

WHAT TO DO IN THE MESA VERDE
Schedule effective June 16, 1962 *** Subject to CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

1. MUSEUM: Open 7:45 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Exhibits tell the story of the Mesa Verde People. It is suggested you start here to really enjoy the ruins you will be seeing later. Natural history exhibits are in the small building just south of the Museum. Rest rooms are located in the basement of the Natural History building.
2. RUINS-ROAD DRIVES (Self-guiding): Open 7:30 A.M. to Sunset
Two, 6-mile loops entered at crossroads 1/2 mile north of Museum. Nine, excavated mesa-top ruins which show over 700 years in the development of Pueblo architecture may be visited, as may Sun Temple, the great ceremonial building. You will view 40 to 50 cliff dwellings from canyon-rim vantage points. Exhibits at the stops explain the features seen.

PLEASE REMEMBER

CLIFF DWELLINGS ARE ENTERED ONLY WITH RANGERS AS SCHEDULED BELOW

3. CLIFF DWELLING TRIPS (There are 3 of these):

SPRUCE TREE HOUSE: A self-guiding trip. Rangers on duty in the ruin.

Visit this ruin anytime between 8:00 A.M. and 5:15 P.M.
/ Allow 45 minutes to 1 hour to visit Spruce Tree House /
Trail walking distance is 1/2 mile round trip /

Trail starts between Museum and Natural History Building. Guide books available in dispenser as you enter the ruin. Numbered stakes in the dwelling explain the features and the rangers on duty will be glad to answer any other questions you may have.

CLIFF PALACE: Ranger guided trips start in the north end of the ruin.

Visit this ruin anytime between 8:15 A.M. and 4:15 P.M.
/ Allow 45 minutes to 1 hour to visit Cliff Palace /
Trail walking distance is 1/2 mile round trip /

ALLOW 10 minutes to drive to Cliff Palace parking area from the Museum. Take Ruins Road, follow signs. Take trail from the VIEW POINT sign in the Cliff Palace parking area and follow it down into the ruin.

BALCONY HOUSE: Ranger guided trips start at the VIEW Sign in the Balcony House parking area at:

8:15 9:30 10:45 A.M. and 1:15 2:30 3:45 P.M.

/ These climbing trips take 1 to 1-1/4 hours /
Trail walking distance is 3/4 mile /

ALLOW 20 minutes to drive to Balcony House parking area from the Museum. Take Ruins Road, follow signs. Meet Ranger at the VIEW POINT sign in the Balcony House parking area.

4. CAMPFIRE PROGRAM: 8:00 P.M.
A 1 hour program held each evening at the Campfire Circle. In case of rain, the Museum is open from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.

PLEASE WALK TO CAMPFIRE TO AVOID TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND PARKING PROBLEMS