

# THE NATURAL MONOLITHS OF UTAH'S CANYON COUNTRY ITINERARY



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While the mysterious metal monolith disappeared, Utah's Canyon Country is still full of unique, beyond-believable, towering rock formations that make its landscape an icon of the West. Take a trip around Utah's Canyon Country to see nature's own incredible, natural-made rock monoliths.

## Jacob's Chair

37.705385 110.239988

This natural rock formation quite literally looks like a giant's seat as the "chair back" stands tall reaching for the sky. Jacob's Chair is 12 miles northwest of Natural Bridges National Monument. Avid rock climbers enjoy scaling this rock feature.

## Twin Rocks

913 E. Navajo Twins Drive, Bluff, UT 84512

37°17'14.09"N 109°32'50.33"W

Rising above the aptly-named Twin Rocks Trading Post and Cafe, this red rock formation sits with the two "twin" pillars close together making the perfect backdrop for the trading post. Beyond the two similar rock pillars, Twin Rocks was named for the mythical Hero Twins from Navajo legend.

## Mexican Hat

37°9'54"N 109°51'56"W

Named for its appearance of having a stone sombrero resting on top of this jutting rock tower, Mexican Hat is located near the San Juan River and has a small town located nearby named after it.

## Church Rock

Monticello, Utah, 84535

38°04'21.00"N 109°20'27.60"W

Located along Hwy 191 just 14 miles north of Monticello, this unique shaped sandstone formation stands tall with a hole in the bottom that was blasted out by a local rancher as a storage space for cattle feed and salt licks. Church Rock is located on private property, but there are pullouts where you can stop to take pictures.



## Alhambra Rock

37°8'27"N 109°54'18"W

Made from dark volcanic rock, Alhambra Rock can be seen from Goosenecks State Park and juts up to a towering 250 feet. Alhambra Rock was named by early Spanish explorers who claimed the profile resembled the Medieval Moorish castle bearing the same name in Granada, Spain.



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## Valley of the Gods

Valley of the Gods is a scenic sandstone valley featuring stunning geologic formations including buttes, spires and striking rock formations throughout the 18-mile loop drive. These three stand tall as natural monoliths:

### Castle Butte

37°18'52"N 109°51'14"W

### Rooster Butte

37°16'34"N 109°48'41"W

### Battleship Rock

37°17'32"N 109°50'21"W

## Indian Creek Unit – Bears Ears National Monument

### 5. North & South Six Shooters

38.13750°N 109.6681°W

38.12080°N 109.6498°W

These two rock formations are located east of Canyonlands National Park as part of the Indian Creek Unit of Bears Ears National Monument. Many rock climbers come to scale these two sandstone towers.

## Monument Valley

### Totem Pole

36°55'44"N 110°02'51"W

This rock spire was once a butte similar to The Mittens, but after decades of erosion, it has become the thin impressive pillar that still stands today.

### The Mittens

36°59'27"N 110°05'46"W

Quite possibly two of the most iconic buttes in Utah's Canyon Country, The East and West Mitten Buttes stand tall, rising out of the Colorado Plateau to make up some of the most recognizable scenes of the Wild West.

