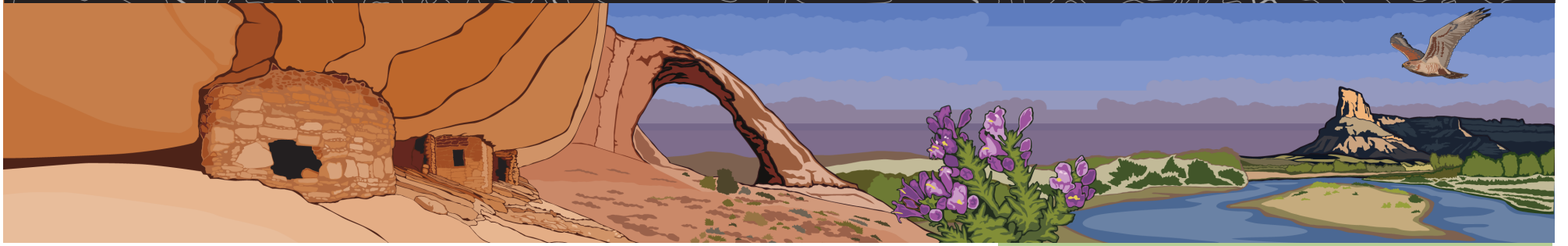




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Visitor Guide



Welcome to Canyon Country!

If you like to camp, hike, climb, raft, bike, four-wheel, or attend outdoor events, Moab's BLM public lands are a red rock adventure mecca. Located in the heart of the Colorado Plateau and carved by the Green and Colorado Rivers, the BLM Moab Field Office manages 1.8 million acres of spectacular scenery, including a vast array of arches, spires, canyons, cliffs and mesas. Recreation opportunities draw nearly 3 million visitors a year to this unique desert landscape.

While exploring public lands you can see how the BLM supports other multiple uses, such as oil and gas production, livestock grazing, mining, and projects to enhance wildlife habitat. The agency strives to manage and conserve public lands for future generations, but we need your help! This visitor guide provides information to keep you and your family safe, while preserving public lands and resources for generations to come.

Moab Area Recreation

The Moab Information Center, guidebooks, outfitters, tour guides, and area gear shops can provide more information about recreation activities around Moab.



To beat the summer heat, try rafting, canoeing, or stand-up paddle boarding on the Colorado and Green Rivers.



World-renowned routes abound at Wall Street, Fisher Towers, Ice Cream Parlor and Big Bend Bouldering areas.



More than 3,000 miles of motorized routes and trails await 4WD, OHV and dirt bikers.



Numerous hiking trails (many pet friendly) provide opportunities for visitors of all ages.



150+ miles of non-motorized mountain bike trails with varying difficulty beckon to riders of all abilities.

Protect Your Public Lands. Protect Yourself.



Drink water.

It is easy to become dehydrated in the high desert, even in cold temperatures. Drink at least 1 gallon (4 liters) of water per day.



Watch the weather.

Dangerous electrical storms can develop quickly in the desert. There is no safe place outside during a storm. Relocate and seek shelter inside.



Tread lightly.

Stay on designated routes & trails to protect fragile desert soils, plants and wildlife habitat.



Protect the past.

Vandalism (including touching) of rock art erases stories of ancient people and destroys the experience for future visitors. Stay a safe distance and take only pictures.



Pack out your poop.

Human waste poses health risks to you and your public lands. Carry out all human waste in approved waste bags or use public restrooms.



Leave rocks as you see them.

Graffiti—carving, scratching, painting, or any type of marking—is unsightly and illegal. Take photos and mark on them, not the rocks.



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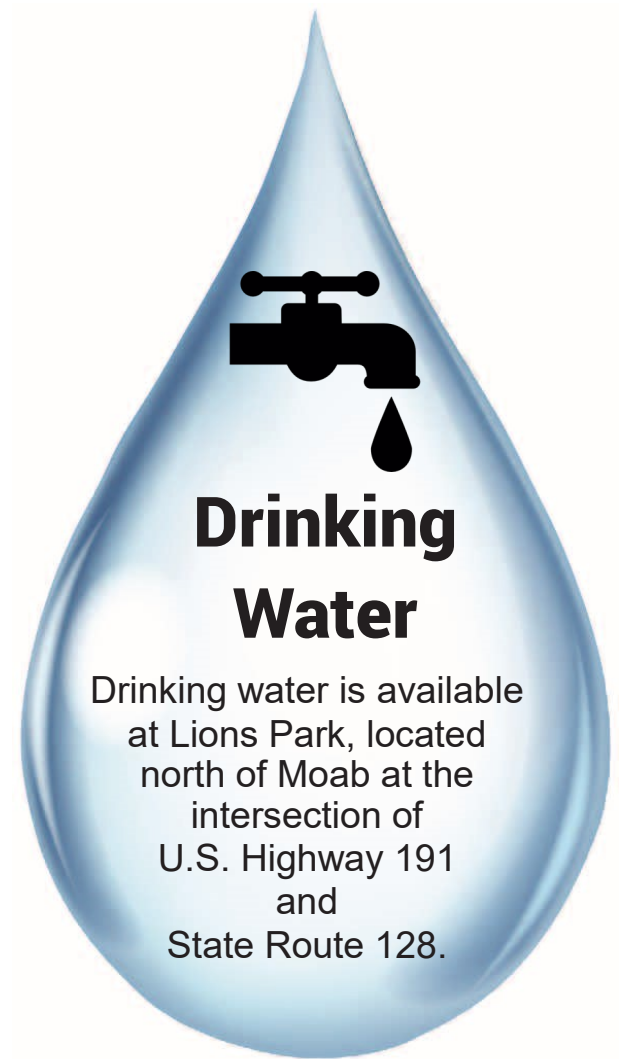
Visit the Moab Information Center, 25 East Center Street, Moab, UT to learn more.



BLM Campgrounds

State Route 128	Miles from Hwy 191	# of Sites	Max RV Length	# of Group Sites
Goose Island Campground	1.4	19	40	2
Grandstaff Campground	3	16	24	
Drinks Canyon Campground	6.2	17	18	
Hal Canyon Campground	6.6	11	24	
Oak Grove Campground	6.9	7	18	
Big Bend Campground	7.4	22	40	3
Upper Big Bend Campground	8.1	8	18	
Upper Onion Creek Campground - gravel road access, corral for 8 horses	21	14	40	2
Lower Onion Creek Campground - gravel road access	22	21	24	2
Fisher Towers Campground - gravel road access--no trailer turn-around	22	5	18	
Hittle Bottom Campground	23	15	40	1
Dewey Bridge Campground	29	7	34	3
Ken's Lake				
8.5 miles south of Moab off Hwy 191, then follow signs south on Spanish Valley Dr.	3.2	48	48	2

State Route 313	Miles from Hwy 191	# of Sites	Max RV Length	# of Group Sites
Lone Mesa Group Sites	9	0	50	5
Horsethief Campground	12	83	40	5
Cowboy Campground	18	7	0	
State Route 279				
Jaycee Park Campground	4	7	18	
Williams Bottom Campground	6	17	24	
Gold Bar Campground	10	9	40	4
Kane Creek Road				
Kings Bottom Campground	2.8	23	24	1
Moonflower Canyon Group Site	3	0		1
Hunter Canyon Campground--gravel road access	7.8	9	18	
Ledges A-E Campgrounds--gravel road access	10	98	30	2
Sand Flats Recreation Area				
Sand Flats Rd., 2 mi. east of Moab	2	120	34	2
Needles Overlook Road-- 32 miles South of Moab				
Windwhistle Campground	6	15		1
Hatch Point Campground	24	10		



Drinking Water

Drinking water is available at Lions Park, located north of Moab at the intersection of U.S. Highway 191 and State Route 128.

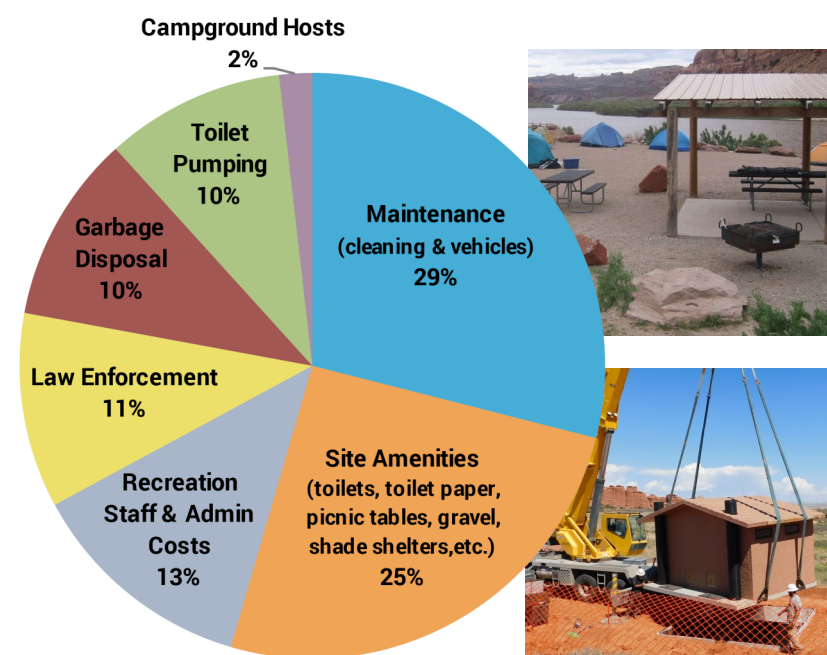
Know Before You Go

The BLM maintains developed campgrounds in the Moab area for your enjoyment. These campgrounds are located on scenic routes along rivers, in canyons, and on mesa tops.

- ◆ Individual campsites are first come, first serve. No reservations.
- ◆ Camping fees are \$20/night/site, cash or check only (U.S. currency), paid at the campground (max 10 people & 2 vehicles/site).
- ◆ No water or electricity is available in campgrounds.
- ◆ Vault toilets, fire rings, picnic tables and trash service are provided at all campground areas.
- ◆ No firewood gathering is allowed. Firewood may be purchased at convenience stores in Moab.
- ◆ Large group sites may be reserved up to six months in advance and up to eight days prior to arrival date. Go to: Recreation.gov.
- ◆ Camping on public lands is limited to 14 days at a single location. Each new location should be greater than 30 miles from the last.

Your Fee Money at Work

Campgrounds are operated solely with fee dollars—not appropriated government funds. Your money stays here!



Total Annual Campground Expenses = \$1.1 Million

Don't Bust the Crust!

Biological soil crusts provide the glue that holds desert ecosystems together. Once damaged, it can take decades for the soil to recover. Help protect your public lands by using trails or walking on hard surfaces and within dry washes.





Camping near Moab

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Roads



Land Status

- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- State
- State Park
- Private
- State Wildlife Reserve
- National Park
- Forest Service

Visitor Information

- Campground
- Point of Interest
- Group Site
- Parking
- Trailhead
- Boat Ramp
- Arch

Camping Designations

- Camp only in campgrounds
- Camp only in designated sites* (toilet/human waste carryout required)
- No Camping

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Please Use Trails

Fragile, living desert soils are destroyed by tire tracks and footprints. Travel on designated roads. Hike on trails, slickrock or sandy washes.

Protect the Past

Admire rock art with your eyes. Touching or scratching destroys it. Leave artifacts alone.

Pack Out All Trash

If you bring it in, bring it out, including all trash and food scraps.

Pack Out Your Poop

Human waste is a real health concern around Moab. Pack it out in approved waste bags.

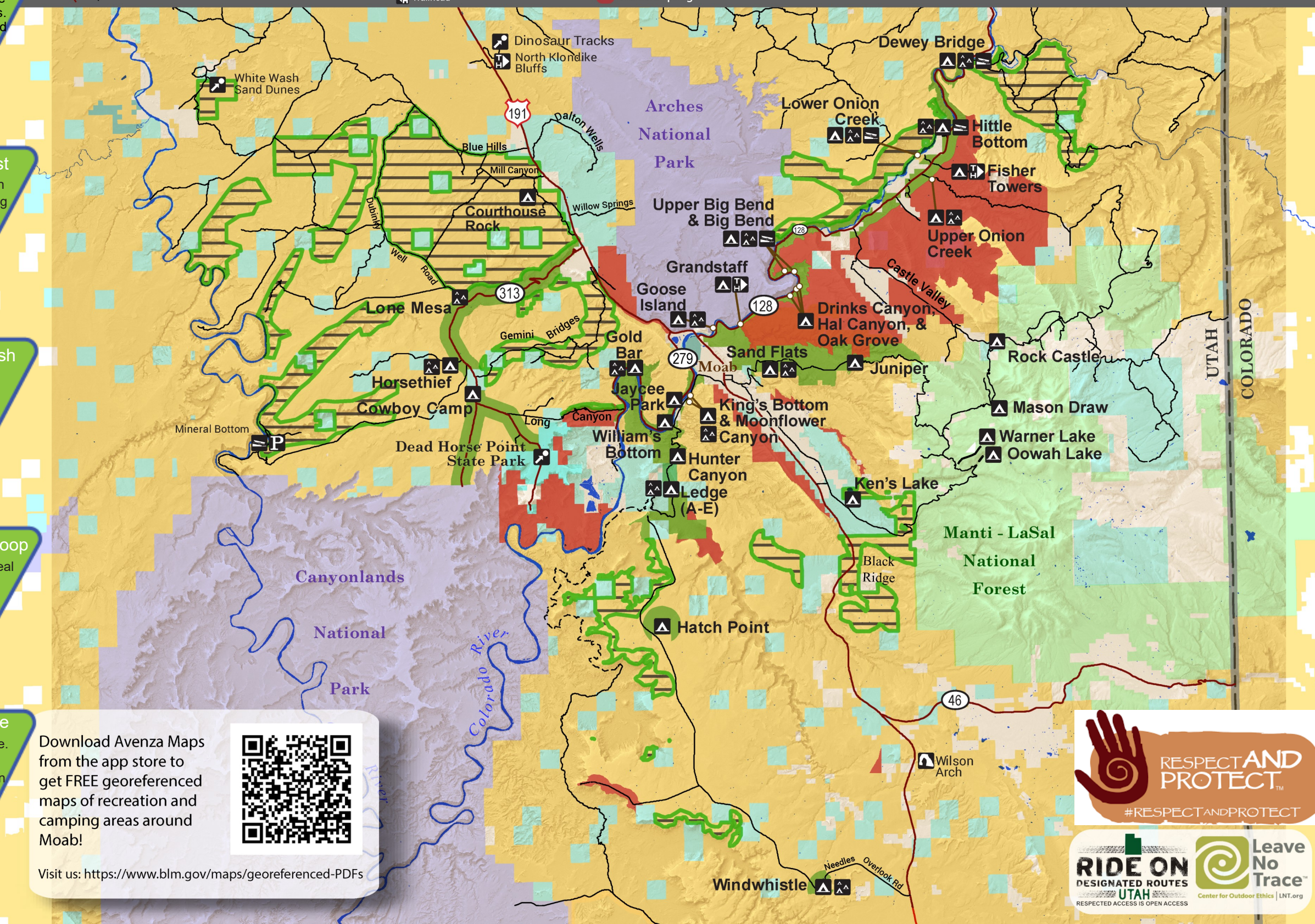
Respect Wildlife

Do not chase wildlife. Keep pets under control and maintain distance. Remain quiet for the best viewing.

Download Avenza Maps from the app store to get FREE georeferenced maps of recreation and camping areas around Moab!



Visit us: <https://www.blm.gov/maps/georeferenced-PDFs>





Popular Hiking Trails



Dogs are allowed on BLM trails, but must be leashed or under voice command. Desert heat can be deadly for dogs. Always carry water for your furry friend and never leave them in a car.

Trail	Trailhead Location	Distance (roundtrip)	Average Time	Description
State Route 128				
Amphitheater Loop	22 miles from Hwy 191, park at Hittle Bottom.	2.8 miles (4.5 km)	2.5 hours	Meander through washes, around boulders, and over benches in the Moenkopi and Cutler sandstones. Trail ascends 250 ft. for sweeping views of the Colorado River.
Fisher Towers Trail	21 miles from Hwy 191, right on dirt road to parking lot	4.4 miles (7.08 km)	4 hours	Features fantastic close up views of the Fisher Towers and Onion Creek area. This trail has little shade and can be exceptionally hot on summer afternoons.
Grandstaff Canyon	3 miles east of Hwy 191	4 miles (6.44 km)	4 hours	Family friendly hike along a perennial stream to Morning Glory Natural Bridge, a 243-foot long rock span. Use caution: poison ivy is present along trail.
Sylvester	18.5 miles from Hwy 191, right onto Professor Valley Rd.	6.54 miles (10.53 km)	5 hours	This trail follows an old cattle trail and travels on sandstone and shale ledges climbing 810 feet to a rise overlooking Castle Valley.
Highway 191				
Dinosaur Stomping Grounds	23 mi. north of Moab to North Klondike MTB trailhead.	3.4 miles (5.47 km)	3 hours	The pedestrian trail starts on a mountain bike trail and branches off to a hiking only trail. Follow rock cairns and painted yellow dots to the Jurassic-age track site. There is a net elevation gain of 459 feet.
Hidden Valley Trail	3 mi. south of Moab, to Angel Rock Rd, to Rimrock Rd.	6 miles (9.66 km)	3 hour	Hidden Valley offers views of Moab Valley and Behind the Rocks. Steep switchbacks lead to more mellow terrain. Just beyond the low pass (~2 miles) the trail connects with the Moab Rim 4WD road.
Ken's Lake Trails	7 mi. south of Moab 191, follow signs for Ken's Lake.	3 miles (4.82 km)	1 hour	Features family-friendly short hikes near water sources. Circumnavigate the reservoir, walk to Faux Falls, and enjoy the Ken's Lake Rock Loop Nature Trail.
State Route 279				
Corona Arch Trail	10 mi. west of Hwy 191.	3 miles (4.82 km)	2 hours	This popular trail features Corona Arch and adjacent Bow Tie Arch. Trail includes two safety cables with steps cut into the slickrock. These may pose difficulty for some hikers and be impassable for dogs.
Jeep Arch Trail	10.3 mi. west of Hwy 191.	4 miles (6.44 km)	3.5 hours	Spectacular views await! Pass through a large metal tunnel beneath the railroad tracks and look for a sign to the left. The gradual rise takes you around fins and spires and finally to the well-named arch.
Longbow Arch Trail	Poison Spider parking area, 5.9 miles from Hwy 191.	2.4 miles (3.22 km)	1.5 hours	This route features dinosaur tracks, rock art, and Longbow Arch. The trail ascends for a 200 foot gain, including a short climb on slick rock (metal handles in rock--may not be suitable for dogs).
Poison Spider Bench	Poison Spider parking area, 5.9 miles from Hwy 191.	2.2 miles (3.54 km)	2 hours	With a 230 ft. elevation gain along the first 1/4 mile, this trail offers striking Colorado River views. After this short climb, the trail levels out. Follow signs to stay on foot path.
Portal Overlook Trail	Jaycee Park Campground, 4.2 miles from Hwy 191	4 miles (6.44 km)	3 hours	Enjoy panoramic views of the Moab Valley, La Sal Mountains, and Colorado River. Keep dogs leashed, as the trail travels along exposed cliff edges. In summer, this trail is largely shaded in late afternoon.
State Route 313				
Dellenbaugh Tunnel	8.4mi west of Hwy 191, turn onto Spring Canyon bottom road, then short distance on Secret Spire Jeep Safari Route	3-4 miles (4.8-6.4 km)	3 hours	This trail offers outstanding views of the high-desert landscape. From the parking area follow painted dots on smooth sandstone for 0.5 miles. At this point, choose between hiking on rock or through grasslands, both of which join a single trail leading to the natural rock tunnel.
Kane Creek Road				
Hunter Canyon	7.5 miles west of Hwy 191	4 miles (6.44 km)	4 hours	Enjoy a free-flowing stream during spring months with cottonwood trees and pools along this canyon hike. A large arch is located high on the right-hand side of the canyon, 0.5 miles from the trailhead.
Stairmaster	1.9 miles west of 500 West.	1.6 miles (2.57 km)	2 hours	This trail is all about aerobic exercise, gaining 910 feet of elevation in just 0.8 miles. The workout is rewarded by great views of the Colorado River.
Sand Flats Recreation Area				
Juniper Loop Trail	6.3 miles past entrance booth on left.	1.9 miles (3 km)	1 hour	Ascend 100 feet to the top of a small mesa for sweeping views and relative solitude. Sections of the trail follow along steep cliff edges. Use caution and follow trail markers.

Primitive Camping on Public Lands

Camping is only allowed in developed campgrounds within 20 miles of Moab.

Primitive camping is available in certain areas outside of Moab (see map inside)

Designated: A limited number of campsites are marked with a brown tent symbol

Dispersed: Camp where others have been (previously disturbed areas)



These regulations apply to all sites:



Vehicle must stay on road



Pack it in, pack it out!



No wood cutting or gathering



Human waste carryout required



Do not build new fire rings



Do not mark on rocks

Pack Out Your Poop



Due to high use, human waste is a serious health issue at dispersed camping sites. All solid waste must be packed out in approved waste bags or portable toilet systems. These may be purchased at the Moab Information Center and local outdoor retailers.

