The National Parks—Close Enough to Touch

The 2002 Olympic Winter Games embody the spirit of America's national parks. National parks have always been about people from many backgrounds, caring for this land, preserving traditions, nurturing beauty, learning and having fun. Americans have saved nearly 400 extraordinary places for our children and people around the world. It is an honor for me, my National Park Service colleagues and 120,000 volunteers to be entrusted with their care and to welcome you.

The anticipation and excitement of the Games is abundant in the national parks. This guide will help you discover those within a day's drive of Salt Lake City. During your time in Utah, I hope you will take as much time as you can to experience the beauty, history, power and patriotism of these special places. I hope you get to see them all! And, if you must leave this area, no matter where you live or travel in this vast land, you are close to a national park, a wonderful adventure and lifelong memories. National parks parallel the American experience.

To plan your next adventure in America's national parks, you will want to check out the National Park Service's website at www.nps.gov. Our website is a great introduction to all the national parks, and a great way to plan your visit, whether it be a day trip or the trip-of-a-lifetime.

You have probably seen many photographs of Delicate Arch in Arches National Park, a signature image of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and the image on the front of this publication. This geological treasure is only one of the wonders that await you in nearby national parks.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

The National Park Service preserves these magnificent places for you and everyone today and in the future to discover. Each one of us creates our own personal national park experiences. America's national parks offer unlimited opportunities to learn, have fun and explore. No matter what your interests are, there is a national park that will intrigue you and tickle your imagination.

So, when I say, "Experience Your America," that's my invitation to you to get out and visit or learn more about the national parks. Chat with a ranger, hike, sit in solitude, fish, ride a bike, touch history, go canoeing, honor our heroes, watch wildlife—make America's national parks your very own special places.

These sites have captivated explorers from Lewis and Clark to the millions of visitors who come every year to see them at their best, saved for them and their children. I hope you also will find yourself captivated by these wondrous places and longing to return. We are caring for these places so they will always be here, but you don't have to wait. Your national park memories can start right now. Experience Your America.

Fran Mainella, Director
National Park Service

When you head for the national parks, don't forget your National Parks Pass. It is the best way to experience the parks. The 2002 National Parks Pass features a stunning photograph of Delicate Arch in Arches National Park. For $50 it covers national park entrance fees for you and your family for one year, contributes to important national park projects, and will become a cherished reminder of your visit to Utah and the national parks. Buy your national parks Pass at any national park, at www.nationalparks.org, or by calling 1-888-GoParks. See you in the parks!
Each of the park sites has a landscape beauty of its own, be it starkly volcanic, canyon
keep your camera handy! You will find picnic areas in each park. In most parks, bicycles are allowed only on road.
Delicate Arch and more than 2,000 other sandstone arches, balanced rocks, fins, and pinnacles in a striking environment of contrasting colors, landforms, and textures.

Consultant: National Park Service. Reprinted with permission from the National Park Service.
A backcountry wilderness of countless canyons, mesas, and buttes eroded by the Colorado River and its tributaries.

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION
Canyonlands National Park
Visitor Information Center
1009 Main Street
Moab, Utah 84532
(435) 259-7313
www.nps.gov/cany

• TRAVEL AND ROAD CONDITIONS
The most direct route to Canyonlands National Park is via US Highway 191 and US Highway 12.

• FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE PARK There are no facilities or services within the park. The nearest town is Moab, which has full services, including equipment rental.

• NEAREST FACILITIES AND SERVICES
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• ENTRANCE TO THE PARK

• TRIP PLANNING HELP

• CAMPING IN THE PARK

• RANGER-GUIDED ACTIVITIES

• EVENING PROGRAMS

• ACTIVITIES

•.Parcel Post Activities

• Capitol Reef National Park

Capitol Reef National Park

Activities for kids: The Island in the Sky and Needles Districts have short interpretive trails, videos, and fun exhibits at visitor centers. Regular guided activities to enhance the visit include:

1. **RANGER-GUIDED ACTIVITIES**

2. **EVENING PROGRAMS**

3. **ACTIVITIES**
Huge natural amphitheater, 2,000 feet deep and three miles long, filled with fins, spires, and columns; forested rims and broad meadows of brilliant summertime wildflowers.

**NEAREST FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

City of Rocks Chamber of Commerce
977 Seventh Street, P.O. Box 1007, Hagerman, Idaho 83332-(208) 858-1390, www.idahtonight.com/visit.

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**HOW TO GET TO CEDAR BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT FROM SALT LAKE CITY**

Private vehicle or air.

**TRAVEL AND ROAD CONDITIONS**

Open year-round. Most roads are impassable during snow from late October through early May. Some roads are impassable during high water in July and August.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION**

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**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

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An outdoor museum of volcanism, this nearly 1,200-square-mile monument preserves such intriguing features as cinder cones, lava tubes, and several different types of lava flows.

### Craters of the Moon National Monument

**ENTRANCE FEE** None.

**An outdoor museum of volcanism, this nearly**

**and several different types of lava flows.**

**Dwarf monkeyflower Pahoehoe lava flow 83213, (208) 527-3257 ext 300.**

**8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from**

**PARK HOURS Alway**

**527-8977 voice; (208) 527-8976 fax;**

**and other times. Closed**

**Thanksgiving Day.**

**Information desk, museum exhibits, observation film, bookstore, water, accommodations, pay telephones, stack and soft drink machines, charcoal, permits.**

**NEAREST FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

**269 miles (433 km) from**

**Salt Lake City; driving time**

**• 269 miles (433 km) from**

**Salt Lake City Private vehicle.**

**• FROM SALT LAKE CITY Private vehicle.**

**• VISITOR CENTERS**

**• NEAREST VEHICLE REPAIR**

**Vernal or Rangely.**

**Information desk, interpretive displays, books, gift shop, charcoal, water, pay telephone, accessible vault toilets; permit office.**

**• ACTIVITIES**

**Day hike Seven trails ranging from 0.25 mile to eight miles (0.4 to 13 km) in length.**

**• GETTING AROUND IN THE PARK Private vehicle.**

**• WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION**

**Craters of the Moon National Monument Visitors Center, P.O. Box 29, Arco, Idaho 83221, (208) 527-3376 or 398.**

**• 5 to 15, and 16-up; talk with ranger, hike a**

**trail, tour exhibits, help prepare a fossil; educational materials.**

**• ACTIVITIES**

**Day hike Eight scenic auto tours, ranging from easy to difficult; admission charged; coolers, backpacks, tents,**

**and other site-specific educational materials.**

**• EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

**Call 911 from local phones.**

**• Fossil Butte National Monument**

**Fifty-million-year-old lakedale, one of the richest fossil localities in the world, shows extraordinarily complete preservation of plants, insects, fishes, and other animals, including a crocodile.**

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Lake Powell Channel of Convair 340, P.O. Box 727, Page, Arizona 86040; (928) 645-2741, (800) 341-7241 (toll-free) balfourair@sbcglobal.net www.navajoairlines.com

John Sheperd Monument Museum, 6 N. Lake Powell Blvd., Page, Arizona 86040; (928) 645-9909; (866) 443-3412 free, navajomuseum.org for information on boat rentals, float trips, and scenic air flights.

ARIZONA: R.R. ARAPAHOE permits cover the park concessions for information on lodging, food services, campgrounds, boating, showers, fees, marine services, boat rentals, tours, repairs.

TRAVEL: Direct flights from Salt Lake City, driving time six to eight hours.

ENTRANCE FEE: $1 per person vehicle, $12 per person vehicle, $3 per person for bicycles.

PARK HOURS: Always open.

VISITOR CENTERS
Carl Hayden Visitor Center At Glen Canyon Dam; May to September open daily 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; remainder of year 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES At Lodging: Lake Powell Village, campground, showers, laundry, store; at Visitor Center: information desk, films, Junior Engineer program, free dam tours, bookstore, accessible toilet, water, pay phone.

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The Grand Teton's 13,770-foot peak crowns a landscape of forests, rivers, streams, sagebrush flats, and subalpine meadows, habitat for a wide variety of animals, and home to people for more than 11,000 years.

- **Entrance Fee** $2 for vehicles; $10 for people on foot.
- **Facilities and Services in the Park** Full facilities are provided within the park from May to mid-October. Recreational facilities, and lodges are closed out every day from June through September; make reservations ahead of time for campgrounds, tent camping, and camping. Information available at campgrounds and visitor centers.

- **Park Hours** Always open.
- **Visitor Information**
  - **Moose Visitor Center** Open year-round; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. from mid-June to mid-September; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. the remainder of the year. Closed December 25. Information desk, exhibits of early and indigenous species, video room, two lounges, accessible toilet, water, pay telephones, permits, maps of hiking and ski trails, weather and avalanche forecasts.
  - **Jenny Lake Visitor Center** Open from mid-June to mid-September; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Information desk, exhibits, Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce office, pay telephones, permits.

- **Teton Lumber Company (P.O. Box 500, Jackson, WY 83001-0500; (207) 733-1900; e-mail info@jacksonlumber.com)**
- **Travel and Road Conditions** (307) 739-3000 or (800) 962-3612.
- **Emergency Numbers** Call 911 for local or Jackson Hole (207) 739-3100.

- **Setting Around in the Park** Personal vehicle Grand Teton National Park allows vehicles to enter the park unless prohibited. Jackson Hole Express offers scheduled shuttle service from the Salt Lake City airport for park admissions and reservations. Call (207) 362-3000 for fare and service information.

- **Ranger-Guided Activities** From June through September; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Information available at ranger stations and Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce office.

- **Park Personals**
  - **Moose Campground** Box 50, Moose, WY 83001, (307) 739-3000 or (800) 962-3612.
  - **Flagg Ranch** Box 50, Moose, WY 83001, (307) 739-3000 or (800) 962-3612.
  - **Grand Teton Lodge Company** Box 200, Moose, WY 83001, (307) 739-3000 or (800) 962-3612.
  - **Signal Mountain Lodge Company** Box 50, Moose, WY 83001, (307) 739-3000 or (800) 962-3612.

- **Commercial Tour Operators**
  - **Yellowstone Park Guides Co.** (307) 739-3309.
  - **Teton Science School**, (307) 739-3309.
  - **Junior Ranger Program**
    - **Permits and Reservations**
      - **Group campsite reservations may be made between January 1 and May 15.** Contact park backcountry office at (307) 739-3300.
      - **Open-Country Operation** from June to September, inquire at visitor centers for current schedules and websites.
    - **Activities** Contact the park for free brochures about any of the above activities.

- **Fishing Information**
  - **Fishing Licenses** Available at Moose Visitor Centers, Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce office, pay telephones, permits.
  - **Fishing Trips** Available to reservations made in Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce office.

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The finest examples of ancestral Puebloan structures and cliff dwellings in the world, dating from about A.D. 550 to 1300.

**Mesa Verde National Park**

- **Introduction Fee:** $10 per vehicle for seven days; $5 per person, maximum charge of $25 per vehicle.
- **Park Hours:** Always open.
- **Visitor Centers:**
  - Far View Visitor Center: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Visitors Information Center: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Nearest Facilitie and Services:**
  - 79 miles (127 km) from Salt Lake City; driving time six to seven hours.
  - **Entrance Fee:** $3 per person, maximum charge of $6 per vehicle for seven days.
  - **Park Hours:** Open 7 a.m. until sunset, closed Thanksgiving Day, December 25, and January 1.
  - **Visitor Center:** Open 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. year-round, closed Thanksgiving Day, December 25, and January 1.
  - **Information Desk:** Open 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. year-round, closed Thanksgiving Day, December 25, and January 1.
- **How to Get to Natural Bridges from Salt Lake City Visitors:**
  - **Park Hours:** Open 7 a.m. until sunset, closed Thanksgiving Day, December 25, and January 1.
  - **Information Desk:** Open 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. year-round, closed Thanksgiving Day, December 25, and January 1.
- **Where to Find Information:**
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September, (307) 344-7311.


The park is open year-round. Has a trip planner and detailed maps. Commercial tour companies operate from May through October. Commercial services and detailed maps are available at the park entrance. Contact: (307) 344-7311.
ACTIVITIES

Auto tour Take the ten-mile (16 km) Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway year round. The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is open to vehicles from November through March; from April through October, take the free Zion Canyon Shuttle.

Day hike Many trails are available, hikes from 0.5 to 14 miles (0.8 to 23 km) in length; no permits are required for day hikes.

Backcountry hike There are numerous backcountry trails, from one to ten miles (1.6 to 16 km) in length, in canyons, open forest, desert, and rolling terrain. Permits are required for all overnight backcountry use.

Climb Permits are not required for day climbs but are required for all overnight bivouacs. See the free Backcountry Trip Planner, available at all visitor centers, for additional tips and advice. Cross-country ski and snowshoe Possible in higher elevations of park. For information on routes, snow conditions, weather, and safety check at visitor centers.

Horseback riding Guided trips available March through October; call (435) 679-8665.

Junior Ranger program From late May until early September, children 12 and under can earn Junior Ranger decals, certificates, pins, and patches by participating in special sessions and ranger-led programs.

Learn about the world around you Stop by the visitor center bookstore for books, brochures, maps, and other site-specific educational materials.

RANGER-GUIDED ACTIVITIES Talks and talks are presented. Check visitor centers and bulletin boards for topics and schedules.

EVENING PROGRAMS Presented in campground amphitheaters and Zion Lodge April through October.

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