

# DOG-FRIENDLY UTAH'S CANYON COUNTRY



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## Parks to Visit

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### Gooseheads State Park

Comprised of approximately 6 miles of the winding San Juan River flowing 1,000 feet below the canyon rim, the viewpoint at Gooseheads State Park is not to be missed. Explore, camp, picnic or simply relax and take in the views with your pup.

### Hovenweep National Monument

All trails are dog-friendly which is unique for a national monument. Hovenweep is home to six Ancestral Puebloan villages. The national monument is also one of the five designated International Dark Sky Places in San Juan County.

### Monument Valley Tribal Park

Possibly one of the most iconic locations in San Juan County for its notable towering buttes, Monument Valley Tribal Park is a must-see location. With serene desert landscapes straight out of the Wild West, you and your dog will love recreating responsibly throughout the rugged beauty of the park.

### Four Corners Monument

Be in four places at once when you visit Four Corners Monument where Colorado, Arizona, Utah and New Mexico converge. The monument is a unique place managed by the Navajo Nation. Authentic hand-crafted jewelry and crafts as well as traditional Native American foods. Four Corners Monument is a place where borders, cultures and history come together.

## Hikes

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### Butler Ruins

#### 1.6 miles roundtrip

A spectacular cliff dwelling located on the east side of Comb Ridge. It was built and occupied by the Ancestral Puebloans around A.D. 1200. While parts of the site have been stabilized and reconstructed, the majority has remained how it was found in the 1800s. The site includes habitation, storage and ceremonial structures, including four kivas.



### Cave Towers

#### Up to 1.5 miles roundtrip depending on where you park

With a total of seven towers along the rim of Mule Canyon, Cave Towers is the perfect family and pup-friendly hike. These impressive Ancestral Puebloan sites are fragile remains perfect for historical exploration as well as viewing various structures in alcoves and overhangs in the canyon walls. Leashed dogs allowed on the trail.

### House on Fire

#### 3 miles roundtrip

House on Fire is the first archaeological site located along the trail in the South Fork of Mule Canyon. To capture the picturesque flames rising above the house, it's best to do this hike in the late morning when the light reflects off the opposite wall of the canyon. Continuing past House on Fire, several additional archaeological sites are viewable. Some are easily accessible and others are nestled high in the canyon walls. The trailhead for this hike is located on County Road 263 near mile marker 102. (Fee area, day-use permits available online or at trailhead)

### Rim Trail Loop

#### Located at Hovenweep National Monument 2 miles roundtrip

Hikes from the Visitor Center range from a 300-yard paved walk to the Stronghold House, to a 1.5-mile loop trail that takes visitors past structures in and along Little Ruin Canyon such as Hovenweep Castle, Square Tower, Hovenweep House and Twin Towers. Leashed dogs allowed on all trails.

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## Arch Canyon

### 12-mile hike

Arch Canyon is a box canyon located north of Highway 95. The canyon has beautiful red-rock walls, and it is possible to see several arches. The creek that runs along the bottom of the canyon normally has water. Look along the canyon walls for hanging gardens. You are also likely to spot cliff dwellings. Please remember to treat these special places with respect. This trail has no visitor fee.

## Windwhistle Nature Trail

### Located at Windwhistle Campground 1 mile

This trail has a brochure available at the trailhead that identifies numerous plants growing in the area. This informative and scenic walk skirts the base of Rone Bailey Mesa. The trail is located near the group site in the campground.

## Comb Ridge

### Various hikes are available ranging from less than a mile to 4 miles roundtrip

This serrated sandstone ridge is a geologic monocline that begins in the Blue Mountains to the north and ends near Kayenta, Arizona 80 miles to the south. Unpaved roads lead to scenic areas, archaeological sites and primitive camping areas.

## Important Notes

- Pets are not allowed in or at any alcoves, rock art sites or ruins.
- Pets are not allowed to swim or play in springs, potholes or other natural water sources.
- Pet waste should be packed out or disposed of in the same way as human waste, depending on the area you're in. Be sure to check ahead of time and have proper disposal equipment on hand. (Pet waste bags, shovels, etc.)

## Outdoor Restaurant Seating

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### Monticello

- Granary Bar & Grill
- High Desert Bistro
- Ja-Roen Thai Sushi
- Thatzza Pizza

### Blanding

- Patio Drive-in

### Bluff

- Cedar Shack located at Bluff Dwellings Resort
- Comb Ridge Eat & Drink
- Cottonwood Steakhouse
- Twin Rocks Cafe

### Mexican Hat

- Hat Rock Cafe
- San Juan Olde Bridge Grill

## Pet-friendly Lodging

### North Country

- 3 Step Hideaway
- St Danes Cabins
- Moab Guest Ranch
- Pack Creek Ranch
- Wolf Springs Ranch

### Monticello

- Inn at the Canyons
- Blue Mountain Horsehead Inn
- Monticello Inn

### Blanding

- Arch Canyon Inn
- Blue Sage Inn
- Stone Lizard Lodge
- Super 8
- Blanding Bunkhouse
- Four Corners Inn
- Ranch Cabin
- Camp Jackson





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## Bluff

- Cottonwood Cabins
- Kokopelli Inn
- Recapture Lodge
- Willow Street Cottages
- Bluff Dwellings Resort
  - Pet-sitting and dog-walking services are available if scheduled in advance

## Mexican Hat

- Hat Rock Inn
- Mexican Hat Lodge
- San Juan Inn

## Monument Valley

- Goulding's Lodge

## Veterinarian Services

### Bluff

**Dusty Paws Small Animal Clinic**  
583 West Sagebrush | (435) 485-0646

### Monticello

**Moab Veterinary Clinic**

Mobile Clinic located at San Juan County Fairgrounds every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. | (435) 259-8710

## Pet Care

If you are looking to visit any of the locations where pets are prohibited, we have a solution for your furry friend. Visit Rover.com to find a local caretaker while in San Juan County.

## Rover Services

- Dog Walking
- Pet Boarding

## No Dogs Allowed

While there are multiple great locations to take your furry friend with you, there are some places you will need to leave your dog behind if you want to visit.

**Pets are prohibited in the following canyons and their tributaries:**

### Grand Gulch

This includes but is not limited to Bullet, Sheik's, Collins, Government, Kane, Step and Pine etc.

### Point Lookout Canyon

### Slickhorn Canyon

### Upper Fish Canyon

### McLoyd Canyon

This includes the hiking trail to Moon House

### Canyonlands National Park

Pets are not allowed in the national park with the exception of paved trails, parking lots, picnic areas and campgrounds

### Natural Bridges National Monument

Pets are not allowed with the exception of paved trails, parking lots, picnic areas and campgrounds

