



## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

### McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area

# Knowles Canyon Overlook Trail



Length: 4.6 miles (one way)  
Low Elevation: 5385'  
Elevation Gain: 570'

Trail Use: moderate  
Open To: hiking, equestrian use  
High Elevation: 6405'

**Trail highlights:** Entrada and Wingate sandstone canyons; redrock spires and arches in the longest canyon within McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area

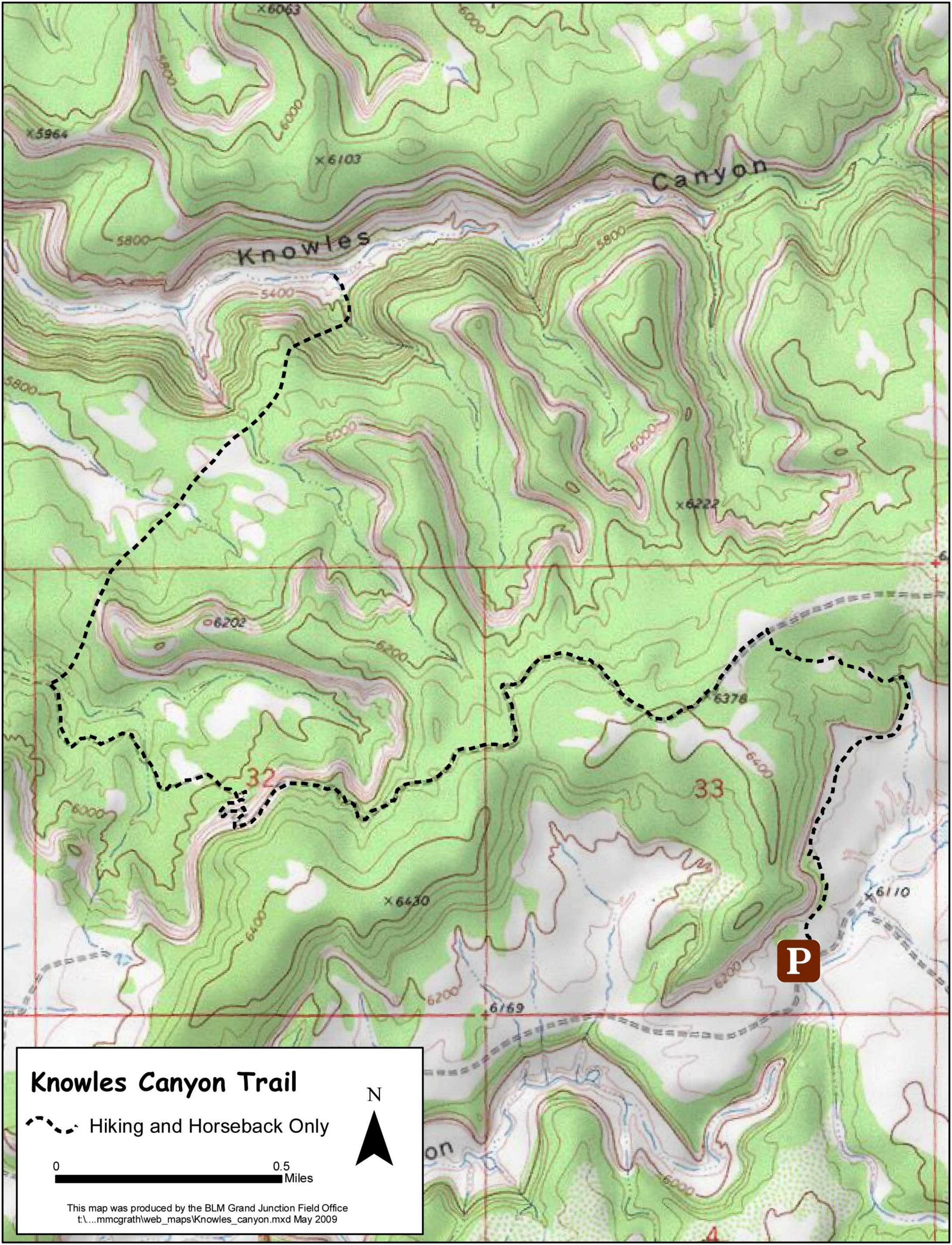
**Trail notes:** From the trailhead, follow a singletrack trail at the base of a sandstone rim for about a mile until you connect with an old two track road along the top of the pinyon and juniper covered Black Ridge. Head west on this road for 2.5 miles until you see a BLM sign "Knowles Canyon Overlook – 1 mile". Take this trail to the overlook above Knowles Canyon. The Colorado River is approximately 13 miles down the canyon from the overlook but there is no maintained trail in the canyon.

**Access:** From Grand Junction, travel to the east entrance of the Colorado National Monument. Travel through the Monument to Glade Park. From the Glade Park Store, drive north 0.5 miles and turn west on B.S. Road. Follow B.S. Road 12 miles to the Knowles Canyon trailhead on the north side of the road. The trailhead is usually accessible from mid-March until the first snow of the season, usually around Thanksgiving. Summer days are very hot and no water is available on the trail.

#### Contact Info

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 Hiking and Horseback Only



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