

THE SWELL UTAH

ADVENTURE GUIDE

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In memory of Lamar Guymon, founder of the Good Water Rim Trail
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KEEP IT SWELL



“ ‘PRECIATE YA’
KEEPIN’ IT SWELL ”

Welcome to The Swell, a natural beauty in the heart of Utah. Within the region, you will find endless opportunities to ride, climb, camp, hike or paddle.

The Swell, located in Emery County, is 80 miles long and 35 miles wide, which is roughly 2,800 square miles. Formed approximately 50 million years ago when volcanic activity deep below the surface pushed a huge chunk of land upwards, the San Rafael Swell or “The Swell” as the locals call it is a magical wonderland. From fossils to rock art, slot canyons to grand canyons, our natural landscapes are vast and ready for adventure.

In addition to tourists and outdoor enthusiasts, this area is popular with geologists, scientists and paleontologists because it is rich in history and unique geology. Rock formations here range in age from 100 to 230 million years old! And The Swell is home to Utah’s largest herd of desert bighorn sheep, peregrine falcons, wild horses and burros, mountain lions, mule deer, and pronghorn antelope.

Zooming out from The Swell to the expansive Colorado Plateau—home to the greatest concentration of national parks in the country—The Swell is a perfect basecamp for exploring all that Utah has to offer.

This guide will give you an introduction to the area attractions and help you plan your visit. If you are looking for more information, visit our website at TheSwellUtah.com, or give our visitor centers a call at 435-564-3427 for the John Wesley Powell River History Museum or 435-381-3560 for the Museum of the San Rafael.

Remember to keep it swell out there. When you come to The Swell, you’re more than just a visitor—you’re part of this place.





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Throughout this guide, we have highlighted activities that can be done at the different attractions to help you plan.



We all share a responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe while working to maintain access to our beloved natural spaces.

WHERE PAVEMENT ENDS ADVENTURE BEGINS

FEDERAL

BLM LAND

The Bureau of Land Management, or BLM for short, maintains public lands with a stated mission of sustaining the health, diversity, and productivity of the lands to ensure the enjoyment of present and future generations. The vast majority of the land making up The Swell is BLM land.

BLM lands offer a variety of camping options for those looking for adventure. Several developed campgrounds on BLM lands offer standard amenities such as toilets, picnic tables, and fire rings. Outside of those designated campgrounds, dispersed camping is generally allowed throughout The Swell in existing dispersed campsites - however keep in mind there are no services or amenities... which may be just what you are looking for!

Within the BLM systems there are special land designations that have usage guidelines designed to protect and promote significant resources.

National Monuments are designated by a congressional act to preserve unique attributes of the land. Jurassic National Monument preserves the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry (CLDQ), the densest concentration of Jurassic-aged dinosaur bones ever found. The monument encompasses over 850-acres in The Swell and has specific usage restrictions, as well as amenities including a visitor center and maintained trail system.

Other Designations: Over half a million acres of The Swell is congressionally designated Wilderness. These areas are managed for recreational, scenic, scientific, education, conservation, and historic use while preserving wilderness character.

Additionally, 217,000 acres have been congressionally designated as San Rafael Swell Recreation Area and managed to provide for the protection, conservation, and enhancement of the recreational, cultural, natural, scenic, wildlife, ecological, historical, and educational resources of the area.

To learn more visit blm.gov/utah

NATIONAL PARKS

While there are no National Parks in The Swell, you are a short drive from several amazing parks. To learn more about the National Parks of Utah, and to plan your trip, visit nps.gov/state/ut.

FOREST SERVICE LAND

The US Forest Service maintains the Manti-La Sal National Forest on the western edge of The Swell. The US Forest Service also provides campgrounds, facilities and other amenities in some areas. More information about making reservations, trail types and use restrictions can be found at fs.usda.gov/mantilasal Forest Service land is open for a wide range of recreational activity, though many areas are protected, with posted usage guidelines.

STATE

STATE PARK

Utah's State Parks are protected lands designated by the state that offer a wide range of recreational and educational opportunities. There are four state parks around The Swell that offer a wide range of services from camping to golfing.

State Parks are open daily except for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Reservations are strongly recommended for campsites, pavilions, group areas or boat slips and can be made online or by calling 800-322-3770. State parks also charge a day use fee, and park passes are available. To learn more visit stateparks.utah.gov/passes.

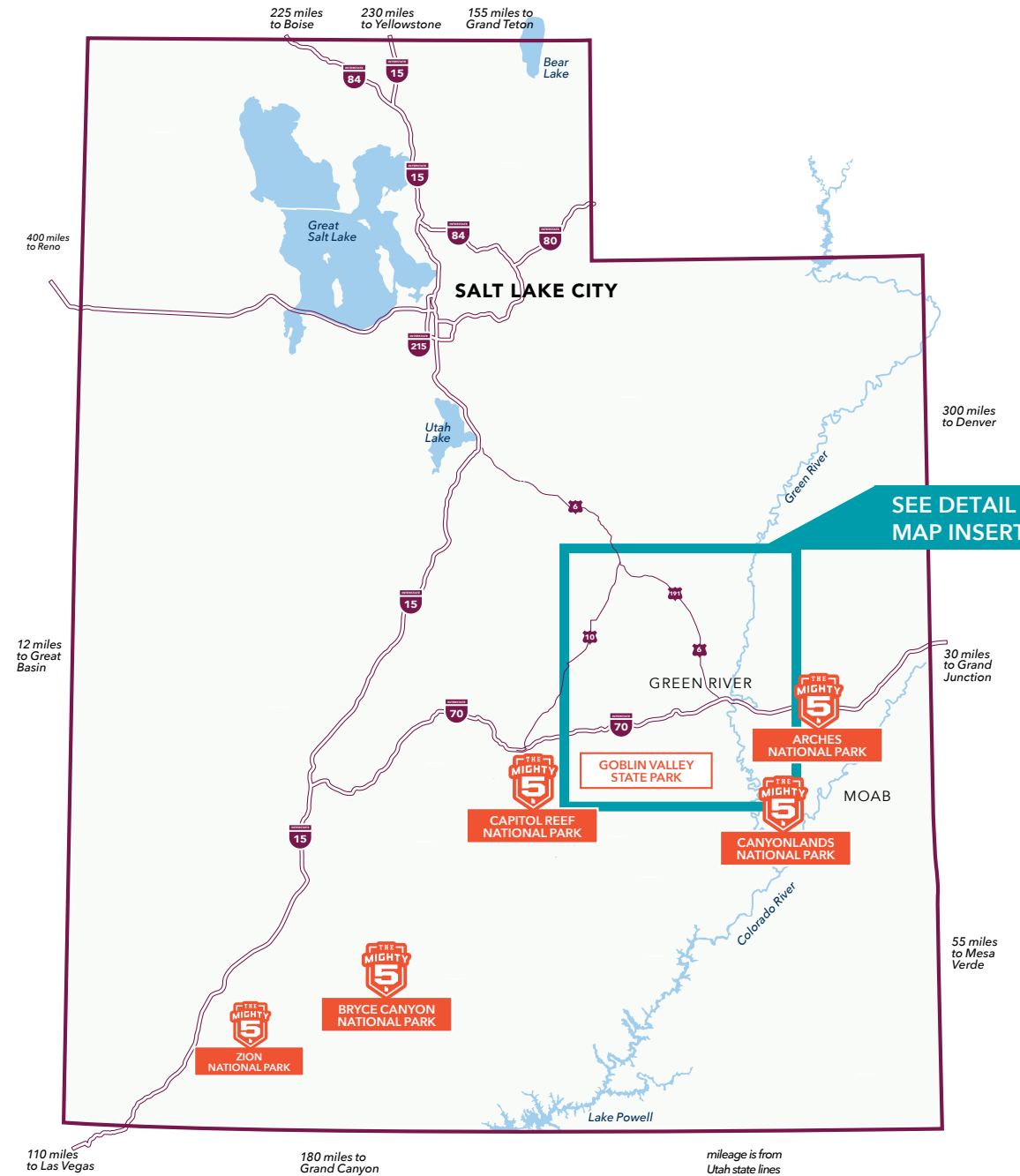
SITLA

State Institutional Trust Land Administration, SITLA, lands are interspersed among BLM land but are managed at the state level. Most low-impact activities are allowed on SITLA land, but you may require a permit for a larger group gathering.

PRIVATE

PRIVATE LAND

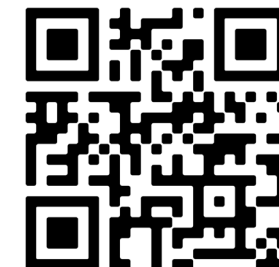
While the vast majority of land in and around The Swell is public land, there are private residences and private lands that should be respected. Private land is often denoted as such though it is your responsibility to do your homework and know where you are and what right you have to be there.



The county has published trail maps for motorized and non-motorized maps for the region as well as the map in this guidebook for download to your mobile device or computer. The maps are interactive and a great resource for visitors.

Download Avenza Maps App onto your Smartphone or Tablet for iOS or Android.

Non-Motorized Trails Map, Emery County
Motorized Route Map, Emery County.



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

SAFETY

There are NO SERVICES in The Swell, and cell phone service may be spotty, so please take the necessary precautions: Make sure your vehicle is in good working condition, that you have plenty of gas, and that you have (and know how to use) your jack, lug wrench, and spare tire. Stay on the roads, drive at reasonable speeds, and be prepared for the unexpected — boulders, washouts, cattle, loose gravel, etc. Leave gates how you find them.



CELL PHONE SERVICE MAY BE SPOTTY



SERVICE STATIONS SPARSE. PLAN ACCORDINGLY



NO WATER FACILITIES



Pack it in - Pack it out. Always remove all trash from your area and dispose of it properly.

Tread lightly and leave no trace.

Don't bust the crust. The desert is home to delicate cryptobiotic soils, plants and creatures—always stay on the trail. One step off-trail can do decades' worth of damage to ancient soil crusts.

Know your capabilities and your limits.

The San Rafael Swell offers unlimited activities with differing levels of difficulty. When planning your adventure, be sure to match the physical fitness of your group with the activities you choose. Don't push yourself or members of your group to hike, climb, or ride beyond their physical abilities; doing so can lead to accidents or injuries. Once you select an activity that's appropriate for your whole group, go have some fun!

TRAILHEAD ETIQUETTE

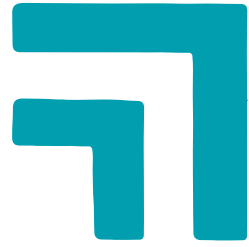
Parking: Park politely (use common sense); after you have parked, others need to maneuver around you. Unload and then park your rig, taking as little space as possible. Park closely to other vehicles, but allow room for them to maneuver.

Environment: Pack it in — pack more of it out. Always remove all trash items from area and dispose of them properly. Tread lightly!

Trail Etiquette: Every rider, hiker, biker, or climber is an ambassador for their sport. Use only designated roads and trails or other areas marked "open" for use. Respect closed areas and private property. Download maps with land boundaries before leaving service. Do not cut switchbacks or take shortcuts. Remember, areas signed as "wilderness" are closed to all mechanized vehicles. Leave gates as you found them, open or closed, unless posted otherwise. Be courteous when passing other trail users. Motorized users and cyclists should avoid maneuvers that could damage trailheads and landscapes. Motorized users must yield to non-motorized users.

Directions from your phone apps aren't always accurate—download maps ahead of time and double check your routes at local visitor centers or with land managers





GUIDELINES FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES



Do not climb, sit, or stand on rock walls.

Climbing or scrambling near archaeological sites could damage rock art and continue to deteriorate the site.



Do not pick up, move, or remove artifacts.

It is illegal to remove historic and prehistoric artifacts & vertebrate fossils, like arrowheads and dinosaur bones, from public lands



No fires, candles, smudging, or smoking near sites.

Fire destroys prehistoric organic materials and destroys the dating potential of artifacts. Camping is not allowed.



Do not touch or alter the rock art.

Drawing, scratching, carving, painting, and oil from even the cleanest hands can cause deterioration of the drawings.



Check if pets are allowed—and keep them on leash

Pets damage sites by digging, urinating, and defecating. They can destroy fragile cultural deposits and frighten other visitors and wildlife.



Stay on trails.

Fragile desert plants and soils that are part of a site are destroyed when you stray from the trail. Also, snakes and other small desert animals may be in the bushes, under rocks, and in burrows.

RESPECT AND PROTECT



SUPPLIES TO BRING

Water	Bandanna
Map	Socks
Hiking Boots	Sunglasses
Small Day-pack	Sunscreen
Tent	Lip Balm
Sleeping Bag	Wag Bag
Whistle	Bug Spray
LED Headlamp	First-Aid
Compass	Camera
GPS	Field Guide
Backup Water Treatment System	National Park Pass
Stove And Fuel	Utah State Parks Day Use Pass
Fire Starter	Trip Itinerary
Trash bags	Insect Repellent

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emery County Sheriff:
 Emergency 911
 Green River 435-564-8111
 Castle Dale 435-381-2404

Utah Highway Patrol:
 Green River 435-564-3474

Medical Centers:
 Green River 435-564-3434
 Castle Dale 435-381-2305

Hospital:
 Price 435-637-4800

Animal Hospital:
 Castle Dale 435-381-2539

Land Managers:

Bureau of Land Management (BLM):
 Price 435-636-3600
 Online blm.gov

U.S. Forest Service (USFS):
 Manti Lasal 435-636-3500
 Ferron 435-384-2372
 Price 435-637-2817
 Online fs.usda.gov

Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT):
 Phone 866-511-8824
 Online udot.utah.gov/traffic



WEDGE OVERLOOK



Visitors to the Wedge Overlook can take in spectacular views of the deep gorge carved over millennia by the San Rafael River.

But the Wedge, also known as Utah's "Little Grand Canyon," isn't just one of the most breathtaking scenic vistas in the state. Adventures abound for bikers, hikers, rafters, sightseers, and campers.

When you are standing on the edge of the Wedge, the San Rafael River is more than 1,200 feet below you. This river weaves its way through the canyon below.

As you drive along the northern slope of the San Rafael Swell toward the Wedge Overlook, observe the trans-

formation of the vegetation along the road as you gain elevation.

Eventually, you'll find yourself in the midst of a dense "pygmy forest" of Pinyon Pine and Utah Juniper. When you reach the Wedge Overlook, the view will take your breath away!

The Wedge Overlook is in an isolated area with no services. Be sure to stop in one of our towns to fill your gas tank before embarking on your adventure, and bring water and anything else you may need. Your picture-perfect adventure in Utah's own "Little Grand Canyon" awaits. Explorers can hike, climb, or ride around the area's ancient geological formations and otherworldly canyons. For those traveling with pets and children, note that the area does not have guardrails, so be aware of your surroundings and keep those with you within eye sight at all times.

Camping is available in designated & existing dispersed sites. You may also opt to rest your head in a comfortable bed at one of our lodging options in town on HWY 10 (30 min from the Wedge).

The Wedge Overlook is also one of the top destinations for both professional and amateur photographers, with beautiful sunrises, moody sunsets, and starry night skies this overlook is a photo op not to be missed.

Driving directions: From Castle Dale travel approximately 1 mile on Highway 10 towards Huntington, take the Green River Cut Off road on the right signed Recreation Area. From there drive east on the gravel road for 13 miles. You will come to a four way intersection turn right/south at the Visitors Center. Continue following signs for the Wedge Overlook. Follow the right fork to the main overlook.

GOOD WATER RIM

This is one of the best rides in Utah! The 15 miles of singletrack follows the edge of Good Water Canyon. Biked as a loop the trail is 21 miles of upper-intermediate level riding that seems to go on forever. With stunning views around every corner, you are hoping that it never ends. Riders have the option to ride the shorter loop by starting at the main trail head (approximately the middle of the trail system) and riding in either direction.

The ride hugs the edge of the many side-channels that feed into Good Water Canyon, the short, steep-walled side canyon off the Little Grand Canyon of the San Rafael River.

Driving Directions: Follow driving directions for the Wedge Overlook and pull off to the campsite parking area where you will see the trailhead.



MECCA BIKING FESTIVALS

From the beginning, the festivals have been geared to a variety of mountain biking enthusiasts - from the novice to the experienced; from the occasional to the frequent; from the single rider to the family of riders; and from the rider(s) whose sole interest is the picturesque surroundings to the rider(s) whose sole interest is in the merits of the bike. Rides vary in degree of difficulty, each offering a different perspective of the beautiful San Rafael Swell. There really is a ride for every interest.

To learn more go to: biketheswell.org



BUCKHORN DRAW

DINOSAUR TRACK



This dinosaur track is very well defined and often marked with a circle of rocks. It can be found with a little searching on the east side of the road (use caution when crossing the road) on top of a ledge of sandstone about 10 to 15 feet above the road. Once on top of the ledge, look for a larger flat area of bare sandstone at your feet. The footprint is on this sandstone area.

Driving directions: From Castle Dale travel approximately 1 mile on Highway 10 towards Huntington, take the gravel road on the right signed for the Recreation Area for 15 miles, turn right onto the Buckhorn Draw Road, continue 3.7 miles, turn right into a small pull-out area, the trail leading to the track is across the road.

SWINGING BRIDGE



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BUCKHORN PICTOGRAPH PANEL



The Buckhorn Pictograph panel is over 130 feet in length and features art from two distinct cultures that have inhabited the area. The dominant artwork is a series of painted figures and symbols, called pictographs, believed to have been created over 2,000 years ago by people of the Barrier Canyon Culture. This was an ancient hunter-gatherer society known to migrate through the area. This area includes pit toilet facilities (non-flushing).

Driving directions: From Castle Dale travel approximately 1 mile on Highway 10 towards Huntington, take the gravel road on the right signed for the Recreation Area for 15 miles, turn right onto the Buckhorn Draw Road, continue 5.7 miles. The Panel will be on the left.

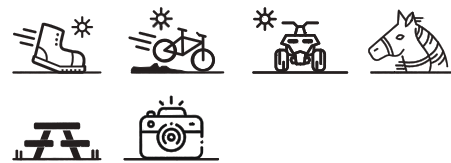
Located another 4.1 miles south of Buckhorn Panel on the Green River Cutoff road is the Swinging Bridge, a 160 foot suspension bridge built between 1935 and 1937 by the Civilian Conservation Corps(CCC). The CCC was a public work relief program created to employ young men during the Great Depression. The Swinging Bridge was built to help ranchers move sheep and cows across the San Rafael River. While no longer open to car or motorized traffic, this historic bridge makes for a great photo opportunity mixed with a little history.

Across the road from the Swinging Bridge are traditional camp sites as well as equestrian sites with horse corrals. These sites are available on a first come first serve basis.

Driving directions: From Castle Dale travel approximately 1 mile on Highway 10 towards Huntington, take the gravel road on the right signed for the Recreation Area for 15 miles, turn right onto the Buckhorn Draw Road, from the head of the Buckhorn continue 9.5 miles.



CEDAR MOUNTAIN VIEW AREA



Cedar Mountain stands at an altitude of 7,664 feet and impressive vistas can be reached by car. From the lookout, you will see a breathtaking vista of the entire Northern San Rafael Swell. This is the perfect opportunity for landscape photography. From the parking area, hikers can stride out on an easy 1/2 mile look around the fossil ledge trail. This newly maintained trail takes hikers past petrified wood remains dating back to the Early Cretaceous.

Driving directions: From Cleveland Main Street head south on Center Streets, the road turns to dirt. Travel south for 1.5 miles until you hit a junction, go left (east). Travel another 1.8 miles SE. At the next junction - turn right (south). Travel 5.3 miles to a 4-way junction and continue forward for another 18 miles. There will be lookouts and picnic areas on the right (south) for a few miles.

CHIMNEY ROCK



CLEVELAND-LLOYD DINOSAUR QUARRY

Open seasonally. Check with the BLM Price field office (435) 636-3600 before making the drive.

Located within the Jurassic National Monument, this site has the densest concentration of Jurassic-aged dinosaur bones ever found. More than 12,000 bones from at least 74 individual prehistoric animals have been excavated here. See replicas of a dinosaur skeleton and dinosaur skulls, explore hands-on exhibits, and visit an excavation pit where you'll see dinosaur bones preserved in the mudstone just below your feet.

The area features walking trails and picnic areas, but access is constrained to the open hours of the visitor center.

Driving directions: From Cleveland head west on east Main Street, turn right onto north State Street for .3 miles then turn right onto County Road 211 for 12.4 miles following signs for Jurassic Monument and the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry.

This area has some challenging dirt bike and off-roading trails you won't want to miss. You could easily spend two or three days just riding this area. The trails range from easy to difficult and offer amazing views of the area. For trail details consult the motorized trail map published by the county. Roads in this part of The Swell are not well marked and cell coverage is minimal, we recommend downloading a map (Refer to page 7) prior to heading out on this adventure.

Driving directions: From Green River head west on 1-70 for 2.3 miles then merge onto Highway 6 for 18.5 miles. Turn left onto the Green River Cut Off Road, to your destination. You will see a kiosk with riding information.

JOE'S VALLEY BOULDERING

Joe's Valley, named after the nearby Reservoir, is a world-renowned sandstone terrain for bouldering enthusiasts. Along this scenic drive you'll see pull-outs along the road with access to several bouldering opportunities. You can also find some great hiking and horseback trails in the canyons.

Joe's Valley offers intrepid outdoor adventurers beautiful camping, fishing, boating, hiking, OHVing and bike riding opportunities. But the boundlessly diverse and top-tier boulders in the area draw the biggest crowds of

adrenaline seekers. Grippy sandstone boulders with great landings littered the canyons around Joe's Valley, providing many quickly and easily accessible bouldering routes.

Bouldering is a form of rock climbing that is done without harnesses or ropes. Boulders solve "problems" by challenging themselves to define a path to the top of the rock in order to complete a climb. This sport is popular around the world, and Joe's Valley is known for having some of the best "problems" in the world. The sport requires stamina and grip strength (strong fingers). Interested in

seeing this sport in action? There is an annual bouldering festival in the fall that attracts some of the best boulders around (visit joesvalleyfest.com to learn more).

Interested in climbing? Check the weather, you need to wait at least 24 hours after rain because the wet stone will break - damaging the rock and the climber!

Camping amenities available on BLM & Forest Service areas. Please camp only in designated areas. Lodging & food options are 15 minutes away in Orangeville or Castle Dale.



The bouldering is amazing, almost as amazing as the community of climbers that come here.

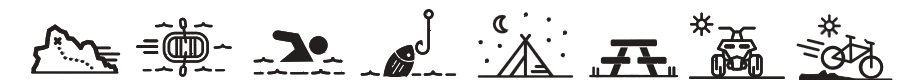
JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR

Offers boating, fishing, and miles of off-road vehicle trails. The reservoir is also popular with hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians.



Nearby, Joe's Valley Reservoir is a great year round destination, from ice fishing in the winter to paddleboarding in the summer this area will not disappoint! Campers can enjoy a view of the lake and easy access to all the recreational activities Joe's Valley has to offer.

Driving directions: From Orangeville head north on S Main Street toward east Center Street. Continue onto UT-29 West for 17 miles. Turn left onto Forest Road 0137. Bouldering areas are along the route to the reservoir, for exact locations and directions, climbers should get a climbing guide for the area.





MUSEUM OF THE SAN RAFAEL



(Admittance fee)

Driving directions: From Castle Dale Main Street turn onto North 100 East, destination will be on your right.

A visit to the Museum of the San Rafael is a journey through the past: learn about dinosaur fossils, see Native American artifacts discovered in the region, and learn about local settlers and industry in the area. Located in Castle Dale, this museum tells the story of the County. The museum also offers visitor information and a gift shop for area souvenirs.

The Pioneer exhibit is filled with beautifully preserved and restored furniture and collector's items. This museum is a treasure for history buffs and antique lovers. Use your imagination to go back in time and explore the region's past.

The natural history and pre-history of the San Rafael Swell is also on display here. See native animals (like black bears, mountain lions, and bighorn sheep) mounted in their natural habitats and geological wonders like glowing rocks, petrified wood, and more.

HUNTINGTON STATE PARK



(Admittance fee)



Huntington State Park is a warm water reservoir surrounded by cinnamon-colored buttes. It is a quiet desert oasis that offers water sports, boating, and fishing. Visitors can rent kayaks and paddleboards to get out on the water. The park is also a great spot for migratory bird watching, hiking, biking and off-road adventures.

Driving directions: From Huntington head north on Main Street, turn left onto Mohrland road, in .3 miles the entrance station will be on your left.

HUNTINGTON-ECCLES NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY



The scenic byway is also known as the Energy Loop, named after its history of mining & energy production. This route is approximately 83 miles long and there are many stops along the way within the Manti-La Sal National Forest - the historic Stuart Guard Station, originally constructed in the early 1930's to house a Forest Ranger and his family, now it is a Visitor Center and Museum. It's open on weekends and holidays, June through September. Stop into learn about the Mammoth discovery at mile post 17.

Driving directions: From Huntington head north on North Main Street in .4 miles turn left onto UT-31.



FOR UPDATED ATTRACTION INFORMATION AND MAPS



ARAPEEN TRAIL SYSTEM



OHV JAMBOREES

The Arapeen Trail system is an extensive network of trails with several access points throughout the area. The trails are interconnected and allow you to ride from one canyon to another, with jawdropping mountain vistas and technical descents.

The area is a great place to ride if you want to avoid the crowded canyons

closer to urban areas. While the trails are well known, they offer a chance to escape and enjoy the outdoors.

Hop on the trails right from town. If you need a machine or want to hit the south end, basecamp in Ferron. For hookup sites or access to the northern trails, basecamp in Huntington.

Twice year, a group of enthusiasts come together to explore the Arapeen and The Swell trails. Held every spring and fall, the Jamboree is a great way to join other ATV, OHV, UTV riders and make lasting memories.

Learn more about the three day event at emerycountyohv.com



SKYLINE DRIVE



MOTORIZED ROUTE MAP



Skyline Drive is an expansive route along the Ridgeline that offers impressive views of the mountains and valleys to the west of The Swell. With elevations approaching 11,000 feet, the road is best experienced in the peak of summer, when the snowdrifts have melted and the wildflowers are in bloom. Coming from the North on Hwy 6, you can take the Skyline Drive Exit to drive south on a well grated road suitable for all vehicles.

There are two popular segments if you are looking for a shorter route as well. The first route takes you up

Huntington Canyon and then south to Joes Valley, ending in Orangeville, and is best experienced in a 4-Wheel drive vehicle due to the rugged terrain. The second route leaves Orangeville and goes up to Joes Valley before turning south down through Ferron Canyon and into Ferron. This route offers beautiful views of the rugged skyline without the technical terrain of the first route. Those driving this stretch will experience the highest point on the drive and the peace and solitude of the reservoirs and lakes that are along the way. Be sure to bring your camera and enjoy the ride!





In our parks, and out exploring, always stay on designated trails. This helps protect the plants and animals that call this area home.

MILLSITE STATE PARK

Millsite State Park offers access to trails you can ride off-highway vehicle, mountain bike, or hike and camping at the mouth of scenic Ferron Canyon. Millsite Reservoir is a secluded 435-acre lake where visitors can enjoy boating, fishing, canoeing, and paddleboarding.

A swim in Millsite reservoir is a great way to beat the heat in the summer months, and in the winter the

reservoir is a popular ice fishing destination. Home to one of the best ice fishing tournaments in the state, millsiteonice.com. This campground offers boating, water sports and fishing on this cool blue water reservoir. They have paddleboards and canoes for rent too. You can also bring your off-highway vehicles and mountain bikes to enjoy miles of trails in nearby Ferron Canyon. Scorpion hunting after dark just outside the park is also a fun way to spend your time.

(Admittance fee)



GOLF COURSE

Driving directions: From Ferron head south on Highway 10/Ferron Main Street, turn right on Canyon Road, follow Canyon Road for 3.2 miles the entrance station will be on your right after the golf course.

Millsite Golf Course opened in 1988 and has earned a reputation as one of the most majestic courses in the state of Utah. Golfers will appreciate the picturesque desert views and roaring waterfall of the adjacent Millsite Dam. From picturesque desert views to a magnificent waterfall, this 18 hole course is sure to be a challenge and can make for one of the most entertaining rounds of golf you'll ever experience! Located right next to the Millsite Reservoir & State Park, this area is surely one of Utah's hidden treasures!

ROCHESTER PANEL



The Rochester Rock Art Panel dates back to at least 1300 AD and is one of the best examples of rock art from the Fremont Culture, a culture that included a wide range of ancient hunter-gatherer groups.

The Fremont Culture is thought to date back 2,500 years and is known throughout Utah (evidence of the population starts to disappear about 1,000 years ago). There are numerous archaeological sites around The Swell where artifacts have been excavated and studied in addition to the rock art they left behind. Please be sure to leave no trace - **do not touch or deface the artwork.**

The Rochester Panel features several of the classic elements often portrayed in Fremont petroglyphs. However, it seems that the region was visited and added to over the years in that there are different styles and animals represented.

The popular hiking trail to the Rochester Panel is great for all ages and abilities. Though a little rocky and primitive, the trail to the petroglyphs is only a half mile with 80 feet of elevation gain. The trail ends upon joining the main branch of Muddy Creek.

Muddy Creek is visible down below much of the year. This ancient river course predates the rise of the San Rafael uplift 40 to 60 million years ago.

Please report vandalism to (435) 636-3600

Driving directions: From Ferron take Highway 10/Ferron Main Street south out of town following signs for Emery. In 10.9 miles take a sharp left onto County Road 801 for .6 miles then turn right onto County Road 805 follow for 3.7 miles to trailhead.



PICTOGRAPHS & PETROGLYPHS

Petroglyphs and pictographs represent two distinctive types of rock art: petroglyphs are carved or pecked into the rock surface; pictographs are painted onto the rock surface.

Petroglyphs are often etched into rocks featuring a dark patina on their surface, sometimes called a "desert varnish." The rock layer below the patina is lighter in color, making the image appear to pop off the surface.



HOW CAN WE ENSURE THEIR SAFETY?

This site is considered by many to be sacred. Please help preserve it for future generations by always staying on the trail and making sure everyone in your group never touches the artwork. Drawing, scratching, carving, painting, and leaving oil from even the cleanest hands can cause the images to deteriorate.

Visitors to the Rochester Panel will note that previous sightseers have damaged the panel by adding to it by carving initials or other markings. This damages the artwork and is against the law. There are steep fines for damaging these fragile cultural resources.



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HEAD OF SINBAD

These very mysterious images are attributed to the Barrier Canyon Culture and are at least 3,000 years old. They're among the finest examples of prehistoric art in the world. They were also featured in National Geographic as National Treasures. Located about 10 to 15 feet above the ground, the artwork is easily located on the rock wall adjacent to the road.



Driving directions: From Green River get on I-70 west. Follow I-70 to south Tan Seep Road/Temple Mountain Road. Take Exit 131 and continue onto Temple Mountain Road for 10.4 miles.



SWASEY'S CABIN

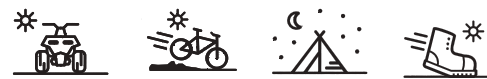
Swasey's Cabin is a local landmark and listed on the National Historic Register. The Swasey boys, considered outlaws by many, built the cabin as a stop-over point for running cattle through the region. Today the cabin has interpretive panels that tell the history of the cabin and invite visitors to explore.

From the parking area there are many popular horseback and motorized trails. Trail details can be found in the trail maps published by the county, learn how to get a copy on page 7.



Driving directions: From Green River take I-70 west for 27 miles. Take exit 131 to Tan Seeps Road/Temple Mountain road. Continue onto Temple Mountain road for 11.6 miles then take Rods Valley Spur/Swasey Cabin Road until you see the Cabin and parking area on the left.

BLACK DRAGON PICTOGRAPH



Named after the rock art panel on the canyon wall that features what looks like a flying dragon, this canyon is a great way to explore the rugged terrain of the San Rafael Reef. A deep, sinuous canyon adorned with Native American rock art panels that can be explored on foot, by bike, or OHV.

The rock art was created by the Fremont Culture, who inhabited the region about 2000 years ago. In addition to the artwork, they left other evidence of their way of life including campsites, stone granaries, and tools

for hunting. In addition to the name-sake art, there are other images that archaeologists speculate were part of an ancient calendar system.

The black dragon artwork is near the parking area, but those looking to explore further will find other images adorning the rock walls of the canyon.

Driving directions: From Green River take I-70 west for 10.2 miles. Turn right at milepost 147. Open the gate to go down the dirt road. Don't forget to close behind you. Follow sign for Black Dragon.



GREEN RIVER STATE PARK

This is the starting point for river running adventures through Labyrinth and Stillwater canyons. Permits (available from the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service) are required for this stretch or you can go with one of our seasoned river guides. The campground has shady cottonwood trees and a variety of species of birds.

If fishing is your activity of choice, the Green has catfish & carp. The nearby fishing pond has largemouth bass, rainbow, blue gill, and catfish. A Utah State Fishing License is required and available online.

The park also has a challenging 9-hole golf course and a tournament level 18-hole disc golf course.

Driving directions: Head east on Main Street towards Green River Blvd, turn right at the 1st cross street onto Green River Blvd, then turn left into Green River State Park/Green River Campground. Turn right onto Green River Campground, turn left to stay on Green River Campground.

GOLF COURSE

Green River State Park golf course is a golf oasis on the banks of the Green River, with the Book Cliffs towering in the distance. This course also features a new championship level 18-hole disc golf course. Disc golf supplies are available at the clubhouse along with disc rentals. This course is affordable, and coupled with a fantastic layout and superb greens, is fast becoming a destination spot. The pro shop offers club & cart rentals, clothing, accessories, and refreshments.



Just north of the town of Green River is Swasey's Beach, a beautiful white sandy beach along the edge of the Book Cliffs. Families looking to cool off in the summer heat can swim in the shallow water along the shore or enjoy an idyllic picnic in the shade, and camp out at the sites just north of the beach.

The beach is named after one of the first pioneer families to settle in the area, the Swaseys. The white sand beach spans a long bend in the river and is shaded by cottonwood trees. Shallow water gives children plenty of opportunity to frolic in the river, and bighorn sheep frequent the water's edge.

Rapids upstream from the campground provide a kayaking playground. If something a little more leisurely is what you are after, the area is great for floating.

Driving directions: From Green River Main Street turn onto Hastings Road and travel 9 miles until the pavement ends. The destination will be on the left after the boat ramp.



SWASEY'S BEACH



The Daily River Trip

Launch:
Nefertiti Rapids

X Butler Rapids

X Sand Knolls Rapids

X Stone House Rapids

X Short Canyon Rapids

X Takeout:
Swaseys Rapids

Nefertiti, an Egyptian queen, was painted and sculpted by the ancient Egyptians wearing a large, conical headdress, giving her a striking silhouette. Along the banks of the Green River, a large rock formation can be seen that resembles the Egyptian queen. This formation is used as a local landmark at one of the popular put-in points for rafters traveling down the Green River. The locals call this "The Daily" river trip.

This put-in point marks the end of the road into the Book Cliffs, which was often used as a trail to herd cattle onto the cliff shelf. An upward trail still exists on the east side of the road, and takes intrepid hikers to beautiful views of the canyon the Green River has carved away.

Driving directions: From Swasey's Beach continue on the dirt road for 8.4 miles to a parking area. There is a pit toilet near the parking area.

NEFERTITI RAPIDS



Green River Daily float

Visitors can enjoy their day on the river by enjoying a 3-6 hour float starting at Nefertiti and taking out at Swasey's Beach or for a quicker trip put in above Butler rapids.



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SAUCER BASIN



Saucer Basin is a hidden gem. This rugged, backcountry area is gaining a reputation for some spectacular mountain biking and is being sought out as an alternative to the crowded slickrock trails elsewhere in the state. Like much of The Swell, this area has little cell coverage and no formal trail or access designation, please plan accordingly before venturing out.

The sandstone and mudstone outcrops that feature rolling hills and pockets are perfect for experimenting with bike moves. OHV and dirt bike riders are welcome as well, within designated areas. For rock hounds, this is an excellent destination for seeking out colorful varieties of chert, a fine-grained sedimentary rock that is perhaps best known for being used to fashion stone tools by many native populations.

Currently, there are not any designated mountain bike routes. However, there are designated motorized routes open to OHV and mountain bike use. Please stay on the trail.

Driving directions: From Green River head west on E Main St toward N 100 E/N 200 E/N Solomon Street. Turn left on South Long Street then turn left onto Green River Ave. Turn right onto Airport Road for 2.4 miles, then turn left onto South Lower San Rafael for 12.4 miles, then slight right for 7 miles followed by a sharp left onto Lower San Rafael Road. Continue for 14.8 miles then turn right onto West Saucer Basin.



JOHN WESLEY POWELL RIVER HISTORY MUSEUM

From fascinating local history and dinosaurs to rotating art exhibitions, there is something for everyone at the John Wesley Powell River History Museum, which celebrates the cultures and landscapes of the Colorado Plateau.

The museum's outdoor pavilion is a perfect spot to enjoy a picnic, take in a stunning view of Green River's mesas and buttes, and learn about local history. The museum's namesake, John Wesley Powell, played a prominent role in the founding of the

USGS and the Bureau of Ethnology. Despite losing an arm in the Civil War, he was a passionate explorer who was known for scaling cliffs with his one arm to gain the best view of the vast landscape.

The museum doubles as the region's visitor center - it is a great place to get more information about The Swell!

Driving directions: Follow main Green River Main Street to 1765 Main Street.



CELL PHONE SERVICE MAY BE SPOTTY

Much like the rest of The Swell, this is a rugged back country area that is not marked and cell service is spotty at best.



CRYSTAL GEYSER



Crystal Geyser is an unusual cold water geyser (powered by carbon dioxide) that erupts approximately every 12-16 hours. It's a good sign if the water is bubbling madly and the basin overflows occasionally, but it still could be several hours before the geyser erupts.

The geyser was created accidentally during a drilling operation in 1935. The odd landscape in the surrounding area was created by the mineral-rich waters of the geyser. These rust-colored terraces are called travertine.

Driving directions: From Green River Main Street turn left onto BLM 325/New Area 51 Road for 2.9 miles then turn left onto BLM 325/New Area 51 Road for 2.3 miles, then turn left onto Crystal Geyser/Little Valley Road for 3.5 miles, turn right to stay on Little Valley Road the destination will be on your left in .5 miles.

GOBLIN VALLEY STATE PARK

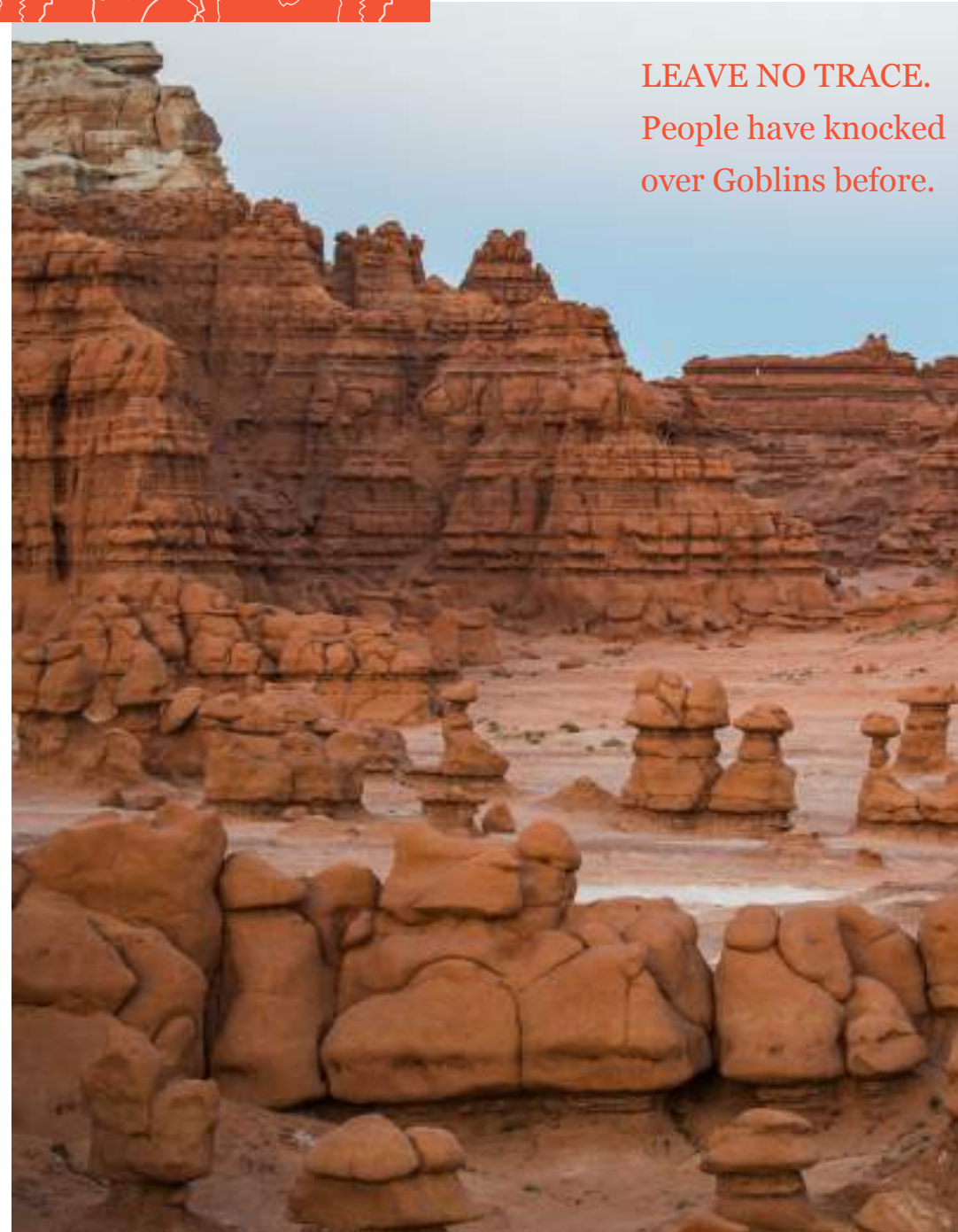


Explore Goblin Valley's otherworldly landscape, featuring unique "hoodoo" sandstone rock formations (also known as "goblins") formed by erosion over millions of years.

Goblin Valley's formations are fragile. Please treat them with care.



LEAVE NO TRACE. People have knocked over Goblins before.



The rocks that make up the valley come from the advance and retreat of a sea during the Jurassic era. The goblins that you see throughout the park are the result of the rock's alternating hard and soft layers of mudstone, sandstone and siltstone. As wind and water worked its way through the canyon, the soft rock eroded faster than the hard layers, resulting in the weird and amusing features and figures.

In addition to the goblins that the park is named after, the area features slot canyons, cavernous formations, and boulders that offer opportunities to rappel, hike, and explore.

Most of the animals in the area (like coyotes, jackrabbits, scorpions, and kangaroo rats) are nocturnal, and only venture out in the cooler evenings to hunt or forage for food. The plants have adapted to the hot, dry valley by reducing the size of their leaves to minimize moisture loss.

The park invites free exploration of the goblins without any need to stay on marked trails. For beginner and intermediate mountain bikers, a scenic 8-mile loop offers sweeping views of

the Reef. Opportunities for ATV/OHV riding, horseback riding, camping, rappelling, stargazing, and geocaching also abound in the park and surrounding area. Goblin Valley is also dark sky certified, so star gazing and nighttime photography opportunities abound.

If you opt to leave your basecamp at Goblin Valley, a wealth of other activities are close at hand. Hikers of all ages can explore the twists and turns in Little Wild Horse Canyon, while experienced canyoneers will enjoy the challenges of Ding & Dang Canyon. Rock art enthusiasts can study the ancient petroglyphs and pictographs of the Temple Mountain area or leave the wilderness behind and head to the town of Green River to golf (disc or traditional), visit a museum, or dine out.

Driving directions: From Green River, merge onto 1-70 West, travel for 10.3 miles, take exit 149 towards Hanksville. Turn Left onto UT 24 West for 24.2 miles. Then turn right onto Temple Mountain Road, continue for 5.2 miles then turn left onto Goblin Valley Road in 6.7 miles you will reach the entrance.



(Admittance fee)



LITTLE WILD HORSE CANYON



Little Wild Horse Canyon is a slot canyon formed by water rushing through the cracks in the sandstone rocks of the San Rafael Swell. Hikers follow the canyon as it twists and turns through brightly colored and textured rocks. This popular hike is a great introduction to canyon exploration for beginners and families.

Little Wild Horse Canyon can be paired with Bell Canyon to make an 8 mile loop, but those who want an equally impressive but shorter slot canyon experience can hike as far into Little Wild Horse as they like and return the way they came. Be sure to carry water, and don't enter the canyon if there is inclement weather in or surrounding areas due

to risk of flash flooding.

Hiking through Little Wild Horse, Ding and Dang, or one of the many other slot canyons in the San Rafael Swell transports a visitor back through time. These canyons began as a tiny crack in sandstone. Rushing water from flash floods eroded the rock, making these crevices larger and larger. Over the course of millions of years, the powerful forces of water and wind sculpted these once-tiny cracks into the deep, narrow canyons that twist and turn through The Swell today. Little Wild Horse Canyon lies within the Muddy Creek Wilderness area, which is known for pronghorn and bighorn sheep. Pinyon-juniper wood-

land dominates the high desert landscape with low, bushy, evergreens interspersed among great swaths of saltbush that provide grazing for wild animals and open range cattle.

Driving directions: From Green River merge onto 1-70 west. Continue on 1-70 west for 10.2 miles. Take exit 149 for UT-24 towards Hanksville. Remain on UT-24 for 24.3 miles then turn right onto Temple Mountain Road for 5.2 miles, then turn left onto Goblin Valley Road for 6.1 miles. Then turn right onto Wild Horse Road, continue for 5.5 miles and the trailhead will be on the right.

PRO TIPS

The slot canyons of the San Rafael Swell offer visitors a wealth of exploration opportunities, but always exercise caution. These areas are extremely prone to flash flooding. Because the bare rock canyon walls can't absorb water, rainfall collects within the canyon in minutes. ALWAYS check regional weather conditions

when hiking in slot canyons. If inclement weather is imminent anywhere in the area, do not enter the slot canyon! Flash flooding WILL occur with rainfall! A flash flood can rush through the canyons at a deadly speed and sweep away everything in its path. Always monitor weather forecasts prior to entering a slot canyon, and observe all flood warnings.

CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK

The colorful sandstone spires that form The Needles are among the park's most famous landmarks.



Canyonlands National Park is a dramatic wilderness of canyons and buttes carved over millennia by the Colorado River.

Located in southeastern Utah, 60 miles south of Green River. It preserves a colorful landscape eroded into countless canyons, mesas, and buttes by the Colorado River, the Green River, and their respective tributaries.

A wilderness of countless canyons and fantastically formed buttes carved by the Colorado River and its tributaries. Rivers divide the park into four districts: Island in the Sky, The Needles, The Maze, and the rivers themselves. These

areas share a primitive desert atmosphere, but each offers different opportunities for sightseeing and adventure.

Driving directions: From Green River take 1-70 East towards Moab for 17.2 miles, take exit 182 towards Moab, then merge onto US-191 south. Continue on US-191 for 20.3 miles, then turn right onto UT-313 west for 14.6 miles, continue to Grand View Point Road/Island in the Sky Road for 4.5 until you reach the entrance station.



CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK



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Capitol Reef National Park rewards visitors with large sandstone domes, pillars, waterfalls and mysterious petroglyphs.

If you come during the late summer, early fall, you can pick your own fruit from orchards planted by early Mormon settlers, while exploring the historical inscriptions and structures they left behind.

Driving directions: From Ferron leave town following signs for Emery. Stay on Highway 10 for 27.1 miles, continue onto UT-72 South, turn right to stay on UT-72 for 34.3 miles then continue straight onto 1100 east for 1 mile, then turn left onto UT-24 E for 19.5 miles until you reach the Capitol Reef National Park Visitor Center.



FOSSIL POINT

**Preserve the Past,
Leave what you find**

Don't forget it's illegal to remove dinosaur fossils (even small fragments) from this site. Please feel free to photograph and touch, but do not remove any fossil evidence.



At Fossil Point, you can view dinosaur bones dating back to the Jurassic Era, 145 million years ago. Visitors who climb to the top of the point are rewarded with a closeup look at the huge bones of a Sauropod. Don't forget to check out the view while you are there: from the top of the point you can see both the La Sal Mountains to the southeast and Henry Mountains to the southwest. Remember: it's illegal to remove dinosaur fossils (even small fragments) from this site. Fossil Point now offers shade structure and picnic table.

Driving directions: From Green River, head west on East Main Street, take Lower San Rafael Rad for 12.7 miles to Irvin Ranch Road (just south of Horsebench Reservoir), continue on gravel road for 1.1 miles.

POOPING IN THE DESERT

Though perhaps not the most popular of topics for many, it is a popular topic for outdoor enthusiasts, and an important one! The reality is that poop happens and when in the desert, this matter can be very harmful to the natural environment and the animals that may encounter it.

While in many forested areas, the advice is dig a hole and bury whatever comes out, when you are in the desert the rule of the land is to pack it out. The arid air can prevent poop from breaking down like it does in more humid environments.

There are a wide variety of poop containment products that you can purchase for your desert adventures ranging from bucket systems to bags. We know this may seem like a big ask, but our plants and animals will appreciate the effort!



ARCHES NATIONAL PARK



Arches National Park features over 2,000 natural sandstone arches that more than 1 million visitors come from far and wide to see each year. Vibrant colors make these fragile geological formations a sight to see in the desert. Within the park's more than 75,000 acres, you will find a myriad of other strange and unusual geological formations like soaring pinnacles and massive balancing rocks. Trails throughout the park range from easy to advance and offer some amazing views of the park's signature attractions. If you aren't a hiker, there are many scenic driving routes, we would recommend heading out to the viewpoint for the Delicate Arch.

Driving directions: From Green River take 1-70 East towards Crescent Junction for 17.2 miles, take exit 182 towards Moab, merge onto US-191 and continue for 26.8 miles. Turn left onto Arches Entrance Road.



DEAD HORSE POINT STATE PARK



Located to the southeast of Green River, this park offers impressive vistas and a night sky that was made for campers. Located 2,000 feet above the Colorado River, on the edge of Canyonlands National Park, this ever-changing landscape is immense and breathtaking. From evidence of ancient hunters knapping tools for the hunt to tales of cowboys using the narrow neck as a natural corral for wild mustangs, this area is as rich in history as it is beauty. The layers of the canyon offer up a rich story of ancient oceans, freshwater lakes and volcanic eruptions in the area that tell us how different animals and plants have lived here.

Driving directions: From Green River take 1-70 East towards Crescent Junction for 17.2 miles, take exit 182 towards Moab, merge onto US-191 and continue for 20.3 miles, then turn right onto UT-313 west for 14.6 miles, turn left to stay on UT-313, the State Park will be on your left.

SEGO CANYON



Sego Canyon contains rock art from three different Native American cultures and a well-preserved ghost town. Visitors can get a rare view of both petroglyphs and pictographs created by peoples of the Barrier Canyon, Fremont, and Ute Indian Cultures, spanning some 10,000 years of history. In the center of the ghost town of Segoe, the company store and a boarding house lay collapsed. Many abandoned houses lie scattered throughout the canyon along with remnants of a coal mine.

Driving directions: From Green River, take I-70 east toward Crescent Junction for 22.4 miles. Take exit 187 towards Thompson Springs for .4 miles then turn left onto UT-94 for 1.4 miles. Continue onto BLM 159/Sego Canyon Road for 3 miles the destination will be on the left.

TOWNS



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HUNTINGTON

Located at the northwestern edge of The Swell, this small city is a welcoming stop over for visitors heading south to explore the region. Huntington State Park campground has campsites for RVs and tents, and the reservoir is popular for water sports of all sorts.

A handful of locally owned restaurants serve up local favorites and a small visitor center offers up information on the region.

Pro-Tips: Take a leisurely drive on the Energy Loop National Scenic Byway, it is a great way to explore the rich history of the area and experience breathtaking views of the region.



AMENITIES Gas Available

HOTELS & CAMPING

Village Inn Motel
307 S Main St.
(435) 687-9888
villageinmotels.com

Airbnb
airbnb.com

Bear Creek Campground
Approx. 8 miles up Huntington Canyon
(435) 381-2108
emerycounty.com/rec/campground

Huntington State Park
2 Miles North-East of Huntington on HWY 10
(435) 687-2491
stateparks.utah.gov

Buckhorn RV Resort
570 N 200 W
(435) 557-0527
buckhornrv.com

DINING / GRAB & GO

BK's Stop-N-Shop
506 N Main St
(435) 687-9393

Hometown Market
221 N Main St.
(435) 687-9976
hometownmarketut.com

The Ponderosa Grill
686 N 400 E
(435) 687-3663
ponderosagrill.business.site

Lamy's Mexican Grill
190 S Main St
(435) 687-2781
palenquegourmetmexicangrill.weebly.com

Hart's Food & Gas
136 South Main
(435) 687-9336
hartsgasandfood.com

Subway (Inside Hart's)
140 S Main St.
(435) 687-2345
subway.com



39.21° N 111.01° W

CASTLE DALE

Castle Dale lies on the north side of Cottonwood Creek, a tributary of the San Rafael River. As the county seat, this city has a lot to offer! From the Museum of the San Rafael, to the Aquatic Center (with indoor and outdoor pools), and small restaurants and shops this city makes for a great stop-over in the region.

Pro-Tips: On a warm day come on down to the Aquatic Center located at 240 E 800 N. For more information emerycounty.com/pool



39.22° N 111.05° W

ORANGEVILLE

Best known as the last town on the way out to Joe's Valley (popular for bouldering), this city is on the edge of the Manti-La Sal National Forest. The city is at the junction of State Route 29 and 57, straddling the banks of Cottonwood Creek.

AMENITIES



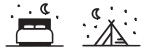
GRAB & GO



Cup of Joe's
410 N Main St
(435) 748-2715
thecupofjoes.com

Food Ranch
315 UT-29
(435) 748-2725
thefoodranch.com

HOTELS & CAMPING



Joe's Valley Campground
17.6 miles off of Hwy 29
(435) 384-2372
recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/250037

Airbnb
airbnb.com



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FERRON

Ferron is "A Peach of a Place" nestled in between The Swell and the Manti-La Sal National Forest. Its slogan is derived from its annual celebration, Peach Days, established in 1901. With a small downtown, it is easy to drive by this quiet little town, but with its growing business community and central location to recreation opportunities you shouldn't count Ferron out!

Better known for Millsite State Park and Golf Course located on the eastern edge of the city it is also primarily located to access OHV trails in The Swell and the Arapeen Trail System. From your hotel or campsite head east out of town and enjoy the Devils Race Track, Swasey's Cabin, Slipper Arch, and Eagle Canyon or head west and access the Arapeen Trail System, Skyline Drive, and Hunters Highway.

AMENITIES



HOTELS, RENTALS & RVs



Airbnb
airbnb.com

The Nielsen House
90 W Main Street
(435) 749-6096

Side TRAX Rentals
35 North State Street
(833) 679-9168
sidetraxrentals.com

Big Mountain Lodge and Rentals
15 N State St
(435) 384-3333
bigmountainlodgeutah.com

Millsite State Park
3500 W Canyon Rd
(435) 384-2552
stateparks.utah.gov

DINING / GRAB & GO



Big Mountain Lodge
15 N State St
(435) 384-3333
bigmountainlodgeutah.com

Grub Box Drive Inn
95 N State St.
(435) 384-2623

Freckled Cow Frozen Yogurt and Eats
96 North State Street
(435) 749-1059

Main Street Market
15 W Main St.
(435) 384-2830
mainstreetmarketferron.com

AMENITIES



HOTELS



San Rafael Bed and Breakfast
15 East 100 North
(435) 381-5689
sanrafaelbedandbreakfast.com

Airbnb
airbnb.com

Village Inn Motel
375 E Main Street
(435) 381-2309
villageinnmotels.com

DINING / GRAB & GO



Family Dollar
540 East Main
(435) 381-5772

Fatty's Pizza & Grill
340 East Main
(435) 381-5080
fp340.com

JR's Stop & Go
10 E Main Street
(435) 381-1577

Maverik Country Store
285 East Main
(435) 381-5365
maverik.com

R Pizza Place
555 East Main
(435) 381-2163

San Rafael Works Catering
110 W 100 N
(435) 381-5695

Stewarts Marketplace
621 E Main St.
(435) 381-5660
stewartsmarketplace.com

Subway
610 E Main St.
(435) 381-2507
subway.com

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CLEVELAND

With a population just under 500, this family friendly town offers a rich heritage and welcoming community. The town's tagline of "14 miles from extinction" is a reference to the close by Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry, now part of Jurassic National Monument. O'Ville Pioneer Village, pictured below, is a fun, free attraction on Main Street.

AMENITIES

GRAB & GO



KFJ C-Store
10 W Main
(435) 653-2004
Facebook.com/KFJStore

The Forbidden Fruite Sweet Shoppe
100 W Main
(435) 653-2679



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GREEN RIVER

Green River is located amongst some of the best attractions in the region. Whether you are staying in town, out at Swasey's Beach or another area camping spot, you will find that there are a wide variety of attractions and activities awaiting you!

Nestled against the panoramic backdrop of the Book Cliffs, named for their sandstone terraces that resemble shelves of books, the city is a thriving small community that offers a variety of food and lodging options for travelers to the region. Perfectly situated amongst the attractions of the region, it is a mecca for families, nature lovers, and history buffs alike.

Green River has long been known as a basecamp for adventure. From rafters to mountain bikers, the city is known for it's welcoming atmosphere, amenities and local hang outs.

Pro-Tips: end your day at Ray's Tavern, where you will find a fun mix of locals and tourists swapping stories about their adventures out in The Swell!

AMENITIES

Gas Available

HOTELS



America's Best Value
1117 E Main St.
(435) 564-8441
redlion.com

Budget Inn Motel
150 E Main St.
(435) 564-3441
budgetinngreenriver.com

Comfort Inn
1975 E Main St.
(435) 564-3300
choicehotels.com/
utah/green-river/
comfort-inn-hotels/
ut424

First Choice Inn
1845 E Main St.
(435) 564-4439
firstchoiceinns.com

Travelodge
1015 E Main St.
(435) 564-3421
wyndhamhotels.com/
travelodge

Motel 6
1860 E Main St.
(435) 564-3436
motel6.com

Robbers Roost Motel
325 W Main St.
(435) 564-3452
rrmotel.com

River Rock Inn BnB
20 W. Main St.
(435) 564-7625
riverrockinnutah.com

River Terrace Motel
1740 East Main Street
(435) 564-3401
river-terrace.com

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
1050 W Main St
(435) 564-8444
ihg.com/
holidayinnexpress/
hotels/us/en/green-river/
nrgr/hotel/detail

Sleepy Hollow Motel
(Seasonal)
(435) 564-8189
sleepyhollowmotel.com

Skyfall Guestrooms
1710 E Main St
(435) 564-8109
skyfallguestrooms.com

Super 8 Motel
1248 E Main St.
(435) 363-0055
wyndhamhotels.com

DINING



Arby's
1810 Main St
(435) 564-8264
arbys.com

Blimpie's
780 East Main
(435) 564-8209
blimpie.com

Champs Chicken
1224 East Main
(435) 564-8600
champschicken.com

The Chow Hound
30 E Main St.
(435) 564-3563

Green River Coffee Company
25 E Main St.
(435) 564-3411
greenrivercoffee.com

La Veracruzana
125 Main Street
(435) 564-3257

Little Caesars Pizza
1224 E Main St
(435) 564-8600
littlecaesars.com

Love's Travel Stop
1810 Main St
(435) 564-8262
loves.com/
locations/792

Tacos La Pasadita
215 E Main
(435) 564-8159

Ray's Tavern
25 S Broadway St
(435) 564-3511
facebook.com/
raystavern

Subway
1775 West Main St
(435) 564-3531
subway.com

Tamarisk Restaurant
1710 E Main St.
(435) 564-8109
tamariskrestaurant.com

West Winds Restaurant
545 E Main St.
(435) 564-8240
westwindgreenriver.com

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EMERY & MOORE

Emery is the smallest to the west of The Swell. While mostly residential, this city is home to Castle Valley Outdoors, a premier pheasant hunting lodge, and the oldest public structure in Emery County, the Historic Emery Pioneer Church. Emery is also known as a gateway to the Rochester Panel and the Molen Reef.

AMENITIES



HOTELS



Airbnb
airbnb.com

Castle Valley Outdoors
1600 N State
(800) 586-6503
castlevalleyoutdoors.com

GRAB & GO



Randy's Service
5 E Main St.
(435) 286-2333

***24 hour fuel pumps**
located at Randy's on
Main Street

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River Blvd
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Goblin Valley
24 Miles South of
I-70 on HWY 24
(800) 322-3770
goblinvalley.utah.gov

Green River KOA
235 S 1780 E
(435) 564-8195
koa.com/campgrounds/
/green-river

Green River State Park
459 S Green River Blvd
(800) 322-3770
stateparks.utah.gov

Shady Acres RV Park
690 E Main St.
(435) 564-8290
shadyacresrv.com

WHAT'S GOING ON



JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Millsite on Ice Fishing Tournament
millsiteonice.com

MARCH, APRIL & MAY

Green River Watermelon Crawl
GreenRiverWatermelon-Crawl.com

Green River Rocks Festival
greenriverrocks.com

Green River Dirt Bike Rally
greenriverdirtbikerally.com

Swell OHV Jamboree
emerycountyohv.com

MECCA Spring Bike Festival
biketheswell.org

JUNE & JULY

Heritage Days & Rodeo
Facebook.com/Huntington-HeritageDays

Southeastern Utah Jr. Livestock Show
utahjuniorlivestock.com/seujls

Cowboy's Memorial Rodeo
rmpira.org

Catfish Tourney on the River
TheSwellUtahEvents.com

AUGUST

Battle Royale Baseball Tournament
TheSwellUtahEvents.com



SEPTEMBER

Arapeen ATV Jamboree
emerycountyohv.com

Green River Melon Days
melon-days.com

Ferron Peach Days Celebration
ferroncity.org/peach-days

Joe's Valley Boulderling Festival
joesvalleyfest.com



OCTOBER

EMCO Paranormal Con
TheSwellUtah.com/events

NOVEMBER

Outlaw Days
outlawdays.com



SWELL IDEAS

TRAVELING WITH THE FAMILY

The Swell has something for the whole family. With several popular hikes in the region that take you through slot canyons (Little Wild Horse Canyon) to breathtaking vistas (the Wedge Overlook) and amongst the goblins in Goblin Valley, this area offers a wide variety of family adventures.

In addition to getting out in nature, the museums in and around The Swell welcome visitors of all ages. From the Museum of the San Rafael and the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry to the John Wesley Powell River History Museum, visitors can go back in time and learn about the region from when dinosaurs roamed the land up to the present.



EXPLORING THE PAST

Visitors to the newly designated Jurassic National Monument have the opportunity to explore deep time, tracing life back to the Jurassic through the different rock formations that are exposed in The Swell. To learn more about the prehistory of the region, head out to the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry in the National Monument. At the visitor's center you will learn about the world's densest concentration of Jurassic-aged dinosaur bones. Learn about how the 12,000 bones here helped paleontologists learn more about the world in which these impressive creatures lived.



THE SERENE SIDE

Do you long to revel in the glories of nature but not looking to break a sweat? First, head for the water. Enjoy a lazy day at Swasey's Beach, Joes Valley Reservoir, Huntington Lake, or Millsite reservoir or a float down the Green River (start from the State Park and drift down to Crystal Geyser).

And when night comes, sit back and gaze at the celestial formations of galaxies far, far away in one of the darkest skies in the world.





MOUNTAIN BIKING

The Swell is a biker heaven where you'll never be bored by the same trail. Looking for thrill-seeking canyon-rim treks? Head to the Wedge and the Good Water Rim trail. Looking for a natural slickrock skate park that is totally off the beaten path? The gently rolling formations of exposed sandstone of Saucer Basin are calling your name. Want a more varied desert landscape? Head to the Athena trail near the old missile base in Green River or the trails around Goblin Valley State Park.



HIKING

The best way to explore the canyons, plateaus, pinnacles, and basins of The Swell is by foot. Get up close and personal with the geology, flora, and fauna of the Colorado Plateau.

Intrepid adventurers can make a whole day of navigating the slot canyons of Little Wild Horse and Bell Canyons before exploring the goblins and hidden caves at Goblin Valley State Park. Both spots are great for leisurely hikers or families.

If you want a more open-ended experience, the country around the Wedge Overlook and Black Dragon Canyon offer plentiful off-trail explorations. You can even walk up the San Rafael Reef where it juts from the surrounding desert landscape. Just remember to bring essentials, tell someone where you're going, and don't step on the crypto!

OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES

From high mountain climbs and steep canyon descents to rugged desert terrain and sand dunes, this area has it all. The famous Arapeen Trail System connects a large network of trails criss crossing The Swell.

Trails vary in difficulty, offering something for every rider. Interested in joining others in The Swell? Each year riders converge in The Swell for the Jamborees, learn more about them at EmeryCountyOHV.com



SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) IN THE SWELL

There is a volunteer search and rescue team that responds to emergency situations in and around The Swell. Given the remote nature of the terrain, it can take the Emery County team over an hour to reach parties in need. We ask that you keep this in mind when planning your adventure - it is always best to be prepared for the worst, and not to rely on Search and Rescue or Emergency Response teams. Please take note of the name of the parking lot or trailhead that you start from to assist with SAR and alert someone not there.



**LEARN MORE
AND DONATE
TO SEARCH
AND RESCUE
(SAR)**



CLIMBING & RAPPELLING

Looking to challenge your stamina, endurance, and fear of heights? Then The Swell is the place to be. The region offers a wide array of boulder problems, most notably those in Joe's Valley. Joe's is one of the world's premier bouldering destinations. The rock is textured but skin-friendly, and the approaches are almost all five minutes or less.

Other rock climbing opportunities in The Swell are varied and full of adventure. From the Buckhorn Wash with Wingate crack climbing to the Sandstone Alps of the San Rafael Reef, the opportunity to get out and get up is everywhere.

The Utah desert is canyon country, where water has cut through the various sandstones, mudstones and limestones to provide exploratory challenges spanning moderate to difficult in both length and technicality. Those new to canyoneering can test their rappelling skills at the Goblin's Lair or Eye of Sinbad, while expert adventurers can explore the desolate beauty of Robbers Roost.

FISHING & HUNTING

On the western edge of The Swell you will find the Manti-La Sal National Forest where excellent fishing and hunting opportunities abound year-round. The various reservoirs treat anglers to largemouth bass, trout, catfish and other species, and the hills are prime hunting grounds for big game, bird, waterfowl and small game. Northeast of The Swell, the high plateau of the Book Cliffs offers exceptional opportunities for big game hunting, including bear and mountain lions.

Castle Valley Outdoors is a family-owned pheasant hunting lodge that offers hunting guides, highly trained pointing dogs and an all-inclusive hunting experience. Hatt Ranch in Green River also offers guided hunts at their ranch located along the San Rafael River.

Visiting in the winter? Check out the Millsite on Ice fishing competition at MillsiteOnIce.com



- GOBLIN VALLEY STATE PARK - DARK SKY CERTIFIED

With some of the clearest, darkest night skies in the world, The Swell boasts some of the best sky-gazing in North America. Recently, Goblin Valley State Park was designated an International Dark Sky Park, which symbolizes its commitment to protecting the natural darkness that the region is known for.

Those in the park after sunset will know that the park only allows down lighting when required for safety reasons, and has removed extraneous light fixtures to ensure optimal viewing of the ever changing night sky.

Those interested in learning more can sign up for full moon hikes, telescope viewing events and other educational programs presented by the park staff and volunteers.

Where activity at other parks dies down after sunset, activity at Goblin Valley just transitions, with people setting up chairs and viewing parties for the show that is about to unfold above. From a first glimpse of the Milky Way to catching a shooting star, the sky keeps amazing visitors.

To learn more about the events being held at Goblin Valley State Park, visit stateparks.utah.gov/parks/goblin-valley/events/ or call the visitor center at 435-275-4584.

Information about the International Dark Sky Association can be found at darksky.org.

GUIDES & GEAR

If you are new to an activity it is always good to hire a guide and learn from the experts!



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SIDE TRAX RENTALS

Ferron

Side X Side & Ebike Rentals
35 N State St

(833) 679-0168
sidetraxrentals.com



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CASTLE VALLEY OUTDOORS

Emery

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(800) 586-6503
castlevalleyoutdoors.com



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hattranch.com



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(801) 261-1789
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Big Game Hunting
340 N Long Street

(435) 564-8256
huntwithgtoutfitters.com



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Big Game Hunting

(435) 745-0582,
(435) 749-1091
utahbiggameoutfitters.com



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blackdragonrescue.com

CONTACTS

GREEN RIVER

John Wesley Powell River History Museum
(435) 564-3427
1765 Main St, Green River
johnwesleypowell.com
M-S 9AM-7PM Sunday 12-5PM

CASTLE DALE

Buckhorn Visitor Center
(435) 381-3566
Fullers Bottom Rd Castle Dale
TheSwellUtah.com
always open

CLEVELAND

Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry
(435) 636-3600
Cleveland

blm.gov/national-conservation-lands/utah/jurassic-national-monument
F & S 10AM-5PM
Open Seasonally

Castle Dale Visitor Center
(435) 381-2115
P.O. Box 728
Castle Dale
visitcastledale.com

Museum of the San Rafael
(435) 381-3560
70 N 100 E, Castle Dale
emerycounty.com/sanrafaelmuseum
M-F 10AM-4PM Saturday 10AM-2PM

FERRON

Forest Service Ferron Ranger District
(435) 636-3580
115W Canyon Rd
PO Box 310
Ferron, UT 84523

MOORE/EMERY

Old Emery Church "Historic LDS Church"
(435) 286-2417
85 N 100 E, Emery
emeryheritage.org

HUNTINGTON

Huntington Visitor Center
(435) 687-2436
Huntington
huntingtonut.com

Bureau of Land Management (BLM):
Price 435-636-3600
Online blm.gov

U.S. Forest Service (USFS):
Ferron 435-384-2372
Price 435-637-2817
Online fs.usda.gov/mantilasal

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emery County Sheriff:

Emergency 911
Green River (435) 564-8111
Castle Dale (435) 381-2404

Utah Highway Patrol:

Green River (435) 564-3474

Medical Centers:

Green River (435) 564-3434
Castle Dale (435) 381-2305

Hospital:

Price (435) 637-4800

Animal Hospital:

Castle Dale (435) 381-2539

Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT):

Phone (866)511-8824
Online udot.utah.gov/traffic



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