www.farmingtonnm.org

The Farmington / Gallup / Four Corners Area are the hubs of Navajo Country in New Mexico that includes Red Rock State Park, museums, lodging, restaurants and outdoor recreation.. www.Navajonationparks.org www.discovernavajo.com

Petroglyph National Monument. Although traces of Native American culture can be found throughout the monument, it is of course best known for the over 20,000 petroglyphs (images pecked or carved into rock) that can be viewed there. Five volcanic cinder cones on the West Mesa of Albuquerque produced the basalt boulders that were the rough canvas for these amazing petroglyphs. The Visitors Center, once a homestead-era traditional adobe home, is the best place to start your visit.

Puye Cliff Dwellings National

Historic Landmark. Puye Cliff Dwellings is the ancestral home of the inhabitants of Santa Clara Pueblo. The site consists of two levels of cliff dwellings and a large settlement, known as the Community or Great House, on top of the mesa. Approximately 1,500 people lived here from the late 1100s to 1580. A 1930s Harvey House now serves as an interpretive center for the site.

Bandelier National Monument.

Bandelier's human history extends back for over 10,000 years when nomadic hunter-gatherers followed migrating wildlife across the mesas and canyons. Around 1150, Ancestral Pueblo people began to build permanent settlements here, but by 1550 the Ancestral Pueblo people had moved from their homes to pueblos along the Rio Grande (Cochiti, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo). Reminders of these past times are still evident in the monument.



JEMEZ MOUNTAIN TRAIL

Jemez Mountain Trail takes you through time, past amazing geological formations, ancient Indian ruins, and an Indian pueblo. The area is rich in logging, mining and ranching heritage. Sites include Jemez State Monument, Bandelier National Monument, Soda Dam, Cabezón, Battleship Rock, and the Spence and Jemez Mountain Hot Springs. 163 mi. / 262 km Loop Road near Albuquerque, NM.

Canyon de Chelly National

Monument. This Monument shelters over 1,600 years of Native American history. Early Ancestral Puebloan basketmaker home sites built high into cliff alcoves grace spectacular red rock canyons where Navajo farmers and shepherders still live. One hiking trail; jeep and horseback guided tours. Near Chinle, AZ, off Hwy 191. 928-674-5500.

www.nps.gov/cach

Hubbell Trading Post National

Historic Site. The trader John Lorenzo Hubbell introduced rug patterns popular on the East Coast (imported from China and Persia) and locals began weaving them to create the distinctive regional style of Ganado. Today, the trading post looks as it did a century ago, stocked with excellent rugs for sale. Weaving demonstrations also done. 36 miles south of Chinle, AZ (Canyon de Chelly) on Hwys 191 & 264. 928-755-3475.

www.nps.gov/hutr

Window Rock Navajo Tribal Park.

This graceful sandstone arch, a sacred Navajo site, sits above the Navajo Nation Council Chambers and Navajo Tribal Museum. The Chambers, modeled after a large hogan with murals that depict Navajo history, are open for tours. 928-871-6417.

www.discovernavajo.com

Nearby Communities: The small town of Chinle, and the capital of the Navajo Nation, Window Rock, both in Arizona, have a few motels and restaurants for visitors. Gallup, NM, located on I-40 about 100 miles south of Canyon de Chelly, is a busy trading center for all southwestern arts, particularly jewelry. It's estimated that 80% of Navajo and Pueblo jewelry passes through wholesalers there.

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The Spanish in New Mexico

Nowhere in the Grand Circle is the influence of the colonial Spanish more evident than in Northern New Mexico. It is found in the architecture, central plazas, churches, art and artifacts that remain today.

The first significant contact between Spanish explorers and the Native American inhabitants of the region came in 1542 when an expeditionary force, led by Francisco Coronado traveled from Mexico seeking the rumored Seven Golden Cities of Cibola. Reaching what is now New Mexico, they encountered Native American pueblos and quickly overcame them.

The Spanish remained and embarked on a mission of conquest and conversion in their newly claimed lands. Over succeeding decades, more settlers, clerics and officials arrived from Mexico. In 1610, the settlement of Santa Fe was established and government buildings, churches and residences began to multiply.

In 1680, the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh led a revolt to drive the Spanish from New Mexico, overtaking Santa Fe. The Spanish fled, but returned peacefully in 1692 to re-establish their colony. The revolt is credited with saving the Pueblo culture in New Mexico.

Santa Fe celebrated its 400th Anniversary in 2010. It is the second oldest city and the oldest capital in the U.S. Drawing on its Spanish and Native American heritage, it is today a world-renowned center for the arts.



As it was in the 1600s, the Santa Fe Plaza is still the community gathering spot and location for major events. Surrounding the Plaza and on its side streets, buildings retain the distinctive earth-colored adobe construction that evolved from the Pueblo dwellings encountered by the first Spanish settlers. Located on the north side of the Historic Santa Fe Plaza is the Palace of the Governors, the oldest continually occupied public building in America. Along with the New Mexico History Museum, the Palace of the Governors serves as an archive of New Mexico's rich and diverse history. On its east side, St. Francis Cathedral, dedicated in 1886, is a blend of adobe, French-Romanesque



and modern architectural styles. Other historic sites, museums and cultural centers are found throughout Santa Fe.

Albuquerque and the surrounding valley began to be settled by the Spanish in the mid-1600s and was formally established in 1706.

The historic heart of Albuquerque, Old Town Plaza, was also created in 1706. The picturesque plaza today looks much like it did when it was built centuries ago and events still revolve around it as they did three hundred years ago. El Camino Real, the Royal Road, once ran through Old Town connecting Mexico City with New Mexico's Spanish capitals. From 1598 until the opening of the Santa Fe Trail in 1821, El Camino Real was the main route into New Mexico for settlers, livestock and goods. El Camino Real has been designated National Scenic Byway and National Historic Trail.

Around the plaza, Albuquerque's Old Town comprises about ten blocks of historic Pueblo-Spanish buildings. On the north side of the plaza is the San Felipe de Neri Church, the oldest building in the city (1773). In the surrounding area the colonial city's homes, shops and government buildings have been converted into restaurants, art galleries and shops. Just to the east of Old Town are numerous museums and discovery centers.

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TIPS FOR PLANNING YOUR TRIP

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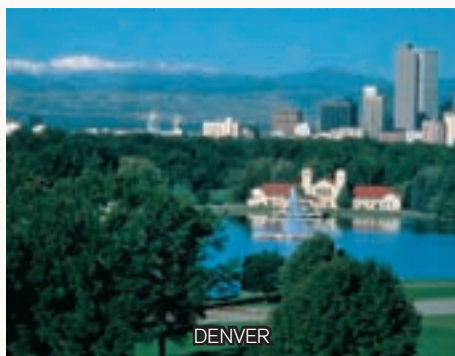
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- **Watch for animals.** Free-range livestock grazing is commonplace out here — and if the cows and sheep don't wander into the road, the deer might.

- **Road Advisories.** If a road advisory blinks a warning like "Steep Curves Ahead," or "Chains or Snow Tires Required," or advises you not to continue without four wheel drive, believe it. Carry water and — in winter — extra clothes and a small shovel.

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Be Weather Wise

When rain or thunder storms are

possible, be cautious when camping or hiking in narrow canyons and washes. While it may not be raining where you are, dry waterways can fill quickly and violently with floodwater. Low spots in the road can be a hazard when rains come. Wait until the water has subsided before crossing them in a vehicle.

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Your first stop in any park or community should be the visitor center. You can strategically plan your day, find out what interests you most and learn about any special programs you might wish to join. Due to budget constraints, many parks and forests charge modest fees for participation in some programs and hikes.

Time Zones

"What time is it?" can be a complex question out here. November — March, everyone in the Grand Circle is on Mountain Standard Time. April — October, though, is a different story.

- Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and the Navajo Nation all change to Daylight Savings Time (DST).

- Arizona does NOT change to DST except those areas that are Navajo Nation land.

- The National Parks in Arizona within the Navajo Nation (Canyon de Chelly, Hubbell Trading Post, and Navajo National Monument) do change to DST.

Distances Between Grand Circle Attractions

MILEAGE CHART	Arches	Bryce Canyon	Canyonlands (Island in the Sky)	Canyonlands (Needles District)	Capitol Reef	Grand Canyon-North Rim	Grand Canyon-South Rim	Lake Powell-Bullfrog	Lake Powell-Page	Mesa Verde	Monument Valley	Petrified Forest Ntl. Park	Zion
Arches		270	31	62	142	396	333	163	287	149	171	335	284
Bryce Canyon	270		310	347	121	160	300	214	150	376	277	388	83
Canyonlands (Island in the Sky)	31	310		105	275	435	359	203	316	180	190	315	435
Canyonlands (Needles District)	62	347	105		230	380	314	148	271	135	145	375	390
Capitol Reef	142	121	275	230		275	415	91	327	259	185	420	204
Grand Canyon-North Rim	396	160	435	380	275		325	372	130	232	191	200	119
Grand Canyon-South Rim	333	300	359	314	415	325		310	141	270	197	325	259
Lake Powell-Bullfrog	163	214	203	148	91	372	310		240	220	122	220	301
Lake Powell-Page	287	150	316	271	327	130	141	240		221	127	220	117
Mesa Verde	149	376	180	135	259	232	270	220	221		141	232	354
Monument Valley	171	277	190	145	185	191	197	122	127	141		191	228
Petrified Forest Ntl. Park	335	388	315	375	420	200	325	220	220	232	191		357
Zion	284	83	435	390	204	119	259	301	117	354	228	357	

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Denver	515	Los Angeles	513
Farmington	289	Phoenix	282
Flagstaff	136	Salt Lake City	378
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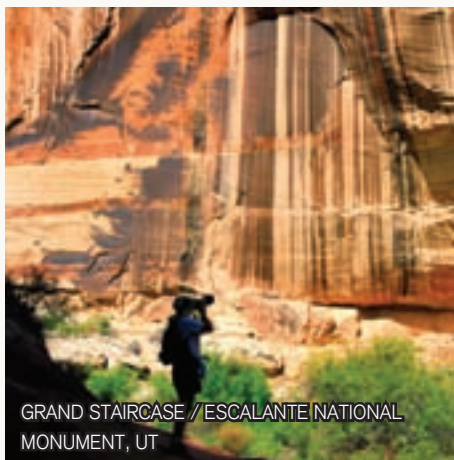
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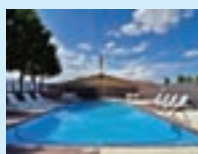
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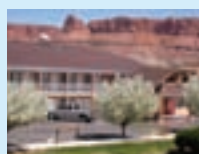
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