

# Newspaper Rock

Perched just above the banks of Indian Creek at the eastern edge of the Bears Ears National Monument, a large flat rock panel tucked under a small overhang preserves the stories of people who lived in and passed through this area for the past five centuries. Long recognized as a special place to multiple cultures, Newspaper Rock was among the first sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places in this region. This spectacular panel is an easy 30 minute drive on paved roads from Monticello, Utah. It is a trip to remember!

## Getting There

To get to Newspaper Rock, take State Route 211 12.5 miles west from the intersection with US Highway 95. The site is located on the north side of the road, just after you drop down the switchbacks into Indian Creek. Use caution in this area and watch for pedestrians crossing the paved road.

The site is partially accessible, with paved sidewalks and curb cuts leading to toilets and the access point for the panel. The short gravel path leading to the panel has a slight grade.



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## What You Can Do to Protect the Bears Ears National Monument:



**Leave All Artifacts Where You Find Them**  
Don't take or add to "Display Rocks"



**Don't Touch Rock Writing or Add Your Own**



**Steer Clear of Walls**  
Structures can be easily damaged



**GPS Reveals Too Much**  
Remove location data for online photos



**Don't Bust the Crust**  
Stay on existing trails



**Pay Your Fees**  
Your small fee supports protecting this area



**Know Where Pets are Allowed**  
Pets are never allowed in archeological sites



**Enjoy Archaeology without Ropes**  
Using climbing gear to access sites is illegal



**Camp and Eat Away from Archaeology**



**Stay on Designated Routes**  
Driving off-road can damage sites



**Go to the Bathroom Away from Sites**  
Pack out all toilet paper

*It is your responsibility to know the rules and regulations, as they may be different inside and outside the Bears Ears National Monument. For maps, trip planning information, and rules, regulations, and recreation permits, contact the BLM at (435) 587-1510.*

### To Report an Emergency Call 911

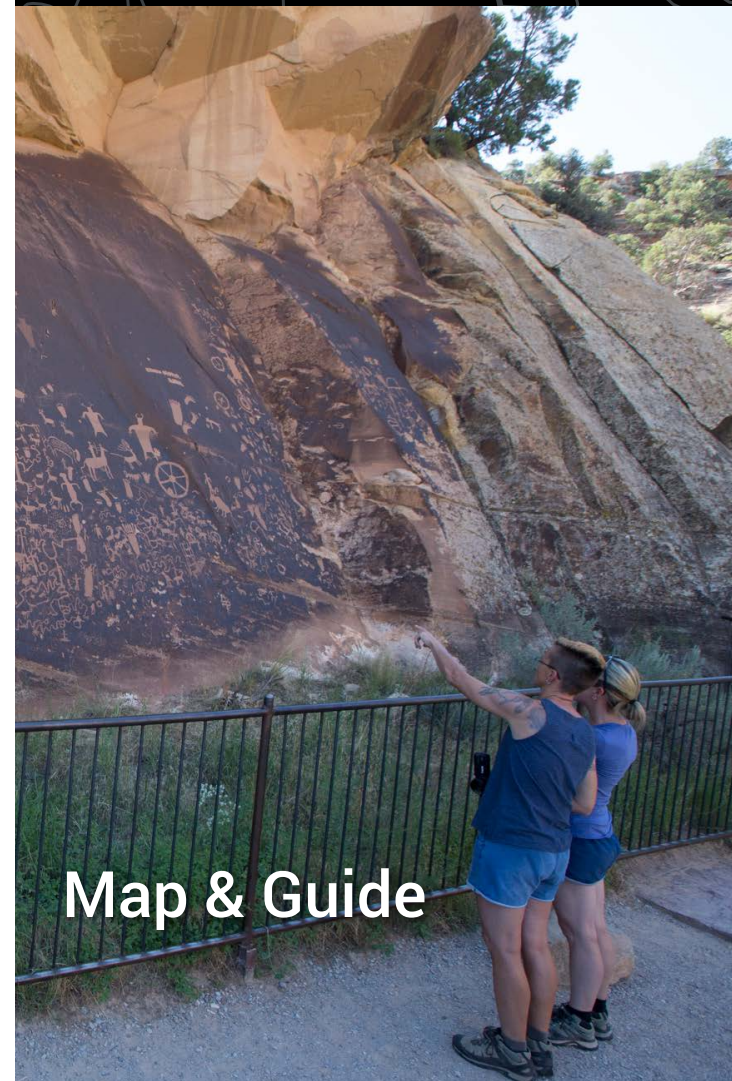
Cell phone service is unreliable in this area - you may need to walk or drive out to a high point.



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# Newspaper Rock Petroglyph Panel

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# Images on the Rock

The images at Newspaper Rock include animal pelts, figures riding horses, and broad-shouldered figures with elaborate head decorations. Close examination will reveal numerous image of feet with six toes. Paw and foot prints are in evidence throughout the panel and many animals are represented, including deer, elk, bison, and bighorn sheep. One of the images appears to be a rider shooting an arrow at an elk or deer.

The figures at Newspaper Rock are petroglyphs, meaning that they are images carved or pecked into the surface of the rock. Desert varnish, the dark color staining the sandstone throughout the region, provided a high-contrast canvas for the residents of this region to share their stories and document their identities.

## Visit with Respect

As you explore Newspaper Rock and other areas in Bears Ears National Monument, you will likely encounter many archeological sites and culturally important places. In addition to being protected by law, these places hold value for modern Native Americans who may visit them for cultural, ceremonial, or religious reasons. Modern tribes place values on plants, water, and geological features as well as archeological sites. Please visit these places with proper care and respect. It is our shared responsibility to respect and protect cultural resources on our public lands.

