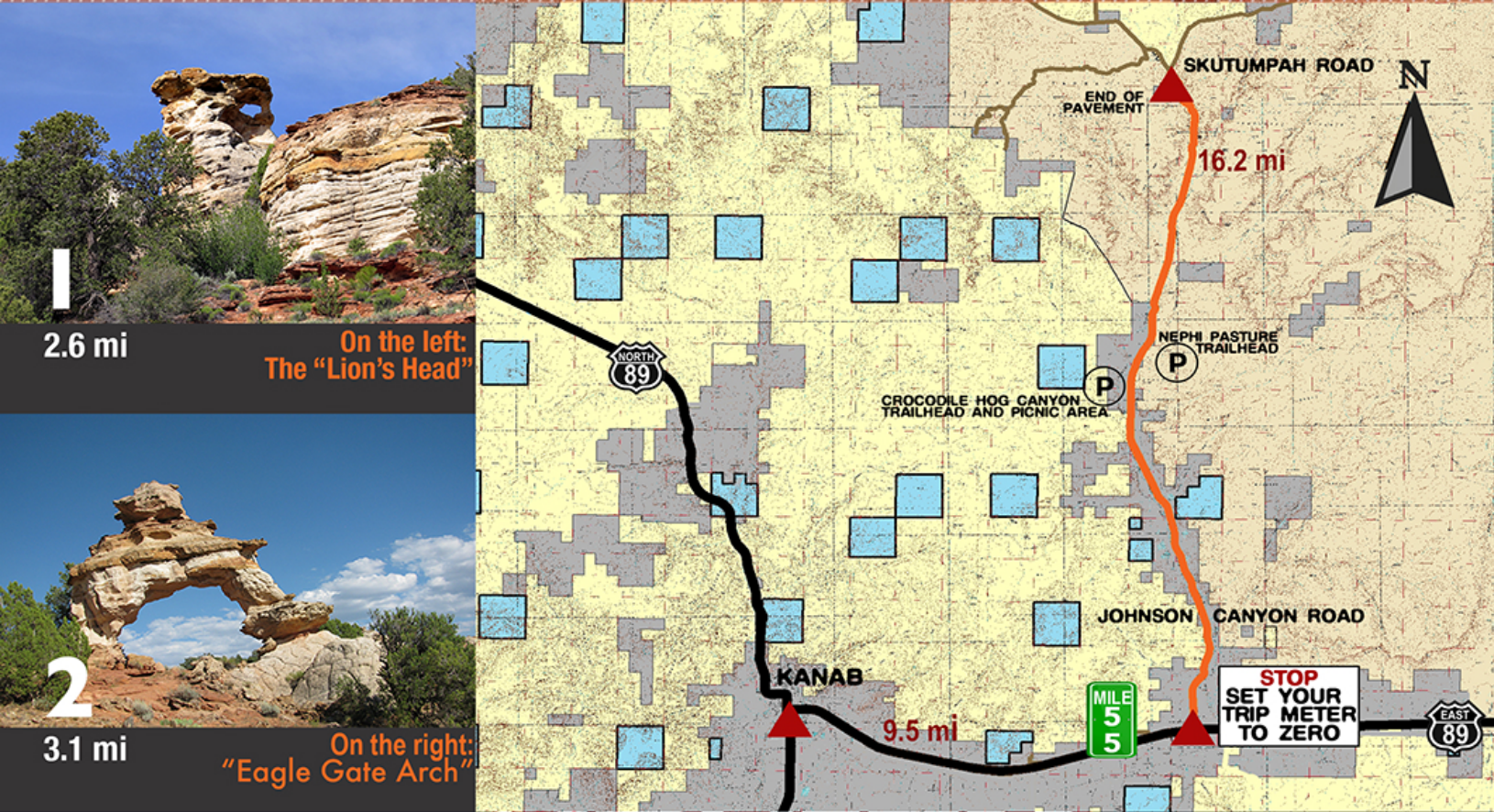


JOHNSON CANYON DRIVING TOUR



2.6 mi On the left: The "Lion's Head"



3.1 mi On the right: "Eagle Gate Arch"



3 3.6 mi On the right: Pioneer grave



4 5.4 mi On the left: Dairy Canyon



5 5.4 mi On the right: "Old Gunsmoke Movie Set" (1955-1975)



6 Great view of the White Mountains



7 5.5 mi On the right: Pioneer farm and equipment



8 7.0 mi On the right: Sunflowers in the summer fields



9 7.5 mi On the left: Crocodile/Hog Canyon trailhead and picnicing



10 7.9 miles On the right: Bunting Ranches



11 7.9 mi On the right: "Indian Writings" and "Cowboy Glyphs"



12 7.9 mi On the right: "Pioneer billboard" and "Indian Writings"



13 9.1 mi On the right: Nephi Pasture 4wd Trailhead



14 11 mi Escalante Grand Staircase, the canyon to Montezuma's Cave

Johnson Canyon is a delightful scenic drive that will refresh the soul. You will quickly see why Hollywood used this beautiful canyon as a backdrop for several movies. After turning onto Johnson Canyon Road, stop and reset your car's trip meter to 0.0 miles and enjoy your drive to the following sites. Most points of interest are on private property, but can be easily enjoyed from the road. Bring binoculars to view the Indian and cowboy glyphs. The tour ends where the pavement turns to dirt. Turn around and enjoy again the sites of Johnson Canyon.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- #4- Dairy Canyon. Several important Indian artifacts have been found in this area and can be seen at the Kanab Heritage Museum in Kanab (260 North 200 W). Check with Visitor Center for times.
- #5- "Gunsmoke Set". In years past these movie sets were used for several 'Westerns', including several episodes of the popular "Gunsmoke" TV series. Now a wonderful photographic subject.
- #9 & #13- These ATV/OHV trailheads are the gateway to some great off-road adventures.
- #14- In 1914 Freddie Crystal rode into Kanab with a map that indicated that Montezuma had secreted his treasures to a cave in this canyon. Locals pitched tents and began digging. They discovered multiple chambers, side passages, artifacts and petroglyphs but alas, no gold in those White Cliffs. Yet, the legend continues.
- #14- The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. You are now entering the southern boundary of the largest National Monument in America. Almost 2 million acres of backcountry adventures: slot canyons, dinosaur fossils, canyoneering, and solitude.



15 11.8 mi On the left: Swapp Canyon



16 11.8 mi On the right: Beautiful sunsets and night skies



17 15.4 mi The right: End of pavement, beginning of backcountry adventure