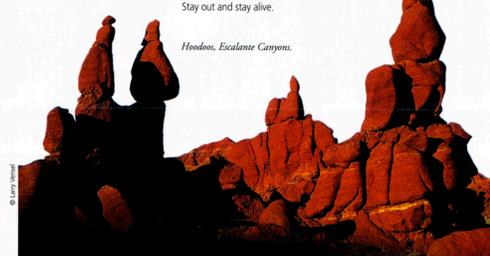


A FIERCE & DANGEROUS LAND

Exploring the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument can be an adventure. But adventure can quickly turn to disaster if a breakdown of equipment or a sudden change in weather catches you unprepared. Above everything else the Monument is REMOTE and nearly all its roads are PRIMITIVE. Acquire good information before venturing into the Monument's interior, including a map you understand and can read. Think of time and level of difficulty, not just miles. Choose roads and trails that match your skills and experience. Always bring plenty of water, and make sure that your vehicle is in good working condition and adequately supplied for emergencies.

- PLAN YOUR TRIP** Services and water (except seasonally at Calf Creek campground) are not available in the Monument. When heading into the back country, tell friends where you are going and for how long. Stick to your plan and let them know when you return. Don't travel or hike alone.
- WEATHER** Check locally for current road conditions and weather forecasts.
- GASOLINE** Make sure you start with a full tank of fuel; gasoline is available in the communities surrounding the Monument.
- WATER** Carry plenty of water, at least one gallon per person per day, whether you are hiking or driving. Don't ration your water. It will do you good only if you drink it.
- FLASH FLOODS** Don't camp or park your vehicle in a wash or stream bed, and avoid hiking in narrow slot canyons when rain is a possibility. A dry wash can flash flood in minutes, even if you do not see a cloud in the sky.
- HEAT** Protect against heat exhaustion. Do not overexert yourself. Drink plenty of fluids. Avoid extreme midday temperatures in the summer. Wear a hat and lots of sun screen.
- ABANDONED MINES** Abandoned mines pose several dangers: explosives, concentrations of toxic materials, mine shafts, etc. Stay out and stay alive.
- FIRST AID** Carry a first aid kit in your car and pack. Know how to use it.
- WEATHER** Late spring (April-June depending on elevation) and early fall (September-October) are probably the best times to visit. However, gnats and deerflies can be troublesome in May and June. Sudden changes in weather can occur at any time, particularly at higher elevations.
- July and August** are the months for thunderstorms, although the rainy season can last well into September. Many of the Monument's dirt roads become impassable when wet. Summer temperatures may reach 100°F or more at lower elevations but will be cooler in the higher drainages.
- During the winter months** snow and sub-zero temperatures can occur throughout the Monument. Always inquire locally about the weather forecast before beginning your trip.

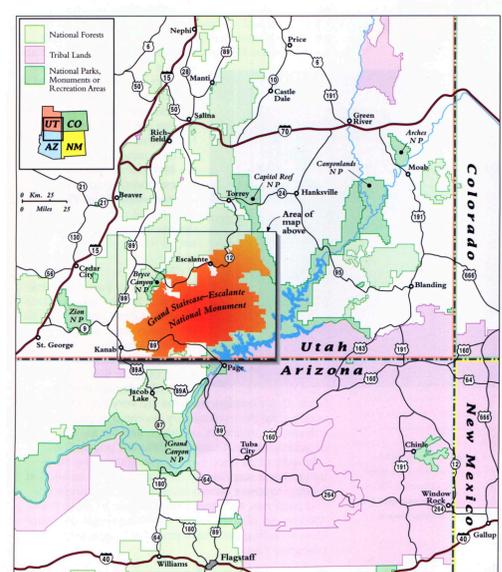


Hoodoos, Escalante Canyons.

- EMERGENCY NUMBERS**
Garfield County Sheriff: 911 or 435/676-2678
Kane County Sheriff: 911 or 435/644-2349
Bureau of Land Management, Escalante: 435/926-5459
Bureau of Land Management, Kanab: 435/644-2672
- SERVICES**
KANAB: medical, lodging, restaurants, gas, auto repair/towing, groceries, campgrounds, guides, BLM office
BIG WATER: lodging, restaurant
PAGE, AZ: medical, lodging, restaurants, gas, auto repair/towing, groceries, campgrounds
BOULDER: medical, lodging, restaurants, gas, auto repair/towing, groceries, campgrounds
ESCALANTE: limited medical, lodging, restaurants, gas, auto repair/towing, groceries, campgrounds, guides, BLM/interagency office
TROPIC: lodging, restaurants, gas, groceries, campgrounds
CANNONVILLE: lodging, restaurants, gas, auto repair/towing, groceries, campgrounds, guides

For additional travel and commercial service information contact:
KANE COUNTY TRAVEL COUNCIL: PO Box 200, Panguitch, UT 84759, 800/733-5263
GARFIELD COUNTY TRAVEL COUNCIL: PO Box 444, Panguitch, UT 84759, 800/444-6689
Or access on-line information at <http://www.escalante-cc.com> or <http://www.kaneutah.com>

INFORMATION
For road conditions, other maps, hike suggestions or permits, outfitters, and other information, please stop by or contact the Bureau of Land Management:
Escalante BLM Field Office, PO Box 225, Escalante, UT 84726
Kanab BLM Field Office, 318 North First East, Kanab, UT 84741
Or access general information on-line at <http://www.blm.gov/utah>



GETTING AROUND

Two paved roads provide access to the Monument: Highway 89 on the south and Highway 12 on the north. Five secondary roads of varying character traverse the Monument from north to south.

HIGHWAY 89 Paved two-lane highway, 72 miles between Kanab and Page, AZ. Views to the Vermilion Cliffs and Kaiparowits Plateau. Access to: Grand Staircase, Pahreah town site and movie set, Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness.

HIGHWAY 12 Paved two-lane highway, 68 miles between Tropic and Cannonville. Panoramas of vast slickrock "oceans" and scenic canyons cut by the Escalante River. Numerous roadside overlooks and wayside exhibits. Access to several small towns rich in pioneer heritage, Escalante Canyon country vistas, Escalante Petrified Forest State Park, Calf Creek Recreation Area, Escalante River, Anasazi Indian Village State Park.

PARIA RIVER VALLEY ROAD Graded dirt and gravel, 5 miles. Dry weather only, extremely slippery during inclement weather. Short excursion to Paria River Valley setting among technicolor badlands landscape. Access to: Pahreah town site, western movie set location.

JOHNSON CANYON SKUTUMPAH ROAD Paved and graded dirt surface, 46 miles. Upper section can become impassable when wet. 22 miles. Traverses Grand Staircase steps. Views to Pink Cliffs. Access to: Grand Staircase cliff and terrace steps, Bull Valley Gorge.

COTTONWOOD CANYON ROAD Graded dirt and gravel surface, 46 miles. Dry weather only, becomes extremely slick and treacherous when wet. Much of the route follows the Cockscomb, a major flexure of the earth's crust that divides the Grand Staircase and Kaiparowits Plateau regions. Access to: Round Valley, Cockscomb, Cottonwood Narrows, Grosvenor Arch, Kodachrome Basin State Park.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN ROAD Graded dirt and gravel; several sections of this road require high clearance vehicles, 78 miles. Drivers must navigate with care, particularly at intersections, to stay on this road. The Kaiparowits Plateau is extremely remote; visitors must come prepared. Good maps and vehicles in good working condition and properly supplied for emergencies are necessary. A plateau-top road with magnificent vistas. Access to: Kaiparowits Plateau back-country, vistas of Lake Powell.

HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK ROAD Dirt and gravel surface, 57 miles. Passenger cars with clearance are normally adequate, but the last six miles before Hole-in-the-Rock in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area are rough and may require 4WD. Follows the historic route taken by Mormon settlers in 1879-80 on their journey across the Colorado River. Access to: Devil's Garden, Escalante Canyon trailheads, Dance Hall Rock, vistas of Lake Powell from Hole-in-the-Rock.

BURR TRAIL Paved for 31 miles between Boulder and Capitol Reef National Park. The rest is dirt and gravel surface with some rocky and sandy stretches. High-clearance vehicles recommended if you explore off Burr Trail. Slickrock, water, canyons and expansive vistas. Access to: Deer Creek, The Gulch, Long Canyon, Wolverine Petrified Wood Area, Circle Cliffs region.



Burning Hills, Kaiparowits Plateau. In the Burning Hills area underground coal fires have oxidized the overlying sandstone, giving the hills their distinctive red color. The fires are burning still, in places you can feel the heat rising from the ground.

WHILE YOU ARE HERE

HIKING Perhaps the best way to experience the diverse terrain of the Monument is to walk through it. Even though developed trails are nearly nonexistent, there are hundreds, if not thousands, of miles of Spring (March through May) and Fall (September through October) are usually the ideal times to hike or backpack. A good map and route-finding abilities are a must. Self-register at established trailheads or obtain a free backpacking permit at the Interagency Office of Backpacking in the Escalante region. Please leave no trace of your passing.

SCENIC DRIVES Many of the principal roads to and through the Monument have been designated scenic backroads. Highway 12 is widely recognized as one of the most scenic drives in the United States.

4WD ROADS An extensive network of primitive 4WD vehicle routes provide access to much of the Monument's back country. Please stay on established routes. Some roads may be closed for the protection of resources; please obey these closures. Respect private property and lands; leave gates open or closed as you find them.

PRESERVE THE PAST Whether you drive or hike the back country, please remember that, long before the arrival of Europeans, people have lived over much of the Southwest. Signs of these ancient cultures are found within the Monument in the form of ruins, petroglyphs, and petrosols. To the native peoples of the Southwest these sites have significance. Admire the ruins if you come across one, marvel at those long-gone people who lived in an often inhospitable environment, ponder our common humanity—but leave everything where you find it. To do otherwise is not only disrespectful but it is also against the law.

GUIDED TRIPS Given the remote, undeveloped nature of the Monument, guided adventures led by seasoned professional outfitters may be the best way for many to experience the Grand Staircase-Escalante. Many types of tours and activities, including hunting and fishing, bicycle trails, vehicle tours, and back-country hiking trips, are offered by local outfitters and guides. A list of permitted outfitters is available from the Bureau of Land Management.

observe minimum impact camping techniques to preserve the land. Camp at previously used sites, cook with a camp stove rather than an open fire, and locate your camp at least 200 feet from springs and other scant water sources. Proper disposal of human waste and packing out what you pack in will help to keep the back country clean.

MOUNTAIN BIKING Several secondary roads such as the Hole-in-the-Rock road, Burr Trail, Cottonwood Canyon, the Wolverine Loop, and the Paria Valley roads offer good mountain biking routes, both long and short. Please do not ride cross-country or alone, and take the same precautions as if you were hiking.

HUNTING & FISHING Hunting and fishing are traditional uses of the Monument's lands and they will remain so under the management of the State of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. Please inquire locally for seasons, licenses, and other regulations.

"There is something about this country that is deeper than just being here. There is a spiritual quality about it too, that is as deep as life itself."

—Pearl Baker

CAMPING Two small, modestly developed campgrounds are open year-round on a first-come, first-served basis in the Monument, Calf Creek (13 sites) next to Highway 12 and Deer Creek (5 sites) along the Burr Trail have picnic tables, grills, and toilets. Water is available spring through fall at Calf Creek only. Nearby state parks, national forests, and commercial campgrounds in neighboring communities provide additional campground options. Back-country camping at undeveloped campsites is allowed at certain areas of the Monument. Please

MANAGEMENT Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is unique among the public lands of the United States. Not only its size, geology, and the scientific value of its lands set it apart from other national monuments but it is the only one managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument encompasses more than just the lands within its boundaries; it cannot be separated from the human communities bordering it. Generations of people have grown up with the Monument's lands as their back yard. The land has provided forage for their livestock, wild game for their tables, wood for their stoves, rocks for their buildings. But use does not exclude love or appreciation of the land, and the people whose lives are still intertwined with the country have a special relationship with it. The new Monument intends to preserve this relationship and the continuation of traditional uses of the land such as hunting, fishing, grazing, and various forms of recreation.

"To borrow a term recently coined by mathematicians, the landscape is 'fractal'; no matter how closely you examine or how thoroughly you explore it, its complexity remains infinite. You could spend a lifetime in the Escalante without fully exploring it, yet a single week there can exhaust the mind with its diversity, its fusion of the vast and the intimate."

—Ray Wheeler



The sego lily, Utah's state flower, has a bulbous root which was once used for food by Native Americans and Mormon settlers.

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