



Travel and Recreation Guide

Guide to Arches National Park

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Introduction

ARCHES NATIONAL PARK is a geological wonderland. Set in the high desert of southeastern Utah, it is home to the largest concentration of sandstone arches in the world, some 2,000 in all. That the simple actions of erosion over tens of thousands of years could produce what appear to be purposefully sculpted formations is endlessly fascinating to behold.

Arches is located on Hwy. 191 about 25 miles south of I-70 and 5 miles northwest of Moab. Canyonlands National Park is located just 27 miles to the southwest.



Exploring the Park

Arches is best explored by car and can be tackled in one day -- though a greater investment of time will yield a better appreciation for the wonderful geology of the park. A paved two-lane road runs about 18 miles one-way through the park, with a few short turnoffs along the way. Many of Arches' sites are visible from pull-offs along the road, but the best views take some short hiking over well marked trails.

Described below are the main attractions and some of the better short hikes available. We recommend viewing all of the main attractions and highly recommend the hike to Delicate Arch and the guided hike in the Fiery Furnace Area. In the back is a full page, more detailed version of the map below.



MAIN ATTRACTIONS AND SHORT HIKES

Park Avenue

About 2 miles into the park is an area known as Park Avenue, so named for its towering sandstone fins that rise 150-300 feet and present nature's version of a skyscraper lined city street. A pull-off provides a good view. An easy trail leads through Park Avenue providing a perspective from beneath the "buildings." The hike is 1 mile if you arrange to get picked up at the other side. (See map.)

Balanced Rock

About 9 miles into the park, a giant boulder balances atop a 73 foot pedestal, but just barely. Or so it seems. There is a good view from a pull-off, or one can take a simple .5 mile long looped trail to its base for a closer look.

Windows Section

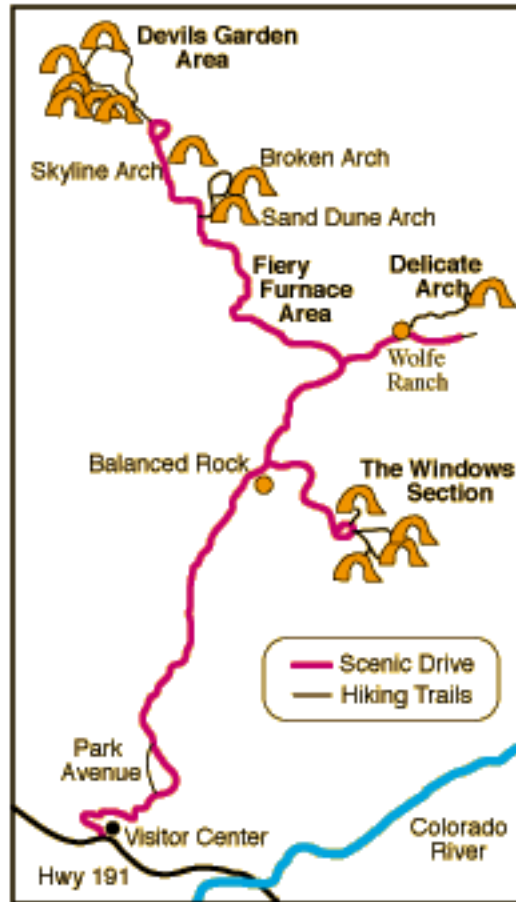
A turnoff just past Balanced Rock leads about 2.5 miles to the Windows Section of the park, home to several large arches. Most can be viewed from pull-offs or can be hiked to on short easy trails.

Double Arch is an impressive pair of connected arches -- one 144 feet wide and 112 feet tall, the other 61 by 86 feet. An easy trail through loose sand (.8 miles roundtrip) takes you to its base.

Turret Arch, North Window and South Window are located along the relatively easy Windows Trail (1 mile loop). All of the arches stand about .4 miles into the trail, but continuing on the loop provides a perspective from the back side of North Window and South Window. Turret Arch is 65 feet high and 35 feet wide; North Window is 48 by 90 feet; and South Window is 56 by 155 feet.

Wolfe Ranch

About 2.5 miles past the turnoff to the Windows Section is the turnoff to Wolfe Ranch and Delicate Arch. Wolfe Ranch is a National Historic District displaying the restored 1906 cabin of John Wolfe.



Delicate Arch

Delicate Arch is an extraordinarily beautiful and graceful structure. It is a must see. You can hike to it on a splendid, moderately difficult trail, or observe it from a viewpoint .5 miles away.

The trail to Delicate Arch begins at the parking lot at Wolfe Ranch. It is 1.5 miles oneway over slickrock with a 480 foot elevation gain. There is no shade, so be sure to bring water. The trail is fabulously designed to keep Delicate Arch from view until the last moment. It is only after you climb around the edge of a final sandstone fin that you can see the arch, standing alone at the edge of a curving slickrock basin. The view is memorable. Many hikers make the trek in the evening to be there for sunset. If your timing is right and the moon is near full, you can stick around for moonrise. Hiking down by moonlight is somewhat of a challenge, but well worth it.



If you can't make the hike, make sure to at least visit the Delicate Arch viewpoint. Parking for the viewpoint is 1 mile past the Wolfe Ranch parking lot. From the parking lot is a relatively steep .5 mile round-trip trail to the viewpoint. A 100 yard paved trail also provides a view from a little further away. Binoculars come in handy.

Fiery Furnace

About 2 miles past the Wolfe Ranch/Delicate Arch turnoff, lies the Fiery Furnace area. The Fiery Furnace is a maze of narrow canyons created by tall, red sandstone fins. There is a pull-off view of the area, but to really experience its beauty, a hike through is highly recommended. Hiking through the narrow canyons is so confusing, hikers must either join one of the twice daily ranger led hikes or obtain a permit for a small fee to enter the area.

A spot on the ranger led hikes can be reserved up to 48 hours in advance at the visitor center. (Note that these twice daily hikes fill up quickly during the busy season and a fee is charged.) The 1-1/2 hour hike is not overly strenuous but does require a bit of agility at points. You will navigate many narrow passageways, discover hidden arches and bridges and learn a lot about the geological history of the park. Despite its name, a hike in the Fiery Furnace is not too hot, as the fins provide a fair amount of shade.

Permits for experienced hikers are also available at no cost at the visitor center. Be advised, however, that the area is so full of dead ends, convoluted twists and narrow passageways that navigation is very difficult.

Sand Dune Arch/Broken Arch

About 2.5 miles past the Fiery Furnace is the trailhead for Sand Dune Arch and Broken Arch. Sand Dune Arch, located about .3 miles from the trailhead through a narrow canyon, is a small arch (8 by 30 feet) lying adjacent to a pink sand dune. It's a good trail for kids. Broken Arch is located about .4 miles further along on an easy open grassland trail. The 43 by 59 foot Broken Arch is not really broken, just injured. The roundtrip to see both arches is 1-1/4 miles. Broken Arch is also visible from the road a bit past the trailhead.

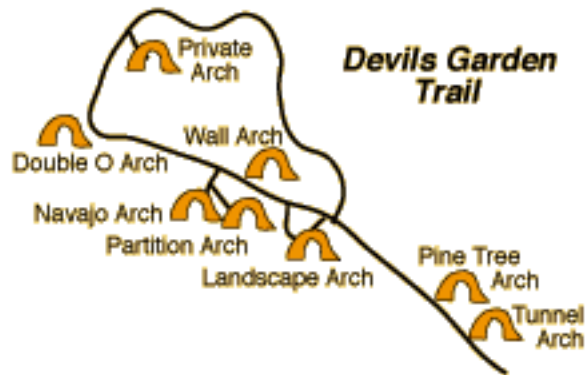
Skyline Arch

A mile past the Sand Dune Arch / Broken Arch trailhead is the pull-off for Skyline Arch. The 45 by 69 foot Skyline Arch is visible from the pull-off. A moderately easy trail (.4 miles roundtrip) takes you to its base.

Devils Garden

Located at the end of the 18 mile road through the park, the Devils Garden area is the site of the largest number of named arches in the park. The Devils Garden Trail takes you to all of them.

With a span of 306 feet and a height of 106 feet, Landscape Arch is the largest arch in the park (and the largest or second largest in the world, depending on how it's measured). The thin rock of the arch suggests to some it might not be standing too much longer. Landscape Arch is an easy .8 mile hike from the trailhead, with some elevation gain. Along the trail to Landscape Arch are short side trails leading to Pine Tree Arch (48 by 46) and Tunnel Arch (22 by 27). Pine Tree Arch gets its name from a pinion pine that used to grow beneath it.



1.3 miles past Landscape Arch is Double O Arch. The trail here is difficult with numerous short elevation changes and some exposure to heights. Double O Arch has two oval shaped openings, 45 by 71 feet and 9 by 21 feet. Along the trail to Double O Arch are several smaller arches. About 1/4 mile past Landscape Arch sits Wall Arch, a 41 by 68 foot arch set in a long fin. A quarter mile past Wall Arch are side trails, each 1/4 mile long, leading to Partition Arch (26 by 28) and Navajo Arch (13 by 41).

There are two ways to return to the trailhead from Double O Arch. You can simply retrace your steps to the trailhead (2 miles) or follow a difficult "primitive" trail through Fin Canyon that loops back to Landscape Arch. Along the primitive trail is a short side trail to Private Arch. Taking this route back adds 1 mile to the return trip.

Other Attractions

There are numerous other sites and lookouts along the way that may or may not be of interest to you. These are identified on the official map and guide to the park available for free at the entrance gate. Be sure to pick one up. You might also wish to stop at the Visitor Center located near the entrance to the park for additional information.

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BACKCOUNTRY HIKING

The Exploring the Park section described the short hikes accessible from the park's main road. Described below are a few longer and more difficult hikes. Arches is a relatively small park, and most hikes can be completed in a day. Those desiring longer adventures and more satisfying overnight opportunities are better off exploring Canyonlands National Park.

Hiking is allowed everywhere in Arches, though a permit is required to hike in the Fiery Furnace area. A permit is also required to camp overnight, which is available for a small fee at the visitor center. There are no designated campsites in the backcountry and no fires are allowed. A couple possible routes are described below.

	<u>Difficulty</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Elev. Gain</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tower Arch	Easy	2.5 mi. out/back	300 ft.	1-3/4 hrs.

This easy hike runs through the Klondike Bluffs area in the far northwest portion of the park to large Tower Arch (34' by 92'). Along the way you'll pass the "Marching Men," a series of eroded sandstone figures. Access to the trail is by a washboarded dirt road, that's ok for cars but which should be avoided if rain threatens.

Upper Salt Wash	Difficult	8.3 mi. oneway	-900 ft.	1/2 day
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This trail runs through Clover Canyon to the Upper Salt Wash and then down along the wash to Wolfe Ranch. You'll need to fight through some thickets and navigate steep slickrock sections on this backcountry route. It begins at the Sand Dune Arch trailhead.

Lower Salt Wash	Difficult	13.5 mi. roundtrip	300' down/up	1 day
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The lower portion of the Salt Wash is a tough, hot demanding hike from Wolfe Ranch to the Colorado River at the edge of the park. You'll travel through one the most remote areas of the park as the serpentine, rock strewn canyon gradually deepens until its walls tower 1,200 feet overhead. You see salt springs flow from cracks in the rock along the way. Like the Upper Salt Wash, you'll need to negotiate heavy thickets. (Unfortunately, there are no campsites at or near the river.)

Lower Courthouse Wash	Moderate	5 mi. oneway	-100 ft.	3-1/2 hrs.
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Lower Courthouse Wash can be picked up where it intersects the main scenic drive 4.5 miles into the park. The wash runs south through an ever deepening canyon and ends at Hwy 191 just west of the Colorado River Bridge. Along the way are some interesting side canyons to explore and a good rock art panel (though it has been vandalized). This hike is best done oneway with a shuttle.

To supplement the descriptions above, see [Arches Publications](#) online for a list of helpful books and maps you can order.

Special Notes: Hiking in the Arches backcountry has some special perils. In the summer, temperatures routinely climb above 100 degrees F. There are few reliable sources of water so an ample supply -- at least 1 gallon per day -- must be carried. Bring a hat and sunscreen. In all seasons, but most notably spring and fall, sudden rainstorms can cause dangerous flash flooding in narrow canyons. And remember, it's a lot easier to climb up a steep section of slickrock than to come back down.



HORSEBACK RIDING

Both day trips and overnight trips on horseback into Arches and surrounding areas are available. For more information contact one of the following outfitters:

Adrift Adventures*	378 N. Main St.; Box 577	800-874-4483
Arches & Classic Helicopter Services	2251 S. Hwy. 191; Box 296	435-259-4637
Canyon Trail Rides	Hwy. 191 at 313; Box 1406	800-813-6622
Colorado River & Trail Expeditions	5058 S. 300 West	800-253-7328
Cowboy Trails	2231 S. Hwy. 191; Box 104	435-259-8053
Desert Highlights	208 E. 200 South; Box 1342	800-747-1342
Nichols Expeditions	497 N. Main St.	800-648-8488
Pack Creek Ranch	La Sal Mtn. Loop; Box 1270	435-259-5505

* Adrift Adventures offers an interesting combined 1/2 day horseback ride with a 1/2 rafting trip down the Colorado River



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountain biking is allowed only on established roads within the park, which means the main scenic drive and the few 4wd routes.

	<u>Skill/Endurance</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Elev. Gain</u>	<u>Time</u>
Main Scenic Drive	Easy/ Intermediate	48 mile out/back incl' spurs	1,300 feet	1 day

The main scenic drive is 22 miles long with all spurs and involves a steep tightly switchbacked climb of some 800 feet in the first mile. Overall elevation gain is 1,300 feet from the visitor center to Devils Garden. It is paved and has no shoulders, so you'll be competing with cars and RV's for space.

Willow Flats	Intermediate/ Strenuous	26 mile loop	1,800 feet	1/2 day
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The Willow Flats loop route starts at the visitor center and follows an abandoned highway with broken pavement along Hwy. 191. You'll turn west into the park and follow Willow Springs 4wd road through a wash and to an intersection with the main scenic drive. The route passes no arches, just expansive vistas. Follow the drive 11 miles back to the visitor center.



4WD ADVENTURING

Arches is not particularly great for 4-wheel drive enthusiasts, but it does offer a few routes. Canyonlands National Park and public lands near Moab offer better opportunities.

Klondike Bluffs	Easy	10.7 miles oneway	2 hours
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To get to the seldom visited Klondike Bluffs area of the park, take the all dirt Salt Valley Road. It begins about a mile before Devils Garden area on the Arches main road. It is navigable by cars in dry weather, but not recommended if rain threatens. After 7.7 miles are two roads leading into the Klondike Bluffs area. The first is for 4wd drive vehicles. It runs about three miles past fins and spires to near Tower Arch. A short hiking trail there takes you 1/4 mile to the base of the 35 by 96 foot arch.

Eye of the Whale	Easy	14 miles one-way	2 hours
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From Tower Arch, retrace route about 1.5 miles for the turnoff leading to Balanced Rock. It runs about 9 miles and is a relatively easy 4wd route passing through high-desert terrain. About half way along it are some steep sand grades which can be handled traveling east towards Balanced Rock, but are difficult to get back up in the other direction. About 7 miles along the road on the right side, Eye of the Whale Arch is visible to the south. The Eye of the Whale Arch Road "T's" into the Willow Flats Road at the 9 mile mark. Turning left will take you 1 mile to the main Arches Road near Balanced Rock.

Willow Flats	Easy	[9] miles one-way	2 hours
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Willow Flats Road is an easy 4wd route that runs from the Park's main scenic drive near Balanced Rock west and out of the park where it meets Hwy 191. The route passes no arches, just expansive vistas. About a mile before Hwy 191 is a wash that can be impassible after a rain.



ROCK CLIMBING

You can rock climb anywhere within the park without a permit, except that no climbing is allowed on structures that are identified on USGS maps. Climbing information and guidelines are available at Arches' Visitor Center (435-259-8161). The following outfitter(s) has equipment and leads hiking trips in the area:

Moab Adventure Outfitters

550 N. Main St.

435-259-2725



PHOTO TOURS

The following business(es) offer photo tours in Arches and throughout the red rock deserts of southern Utah.

Canyonlight Photo & Scenic Tours

Box 1170 - Moab

435-259-2231

" We offer personalized year round photography and 4wd scenic tours in canyon country"



SCENIC FLIGHTS

Several different outfitters provide scenic flights over Arches and nearby areas. Flyovers give one a good perspective on the immense size of the canyon country area as a whole, but are less good for viewing particular structures like those found at Arches. Flights from as short as 30 minutes are available. The price for an hour in the air ranges from \$60 to \$90.

For more information contact the following outfitters:

Arches & Classic Helicopter Services

Desert Highlights

Geo-Seis Helicopters

Redtail Aviation

Slickrock Air Guides

2251 S. Hwy. 191; Box 296

208 E. 200 South #1; Box 1342

Canyonlands Airport; Box 1236

Canyonlands Airport; Box 515

2231 South Hwy. 191; Box 901

435-259-4637

800-747-1342

435-259-3966

800-842-9251

800-332-2439

Camping



CAMPING IN THE PARK

Devils Garden Campground is attractively set among red slickrock at the end of the park's main road. The campground is often full from March to October, so you need to arrive early for a chance at a spot. 52 sites; flush toilets; drinking water; 5,350'; open year round, but no water November to mid-March; first-come, first-serve; \$10. Group spots for up to 50 persons are available by reservation (801-259-4351).

Dispersed camping is also permitted within Arches' backcountry. A permit is required and can be obtained for free from the visitor center. You'll need to bring your own water and no fires are allowed.



PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS

There are numerous privately operated campgrounds in the Moab area near Arches.

Archview Campground/Resort	N. Hwy. 191 at 313	800-813-6622	82 sites
Canyonlands Campground	555 S. Main St.	800-522-6848	140 sites
Dowd Flats RV Park	2701 South Hwy. 191	435-259-5909	20 sites
Edge of Desert Campground	1251 S. Millcreek Dr.	435-259-3337	8 sites
Kane Springs Campground	1705 Kane Creek Blvd.	435-259-8844	60 sites
Lions Back Camp Park	2701 South Hwy. 191	435-259-7954	20 sites
Moab KOA	3225 South Hwy. 191	800-562-0372	156 sites
Moab Rim Campark	1900 South Hwy. 191	435-259-5002	42 sites
Moab Valley RV & Campark	1773 North Hwy. 191	435-259-4469	150 sites
OK RV Park	3310 Spanish Villy. Dr.	435-259-1400	45 sites
Pack Creek Campground	1520 Murphy Lane	435-259-2982	45 sites
Portal RV Park & Fishery	1261 North Hwy. 191	800-574-2028	46 sites
Slickrock Campground	1301 1/2 N. Hwy 191	800-448-8873	197 sites
Spanish Trail RV Park	2980 S. Hwy. 191	800-787-2751	72 sites
Up the Creek Campground	210 E. 300 South	435-259-6995	21 sites

The mailing address for each campground includes "Moab, UT 84532".



PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS

The public campgrounds near Arches are more primitive than their private counterparts but generally tend to be more esthetically pleasing.

Canyonlands National Park (435-259-7164)

- Willow Flat is a primitive campground set rather harshly among desert scrub brush in the Island in the Sky District. Gnats can be troublesome in the summer. 12 sites (2 for RV's); vault toilets; 6,200'; open year round; first-come, first-serve; no fee.
- Squaw Flat is a very attractive campground with well spaced sites shaded by trees and rock formations in the Needles District. 26 sites; vault toilets; drinking water; 5,100'; open year round; first-come, first-serve; \$8.

Dead Horse Point State Park (435-259-2614)

- Dead Horse Point State Park is located just north of Canyonlands National Park on a peninsula 2,000 feet above the Colorado River. Its modern campground is neatly situated among desert vegetation with paved drive and pull-ins. 21 sites; modern restrooms w/hot and cold running water; a disposal station; sheltered picnic tables; 5,900'; open mid-March to October; reservations accepted: 800-322-3770; \$11.

BLM Campgrounds (435-259-6111)

- Hal Canyon, Oak Grove, Big Bend, Hittle Bottom and Dewey Bridge are five primitive BLM campgrounds located along the Colorado River off Hwy. 128. All are pleasantly situated amidst riverside plant growth and beneath the high red rock cliffs of the Colorado River canyon. Each of them has vault toilets, charges \$8, and is available on a first-come, first serve basis only. Each has about a dozen sites, is located at about 4,000 feet and is open year round. Hal Canyon also has drinking water.
- Jay Cee Park is located along the Colorado River off Hwy. 279, about 4 miles south of Hwy. 191. 6 tent sites; vault toilets; 4,000'; open year round; first-come, first serve; \$8.
- Sand Flats Recreation Area is located on Sand Flats Road next to the Slickrock Bike Trail east of town. It is mostly open with some sights set beneath junipers or situated among the sandstone cliffs. 125 sites; vault toilets; no water or picnic tables; 4,500'; open year round; first-come, first serve; \$6 for 2 people/\$2 each additional person.

Dispersed Camping

Backcountry camping is available within Arches (see above) and Canyonlands National Park by permit.

Dispersed camping is also allowed (usually without a permit) on BLM lands around Moab and on Forest Service lands in the La Sal Mountains. Note that camping within the La Sal Mountains is feasible only from late- May to October, and even then it can drop below freezing at night. Contact the Moab Visitor Center (801-259-8825) for more information.

Lodging

There are lots of lodging choices in and around Moab, but you should still make reservations during the busy season from April to October. Listed below is information on Hotels & Motels, Bed & Breakfasts, Guest Ranches and Condos / Apartments / Guest Houses..

Featured Hotels and Motels



Aarchway Inn

"Moab's newest luxury hotel."

1551 N. Hwy 191

800-341-9359

97 rooms

\$65-175

435-259-2270 (fax)



Bowen Motel

"We have franchise comforts at independent prices."

169 N. Main St.

800-874-5439

40 rooms

\$35-75

Other Hotels and Motels

Apache Motel	166 S. 400 East	800-228-6882	34 rooms	\$30-75
Best Western Canyonlands Inn	16 S. Main St.	800-528-1234	77 rooms	\$55-115
Best Western Greenwell Inn	105 S. Main St.	800-528-1234	72 rooms	\$40-110
Cisco Hotel	95 W. 100 North	800-421-5614	12 rooms	\$35-75
Colorado River Lodge	512 N. Main St.	435-259-6122	22 rooms	\$45-55
Comfort Suites	800 S. Main St.	800-228-5150	75 rooms	\$70-115
Cottage Inn Motel	488 N. Main St.	435-259-5738	4 rooms	\$25-75
Days Inn - Moab	426 N. Main St.	800-325-2525	51 rooms	\$45-85
Hotel Off Center	96 E. Center St.	800-237-4685	10 rooms	\$30-60
Inca Inn Motel	570 N. Main St.	435-259-7261	23 rooms	\$40-60
JR's Inn	1075 S. Hwy. 191	435-259-8352	10 rooms	\$30-85
Kokopelli Lodge	72 S. 100 East	800-505-5343	8 rooms	\$35-65
Landmark Motel	168 N. Main St.	800-441-6147	35 rooms	\$40-90
Lazy Lizard Int'l Hostel	1213 S. Hwy. 191	435-259-6057	18 rooms	\$7-32
Moab Travelodge	550 S. Main St.	800-325-6171	57 rooms	\$30-80
Moab Valley Inn	711 S. Main St.	800-831-6622	127 rooms	\$55-125
Prospector Lodge	186 N. 100 West	435-259-5145	35 rooms	\$35-60
Ramada Inn	182 S. Main St.	800-228-2828	84 rooms	\$40-110
Red Rock Lodge	51 N. 100 West	435-259-5431	23 rooms	\$45-65
Red Stone Inn	535 S. Main St.	800-772-1972	50 rooms	\$30-60
Rodeway Inn	988 N. Main St.	800-228-2000	50 rooms	\$30-90
Rustic Inn Motel	120 E. 100 South	800-231-8184	34 rooms	\$30-110
Silver Sage Inn	840 S. Main St.	435-259-4420	17 rooms	\$25-50
Sleep Inn	1051 S. Main St.	435-259-4655	61 rooms	\$45-90
Sunset Motel	41 W. 100 North	800-421-5614	27 rooms	\$25-110
Super 8 Motel - Moab	889 N. Main St.	800-800-8000	146 rooms	\$35-80
Virginian Motel	70 E. 200 South	800-261-2063	37 rooms	\$25-75

B&B's / Inns

Aunt Aggies B&B	110 S. 200 East	435-259-4961	4 rooms	\$50-80
Blue Heron B&B	900 Kane Creek Blvd.	800-870-6537	4 rooms	\$50-90
Canyon Country B&B	590 N. 500 West	800-435-0284	5 rooms	\$55-100
Castle Valley Inn B&B	424 Amber Ln. (Castle Valley)	435-259-6012	8 rooms	\$90-150
Desert Chalet B&B	1275 East San Juan Dr.	800-549-8504	5 rooms	\$50-75
Dream Catcher Inn	191 S. 200 East; Box 417	888-230-3247	5 rooms	\$60-125
Entrada Ranch	Entrada Ridge Rd.; Box 567	888-230-3247	5 cabins	\$50-135
Heather Lane B&B	4381 Heather Lane	435-259-5928	2 rooms	\$45-75
Kane Creek B&B	490 Kane Creek Blvd.	435-259-7345	2 rooms	
Mayor's House B&B	505 Rose Tree Lane	435-259-6015	6 rooms	\$50-200
Millcreek Inn	497 Millcreek Dr.	435-259-2572	2 rooms	
Pack Creek Ranch	La Sal Mtn. Loop; Box 1270	435-259-5505	11 rooms	
Pioneer Spring B&B	1275 S. Boulder Ave.	435-259-4663	3 rooms	\$40-80
Purple Sage Inn	1150 Duchesne	435-259-3310	4 rooms	\$55-85
Rose Tree Inn	485 Rose Tree Lane	800-748-4386	4 rooms	\$70-130
Shiloh Country Inn	2390 Old City Park Rd.	435-259-8684	5 rooms	\$35-65
Slick Rock Inn	286 S. 400 East	435-259-2266	5 units	
Spanish Trail Inn B&B	3180 Spanish Trail Rd.	888-259-6622	8 rooms	\$45-90
Sunflower Hill B&B	185 N. 300 East	435-259-2974	11 rooms	\$50-140
The White House B&B	573 E. Nichols Lane	435-259-6318	1 room	\$40-50
Tumble Weed Guest Rm.	3101 E. Cedar Hills Ln.	435-259-3947	1 room	\$50-70
Williams Way Inn B&B	48 North Shields Ln.	435-259-5819	4 rooms	\$40-80

Guest Ranches

Entrada Ranch	Entrada Ridge Rd.; Box 567	888-230-3247	5 cabins	\$50-135
Pack Creek Ranch	La Sal Mtn. Loop; Box 1270	435-259-5505	11 rooms	

Featured Condos / Guest Homes / Apartments



Moab Cottage by the Park	376 N. 100 West	801-756-5953	1 cottage	\$55-95
"A nice, cozy two-bedroom cottage in a great location in the heart of Moab."				

Other Condos / Guest Homes / Apartments

Big Tree Cottage Guest Hse.	322 E. 100 South	435-259-5764	1 house	\$35-60
Cedar Breaks Condos	400 E. Center St.	800-505-5343	6 condos	\$55-120
Cedar Hills Guest House	1917 Juniper Dr.	435-259-5135	1 house	\$110-160
Cottonwood Condos	338 E. 100 South	800-447-4106	8 condos	\$30-75
Delong Guest House	368 Walker St.	435-259-7651	3 units	\$50-60
Desert Gardens	123 West 200 North	800-505-5343	3 units	\$55-120
Fandango Guest House	140 S. 200 East	435-259-8921	4 units	\$65-105
Golf Course Condos	East Fairway Loop	888-879-6622	30 condos	\$100-200
Golf View Condo	3292 Fairway Loop	435-259-2343	1 condo	\$150
Gramma's House	549 Jefferson St.	435-259-6057	1 house	\$100
Matterhorn Guest House	3601 E. Matterhorn Ht.	435-259-8352	3 units	
Nichols Lane Accom.	543 Nichols Lane	800-505-5343	4 units	\$50-65
Red Valle Homes	201 E. 100 North	800-213-8608	12 units	\$60-125
Ron-Tez Tourist Condos	450 E. 200 South	435-259-7599	8 condos	\$50-70

Slick Rock Inn	286 S. 400 East	435-259-2266	5 units	
Slickrock House	1121 Jackson St.	970-241-2951	1 house	\$140-180
Solana Vallejo Villas	550 N. Main St.	800-897-7325	12 units	
Sundance Apartments	208 E. 200 South	435-259-8429	2 apts.	\$40-50
Watermelon House	567 Jefferson St.	435-259-6057	2 units	\$130
Westwood Guest House	81 E. 100 South	800-526-5690	7 units	\$35-65

Transportation

By Car or RV

Arches is located 27 miles south of I-70 on Hwy. 191. It is 5 miles northwest of Moab. The maps at the back will help you get oriented.

By Plane

Daily flights are available to Moab from Salt Lake City on Alpine Air (800-748-4899). Taxi service (801-259-8294) is available to Moab from the airport. Bighorn Express (888-655-RIDE) runs a mini-bus from the Salt Lake Airport to Moab daily. Reservations are required.

By Train or Bus

There is an Amtrak station (800-872-7245) in the tiny town of Thompson on I-70 about 32 miles north of Moab and a Greyhound bus stop (800-231-2222) in Crescent City on I-70 about 27 miles northeast of Moab. Thrifty Rent-a-Car (435-259-7317) operates a shuttle from both stations to Moab.

Rental Cars

Once in Moab, rental cars are available from:

Certified Ford	500 S. Main St.	435-529-6107
Thrifty Rent-A-Car	400 N. Main St.	435-259-7317

4wd vehicles can be rented from the outfitters identified in Moab-4wd Adventuring.

Practicalities



WHEN TO GO/CLIMATE

Arches is best visited in the spring and fall when temperatures are moderate. The heat in summer is frequently oppressive, making hiking a challenge. Arches is not much visited in the winter, though it is beautiful with a dusting of snow. Typical of a desert environment, temperatures drop quickly at night even in the warmest months. Average daily highs and lows are set forth below.

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun.</u>	<u>Jul.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sep.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
High	41	50	62	72	81	91	96	93	84	71	57	43
Low	10	23	31	39	47	54	61	59	50	38	29	19

Arches handles over a million visitors a year. The largest number arrive in spring and summer, but even at its peak, Arches is not so crowded as to become unenjoyable.



PARK DETAILS

There is a \$10 entrance fee per vehicle for a seven day pass (\$5 on bike/foot). There is no charge for those with a National Park Pass. The visitor center is open daily 7:30-6 from mid-Apr. to Sept. and from 8-4:30 the rest of the year. The visitor center is closed on Christmas, but the park itself never closes.



USEFUL ADDRESSES & PHONE #'S

Arches National Park
Canyonlands National Park
Dead Horse Point State Park
Moab Information Center

Box 907 - Moab
2282 S. West Resource Blvd. - Moab
Box 609 - Moab
Center and Main - Moab

435-259-8161
435-259-7164
435-259-2614
800-635-6622

Nearby Attractions

Moab

Moab is 5 miles south of Arches. It has numerous lodging and dining options and is a terrific destination for those seeking outdoor recreational activities. It offers great opportunities for desert mountain biking, hiking and 4wd adventuring. The Colorado River passes by town with excellent calm water and whitewater options

Canyonlands National Park

Canyonlands National Park is home to an immense expanse of deep orange-red canyons carved by the Colorado and Green Rivers and a wonderful array of superlative red rock formations. In addition to being a feast for the eyes, it provides great opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, 4wd adventuring, and white water rafting.

The Island in the Sky section of Canyonlands is roughly 30 miles southwest of Arches.

Dead Horse Point State Park

Dead Horse Point State Park is a small park with an absolutely outstanding view out over the Colorado River canyon and into Canyonlands National Park. It is about 30 miles south of Arches.

La Sal Mountains

The La Sal Mountains are Utah's second highest mountain range. They stand above their red rock desert surroundings offering nice a nice scenic route and good hiking among heavy timberland. They are about 20 miles east of Arches.

Green River (town of)

The attraction of this mid-sized town is the Green River. It snakes through extremely remote canyons in central Utah north of the town and through red rock canyons south of town before merging with the Colorado River in Canyonlands National Park. From the town of Green River one can find some good white water rafting as well as peaceful and beautiful float trips. The town is 50 miles northwest of Arches along I-70.

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