

Green River

San Rafael River to Canyonlands National Park Boundary

BLM



ESSENTIAL FACTS

Length: 50 Miles

Corridor Acres: Approx. 8,000

Classification: Scenic

Outstandingly Remarkable Values: Scenic, Recreational, Wildlife, Historic, Cultural, Fish, and Paleontological

LOCATION

Beginning at the confluence of the San Rafael River (River Mile 97) and ending at Canyonlands National Park Boundary (River Mile 47.3)

Price Field Office

Green District

Emery County, Utah

2nd Congressional District

Utah State Office



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General Description

Labyrinth Canyon of the Green River has no rapids, making it ideal for canoe paddling. It provides a 4- to 7-day backcountry paddling experience. There are also plenty of opportunities for dispersed camping and hiking to cultural sites, unique geologic features, and other attractions. Roughly 7,000 people per year take this popular trip. The section is also suitable for powerboat use at some water levels. The Green River meanders through a deeply incised canyon. Explorer John Wesley Powell named the canyon for its many intricate twists and turns. At Bowknot Bend, one travels a distance of 7 river miles to end within a quarter mile of the starting point. Varnished cliffs are cut in places by the narrow mouths of shaded side canyons where mature cottonwood trees are harbored. In the lower parts of the canyon, vertical cliffs of Windgate Sandstone rise 1,000 feet above the river. Historic values include sites associated with early river exploration, recreational and commercial river running, farming and ranching, mining, waterworks, and reclamation. Sites have been largely isolated and therefore retain their original character.

Summary

The segment through Labyrinth Canyon is also managed for recreational boating through a MOU between the BLM and the State of Utah. Downstream of Swasey's Rapid the river is considered a navigable waterway with state jurisdiction.

For more information please visit the [Labyrinth Canyon Information](#) website.

Rivers Suitable for WSR Designation on Bureau of Land Management Lands in Utah

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