Making Moon House & Backpacking Reservations

Prepare: It is helpful to create a recreation.gov account before starting this process. If you already have an account, move on to Step 1.

Step 1: Navigate to recreation.gov and type Cedar Mesa in the search bar. You will see a tab labeled Cedar Mesa and Bears Ears National Monuments Permits appear. Click on that tab.

Step 2: On the Cedar Mesa and Bears Ears National Monuments Permits page, look in the top right corner for the green box labeled Available Permits. Under Permit Type, select the permit you would like to reserve: Moon House Permit, Overnight, Overnight with Pets. Then, under Entry Date, select the date you would like to enter on your desired trailhead. Finally, click Check Availability.
**Step 3:** On the next page, your chosen **permit type** and **entry date** should load automatically, but you will need to add your group size to see permit availability. Use the dropdown menu to select your group size. Please note that the maximum group size is 12.

Once you have selected your group size, you will see a grid appear with availability for each of the reservable trailheads on Cedar Mesa.

**Step 5:** To select the trailhead you would like to reserve permits for, click the **number** that corresponds to your desired trailhead and desired entry date, then click **Book Now** in the lower right corner.
After clicking **Book Now**, you will be prompted to log in if you have not already. If you do not already have a recreation.gov account, you will need to [create an account](#) before moving on.

**Step 6:** Under **Order Details**, fill out all of the requested information: your mailing address, an alternate permit holder (if applicable), your exit date, your group size, and any comments. Read the **Need To Know** information carefully and click the check box at the bottom. Click the blue **Proceed to Cart** button on the right to continue.

![Need to Know](#)

**Step 7:** Review your **Order Summary** and confirm that the information is correct. Then, click **Proceed to Payment**. Enter your payment information and move on to your **Order Confirmation**.

**Step 8:** You will receive an email confirmation with your order details. Your order confirmation is NOT your permit. You will be able to self-issue your permit through recreation.gov up to 14 days in advance of your start date. Please print multiple copies of your permit: one to display in each car windshield at the trailhead(s) and one to carry with you on your trip.

**Please note that your permit is not valid until it is validated in person by a BLM Park Ranger.** To get your permit validated by a park ranger, visit the [Kane Gulch Ranger Station](#) (open daily March 1 – June 15 and Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 from 8 a.m. to noon) or the [Monticello Field Office](#) (open year-round Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.). A ranger will speak with you about archeological site etiquette, provide current conditions, and go over details of your trip with you.