



Cedar Mesa Overnight Backpacking Permits

A permit is required year-round for overnight backpacking in the canyons of Cedar Mesa. Permits are required for the following canyons and their tributaries; Grand Gulch, Slickhorn Canyon, Fish Canyon, Owl Canyon, North and South Forks of Mule Canyon, Road Canyon, and Lime Creek.



High Use and Low Use Seasons:

During the high use seasons, March 1st to June 15th and September 1st to October 31st, permits are limited and subject to availability. Permits may be reserved in advance at www.recreation.gov. **All permits, including those reserved in advance, must be picked up in person at the Kane Gulch Ranger Station on the day of your trip, between 8:00 AM and noon.** During the low use seasons, November 1st to February 28th and June 16th to August 31st, self-pay envelopes and registration forms are available at the trailheads.

Use Limits:

For each Cedar Mesa trailhead, 20 overnight visitors may be permitted to enter the canyons per day. 12 of the 20 visitor spaces are available for advance reservation (high use seasons), while the remaining eight spaces are available by walk-in only at the Kane Gulch Ranger Station, on the morning of your trip.

Advance Reservations:

Advance reservations for overnight backpacking permits are available 90 days prior to your trip date and no later than five days before your trip date. They may be obtained at www.recreation.gov.

- Advance reservations are issued on a first come first served basis.
- Group size is limited to 12 people.
- Commercial and organized groups (universities, schools, church groups, clubs, etc.) and groups of eight or more people must obtain an advance reservation for a permit and may require an additional Special Recreation Permit.
- Permit fees are \$15.00 per person during the high use seasons, including a \$6.00 transaction fee for reservations.
- All advance reservation permits must be picked up at the Kane Gulch Ranger Station, between 8:00 AM and noon (MDT) on the date of your trip.
- All permittees must watch a ten-minute low-impact video prior to obtaining their permit.