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YOUR ADVENTURE GUIDE

HIKING AND BACKPACKING



Needles District of Canyonlands National Park

- 55 minutes from Monticello
- Adventures range from 1-8 hours depending on the hike

The Needles District of Canyonlands National Park is named for an area of tall, slender sandstone towers with miles of interconnecting trails and stunning scenery. Needles Campground, Wooden Shoe Arch Overlook, Cave Spring, Roadside Ruin, and Big Spring Canyon Overlook are all found on paved park roads. Short walks, day hikes and longer backpacking opportunities abound. Popular hikes include Cave Spring and Pothole Point, both are short .6-mile hikes.



Bears Ears National Monument - Shash Jaa Unit

- 10 minutes from Bluff/Blanding
- Adventures range from 2-4 hours depending on the hike

The Shash Jaa Unit of Bears Ears National Monument is brimming with archaeological sites and scenic overlooks just waiting to be explored! Butler Ruin, Mule Canyon Ruins, Cave Tower Ruins, and Arch Canyon Overlook, to name a few. From quick stops along the highway to multi-day backpacking trips, there is sure to be something to fit into any itinerary.



Natural Bridges National Monument

- 45 minutes from Blanding
- Adventures range from 2-6 hours depending on the hike or scenic drive

Natural Bridges, the first International Dark Sky Park shelters three of the world's largest natural stone bridges. Sipapu Bridge is tall enough to rise above our nation's capitol building in Washington D.C. View the bridges from overlooks or hike 8.6 miles on a loop trail to see all three bridges up close. Late spring through early fall, Natural Bridges holds regularly scheduled, ranger-led night sky programs.

SCENIC DRIVES AND SPOTS



Moki Dugway

This route connects UT-95 and US-163
Adventure takes 1 hour

Constructed in the 1950s to transport uranium, the Moki Dugway is an unpaved, 3-mile section of Hwy 261 comprised of switchbacks carved into the face of the cliff edge. The road, which can be treacherous in rain or snow, winds 1,200 feet from Cedar Mesa to the valley floor near Valley of the Gods. Not for the faint of heart (or those with a fear of heights), this route provides breathtaking views of some of Utah's most beautiful landscapes, such as Monument Valley and Valley of the Gods.



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Goosenecks State Park

11 minutes from Mexican Hat
Adventure takes 1 hour

The San Juan River twists and turns through sinuous 'goosenecks' as it flows toward Lake Powell traveling over 6 miles, while it advances only 1 mile to the west. The Great Goosenecks of the San Juan River is the largest entrenched river meander in North America. Within the 1,000 feet between the park and the river, 300 million years of geology is revealed in the layers exposed by erosion.



Valley of the Gods

14 mile northwest of Mexican Hat
Adventure takes 2 hours

Often referred to as a 'miniature Monument Valley,' Valley of the Gods is home to stunning free-standing monoliths, delicate spires of sandstone, and long rock fins. Visitors can drive the 17-mile loop through the valley, stopping along the way for short hikes, or to find a remote, dispersed camping site. A night spent under the stars in Valley of the Gods is sure to top anyone's list as one of the most beautiful, peaceful, and remote camping spots you'll ever experience.

UNIQUE GUIDED EXPERIENCES



Float on the San Juan River with Wild Expeditions

A float trip on the San Juan River in southeast Utah provides boaters with access to spectacular canyons rich in scenery, archaeology, history, remarkable geographic features and desert wildlife. Book a trip with Wild Expeditions and sit back and enjoy the scenery and Class II & III rapids while the guide expertly navigates the river. Enjoy several stops at archaeological sites such as River House Ruin and the Butler Petroglyph Panel.



Overnight Hogan Adventure in Monument Valley with Simpson's Trailhandler Tours

The best way to see Monument Valley, one of the most photographed places on Earth, is in person on a guided tour with Simpson's Trailhandler Tours. Guides will take visitors to private hidden gems while teaching them about Navajo history and culture in the area. Enjoy this overnight, all-inclusive camping experience in an authentic Hogan in Monument Valley that includes Navajo food, entertainment and multiple tours of Monument Valley.



Blues to Bears Bike-Packing Trip with Roam Industry

This guided, 3-day/2-night bike-packing trip takes visitors to one of the more remote mountain ranges in the Southwest – the Abajos (or the Blue Mountains). Bike through fir-timbered peaks and drop into a sandstone, red rock desert. This trip traverses through the newly established Bears Ears National Monument.