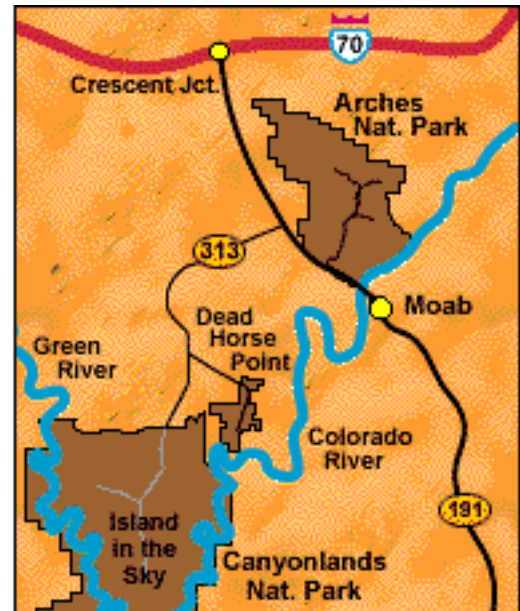




Dead Horse Point State Park

DEAD HORSE POINT STATE PARK sits atop a narrow peninsula 2,000 feet above the Colorado River. At the end of the peninsula are breathtaking 270 degree views of the red-orange canyons of Canyonlands National Park and surrounding areas. It is definitely worth a stop if you're visiting the Island in the Sky District of Canyonlands.

The name of the park comes from the legend that cowboys once chased wild horses onto the peninsula and fenced off the narrow 30 yard neck to create a large corral. They selected the best of the herd for use and left the rest. Horses left in the corral when the cowboys left were unable to find their way out and died en masse, leaving just their bleached bones as a reminder. (Whether the cowboys remembered (or bothered) to take down the fence is unclear.)



Dead Horse Point is located on a spur road that splits off Hwy. 313 a few miles before the entrance to Canyonlands' Island in the Sky District. The park entrance is 31 miles southwest of Moab and 40 miles south of I-70.



Dead Horse Point has a modern, well-maintained campground set pleasantly among desert vegetation. 21 sites with hook-ups; drinking water; modern restrooms w/ hot and cold running water; sheltered picnic tables; a disposal station; elev. 5,900 feet; open year round; reservations: 800-322-3770; \$11.



OTHER INFORMATION

The park is opened year-round and has a \$5 per vehicle admission fee. A visitor center has information about the park and sells drinks, snacks, ice and firewood. Rangers put on evening programs during the summer on various topics in the small amphitheater next to the center. At the point of the peninsula is a pleasant picnic area.

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