



# VISITING MOON HOUSE

DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE MOON HOUSE RECREATION MANAGEMENT ZONE  
CAMPING AT THE TRAILHEAD IS PROHIBITED

**Road Description:** The road to Moon House requires at least high clearance vehicles during good road conditions, and four-wheel drive capabilities are recommended for less than ideal road conditions. The Snow Flat Road turns into very slippery, deep mud when it is wet, so please do not attempt to drive this road if it appears at all wet. Four-wheel drive vehicles have gotten stuck on this road, and tows cost easily over \$1000. Exercise caution and be prepared to self-rescue.

**Directions to the Moon House Trailhead:** From the Kane Gulch Ranger Station, drive south on State Route 261 for six miles. At this point, you will see a sign for the Snow Flat Road. Turn left (east) onto the Snow Flat Road. Reset your odometer. You will drive 8.5 miles to a drill hole and parking area, situated on your right (south), and a spur road with a kiosk on your left (north). We recommend that people park at this drill hole and hike the spur road, but high-clearance vehicles can drive the spur road an extra 1.2 miles to the trailhead.

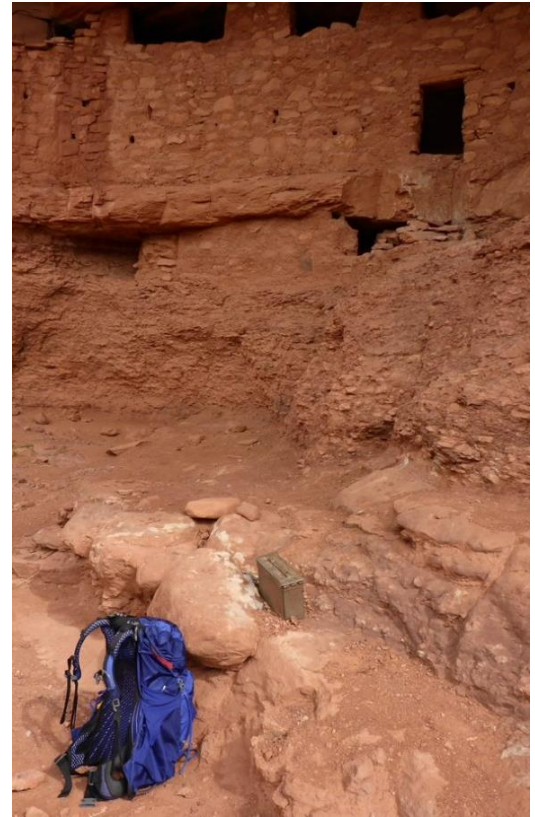
**Route Description:** The route to Moon House has some moderate exposure and requires some hands-on hiking. The most difficult part of the trail requires downclimbing off a steep slickrock lip onto an unstable pile of rocks. The slickrock lip is approximately five feet high, with the unstable rock pile making the drop about four feet. If you feel uncomfortable descending this part of the trail, be safe and stay at this level. Bring a pair of binoculars with you, walk slightly down canyon along this level, and view Moon House from a distance. The hike is roughly one mile one-way, and two miles roundtrip.

From the trailhead parking area, walk toward the canyon. You will see two brown trail signs marking the beginning of the trail. The trail has cairns (stacks of rocks) marking the route down. Please do not move these cairns or add your own cairns to the trail (it makes route finding for others confusing and difficult). The trail winds down the side of the canyon, over a steep slickrock lip, and down a debris fan to the canyon bottom. Once at the canyon bottom, hike slightly down canyon, and then hike up the other side of the canyon (you will see cairns marking this route) to access Moon House.



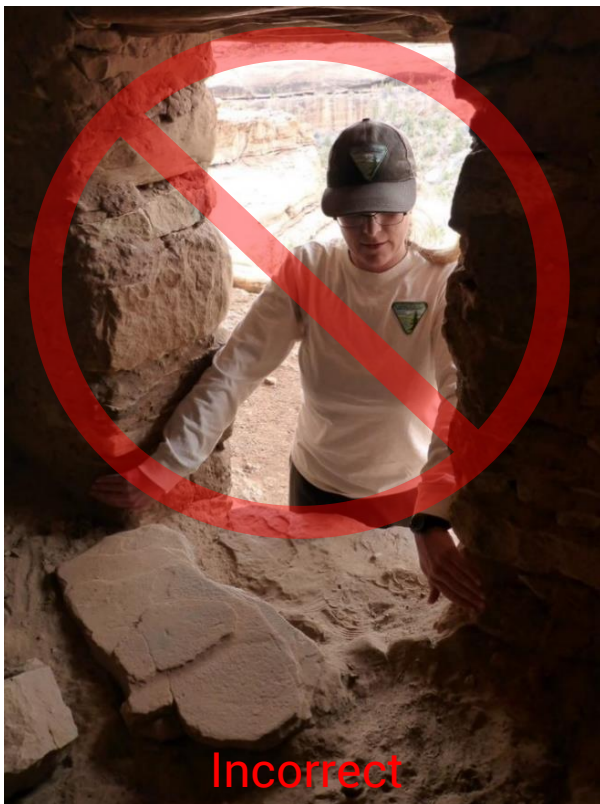


**Doing your part to protect Moon House:** Once you are on the same level as Moon House, look for a green ammo can. It contains interesting and important information about the site that you should read before entering the exterior wall. Please leave your backpack here before entering Moon House (entrance marked by red arrow below).



Please have only four people from your group at a time enter the site to prevent accidental touching and damage of the structure.

When entering the site, DO NOT use the wall to pull yourself up (as shown in the photo on the left). Instead, plant your hands flat on the rock just inside the entrance and push yourself up without touching the wall (as shown in the photo on the right).



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### Inside Moon House:

Once inside the exterior wall, DO NOT enter any of the interior rooms. Entering interior rooms is disrespectful and humidity from visitors' breath and bodies who entered the rooms in the past has caused pieces of irreplaceable plaster decorations on the walls to flake off. Instead, bring a headlamp, peak inside the doorway without touching it, and admire the plaster from a distance.

Do not enter any other structures in the area. Leave any artifacts you might find. Leave the site as you found it.



**Thank you for visiting with respect!**

**We hope you enjoy your visit to Moon House.**



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