

Your Moab Adventure Guidebook



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Welcome to Red Rock Country

As you arrive at your desert retreat, nestled amidst the red rock wonders of Moab, Utah, allow us to extend a warm welcome to you and your travel companions. Whether you're here to explore the vast, rugged landscapes, dive into the adventure sports, or simply unwind under the starlit skies, your chosen home-away-from-home promises a stay filled with comfort, serenity, and unforgettable memories.

Moab is a playground for nature lovers and adventure seekers alike. With the majestic Arches National Park and the sprawling Canyonlands National Park just a short drive away, your days can be filled with hiking, biking, jeeping and exploring the unparalleled landscapes. This guide includes our handpicked recommendations for trails, tours, and must-see landmarks, along with tips for making the most of these experiences.

As stewards of this extraordinary landscape, we are committed to sustainability and conservation. We encourage our guests to join us in this effort by respecting the natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage of Moab. Inside, you'll find simple yet effective ways to minimize your environmental impact during your stay.

Your safety and well-being are paramount. This guide includes important information about staying safe while exploring the outdoors, as well as practical advice for navigating the unique desert climate and trail system. We've also provided contact details for local emergency services, should you need them.

This guidebook is more than just a collection of recommendations; it's your first step into a world of awe-inspiring beauty, thrilling adventure, and serene moments under the desert sky. We invite you to peruse these pages at your leisure, dream up your perfect vacation, and then step out and make those dreams a reality.

Welcome to Moab, where your adventure begins!

With warmest regards,

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Your Ultimate Moab Vacation Guidebook

Welcome to your home away from home in the heart of one of the most breathtaking landscapes in the U.S.. This guide is designed to ensure you make the most of your stay in Moab, Utah, a land of red rock formations, stunning national parks, and endless outdoor adventure. Moab is not just a destination; it's an adventure. Here's how to dive into the heart of it all:

National and State Park Information and Tips

Arches National Park: Just a short drive from your rental, this park offers breathtaking natural arches and diverse rock formations. Please note that during April - October, reservations for entry into the park are required. This helps with overcrowding and parking and allows you a more enjoyable experience! Go to www.recreation.gov to secure your spot. Here are some more tips:

- Arches does not allow dogs unless they are certified service dogs. Luckily, there are several doggy daycare centers in Moab. Call Katie at Moab Ntl Park to get your furry buddy signed up for a day of fun while you're exploring Arches: (435) 259-7922.
- Sunsets at Arches can be life changing :) Make sure you plan a sunset drive during your stay and watch the sun blaze on the red rocks.
- The stars...equally life changing and if you happen to be visiting during the full moon, watch the moon rise at the Windows Arches.

Canyonlands National Park: For those seeking a more rugged experience, Canyonlands is vast and offers incredible canyon views, hiking, and stargazing opportunities. The park is located about 45 min from Moab. Plan for an all day trip so you can thoroughly enjoy this breathtaking country. Pack layers, sunscreen, plenty of water and snacks!

If it's your first time visiting, you'll want to start at the Island in the Sky district and see the famous Mesa Arch and hike the Grand View Point trail.

- Pro tip: Put in an online order for lunch before you head out from Sweet Cravings Bakery and Bistro and pick it up on your way to the Park!

Dead Horse Point State Park: Located just 30 minutes from Moab, Dead Horse Point State Park is an immense desert landscape of canyons, high desert woodland, and miles of trails. Since it is a State Park, your National Parks Pass will not give you entry. There is a separate entrance fee. It is pet friendly so bring the pups (on a leash :)

- We recommend hiking The West Rim Trail, which is the longest (2.5 miles), most primitive hiking trail in the park. It offers stunning canyon views from both sides of the rim.

Sand Flats Recreation Area: Located in town it has access to world re-nowned off-road trails (like Hells Revenge) and popular biking trails (like Slickrock bike trail).

- There is an entry fee that you can pay online before you go or pay at the window when you arrive.
- One of our favorite mountain bike trails is located here, Falcon Flow!
- Dogs are allowed on leash.

Favorite Local Eateries

Best On-The-Go: For grab and go breakfast or lunch, order ahead online with Sweet Cravings Bistro and Bakery. Pickup in the morning before you head out for your day!

Favorite Brewery: Proper Brewing Co. Enjoy Utah brews and a casual dining atmosphere, perfect after a day on the trails.

Favorite Upscale: Desert Bistro. For a more upscale dining experience, this bistro offers a cozy ambiance and a menu inspired by local ingredients and a good wine list.

South African: Hidden Cuisine. What a treat in Moab! Delicious, healthy dishes and wonderful wine.

Coffee: Moab Coffee Roasters. Start your day here or grab an afternoon pick-me-up. Their freshly roasted coffee is a local favorite.

Favorite Breakfast: Love Muffin Cafe. Nothing beats a hot coffee and breakfast at the Muff!

Favorite Diner: Milt's. Milt's is Moab's oldest restaurant. It was first opened in September of 1954, by Milt Galbraith. Much of Milt's remains the same as it did in 1954. Famously featured on Guy Fieri's Diners, Drive-in's and Dives, this local favorite offers amazing burgers, shakes and fries.

Best Thai: Thai Bella. It might be the best Thai in Utah! Fresh ingredients and wonderful, authentic Thai flavor. They have a small dining room so prepare for a wait or order take-out and enjoy in your vacation rental!

Best American: Dewey's. One of our favorite restaurants in Moab! The shrimp tacos are my favorite! Also great burgers, wings and more...large portions! They have a huge dining room and are able to host larger parties. There's also an attached bar (21+) with great drinks, open seating and full menu service.

Favorite Tacos: Tacos Mi Preferida. Little food truck (a local fave) on Kane Creek Blvd. I dream about their birria tacos :) So good! They close at 5pm so it's a great place for lunch or dinner to go!

Best Pizza (& they have gluten free!): Antica Forma. Wood fired pizza, panini's and pasta! Fresh, gourmet toppings and their gluten free pizza is AMAZING!

Groceries and Gear:

Groceries: City Market & Village Market (both on main street)

Outdoor Gear: Moab Gear Trader (cheaper and friendlier than Gear Heads)

Forget Something? Walker's Store in town probably has it!

Liquor and Wine are only available at the UT State liquor store at 55 W 200 S (per Utah liquor laws). The store has limited hours and is closed on Sundays. You can buy cold beer, seltzers, etc. from the local grocery store.

Our Favorite Hiking Trails

- **Delicate Arch Trail** - Arches NP - Iconic arch that everyone should see at least once!
- **Devil's Garden Trail** (with primitive loop section) - Arches NP - there's some fun scrambling and trail finding but a great trail to see several arches.
- **Favorite Quickie:** The trail to Corona and Bowtie Arch (down Potash Rd) - not too long, and pets ok!
- **Jeep Arch:** Just past Corona Arch. Nice 4 mile loop that's great for pets and kids.
- **Grandstaff Trail to Morning Glory Bridge** (down Hwy 128) - great summer hike with several water features.
- **Fisher Towers Trail** (in Castle Valley down Hwy 128) - interesting redrock formations and scenery that will take your breath away!
- **Hidden Valley Trail** (to Petroglyphs!) - steep uphill hike just south of town but a good one to do for sunset views of the La Sals.

Our Favorite Mountain Biking Trails

I'm an intermediate rider and my partner is advanced so here's a collection of our favorites! Here's also a link to the many other fun trails in the area!

- **Falcon Flow w/ Kestrel Run Extension** (Sand Flats Area - fee applies)
- **Dead Horse State Park Trails** - Do them all!
- Moab Brand Trails - **Sidewinder Trail**
- **HyMasa** (Kane Creek Area)
- **Getaway to Bull Run to Great Escape** (Mag 7 area)
- **Navajo Rocks Loop**
- Do you dare attempt the **Whole Enchilada?**

Off-Road and 4x4 Trail Information

Bring your jeep or OHV and enjoy the extensive 4x4 trail systems in Moab or sign up for a guided tour or rental with the many tour & rental companies in town (see contact info in the list below). Stop by the visitor's center for maps of the off road trails or check out some of them here: <https://www.moabadventurecenter.com/moab-utah/jeep-trails>

Starting January 2023, Utah law requires all OHV operators to complete an education course. It's free and takes about 15 mins. A non-resident permit is also required which is good for 1 year. This helps us keep our trails maintained for you to enjoy year after year! More information and links to the course and permits are here:

<https://recreation.utah.gov/off-highway-vehicles/>

We are not avid off-roaders but here are some of the trails we've enjoyed!

- Fins and Things in Sand Flats Recreation Area
- Hell's Revenge in Sand Flats
- Kane Creek Road to Hurrah Pass
- Gemini Bridges

Unique Experiences

- When it's hot outside, book a thrilling **jetboat ride** with Moab Jett! These spots fill up fast so book ahead! It's unforgettable!
- **Stargazing Tours:** The clear desert skies offer some of the best stargazing opportunities. Join a guided night tour to unlock the mysteries of the cosmos.
- **Hot Air Balloon Rides:** For a bird's eye view of Moab's stunning landscapes, book a sunrise hot air balloon ride.
- **Rock Climbing and Canyoneering:** With numerous outfitters offering guided adventures, beginners and experienced climbers alike can find thrilling routes to conquer.
- Go **ziplining** and/or challenge yourself on the **via ferrata** with Raven's Rim Adventure Guides.
- Book a **Dinner and Light Show Cruise** with the Moab Adventure Center...a truly magical, unique experience. Or sign up for one of their whitewater rafting trips on the Colorado River!

Non-Outdoor (low key) Activities:

- Visit the Moab Museum to learn about Moab's rich history!
- Visit the Moab Museum of Film & Western Heritage located in the Redcliffs Lodge down River Road.
- Go bowling with the family/friends at Gravel Pit Lanes.
- Peruse all the information in the Moab Visitor's Center and plan your excursions!
- Shop on Main Street. There's a ton of local art, galleries, goods and interesting souvenirs!
- Stop by Spanish Valley Vineyard for a wine tasting.
- Book a spa treatment with Spa Moab located in the Hoodoo Hotel.
- Meander around the Moab Rock Shop and check out the collection of fossils, rocks and minerals.
- Visit the Moab Giants Museum north of town...a real paleo adventure!
- Take a scenic drive! Here are three of our favorites:
 - Upper Colorado River Scenic Byway (Hwy 128)
 - La Sal Loop
 - Potash Drive

Things Not to Miss:

- Fill up your water bottles at the natural aquifer on River Road called Matrimony Spring (google maps will take you there).
- Drive out to Fisher Towers for a memorable scenic drive and breathtaking scenery!
- Don't miss a sunset Drive through Arches.
- Stop by Moab Made on Main Street for unique local artist goodies.
- Love disc golf? Play the free course at Old City Park or take the scenic drive down Kane Creek, over Hurrah Pass to Base Adventure Camp. This course is one-of-a-kind and definitely worth the drive! It's \$5 (cash only) to play. You can buy discs at Moab Gear Trader.
- Love golf? The Moab Golf Course is open year round. The course has a great layout, surrounded by red rock, is super casual and friendly and you can't beat the price for a round!
- For a leisurely bike ride, rent an e-bike from Pedego in town and ride from town on the paved bike path down River Road or out to Arches. Stop for a cold beer at the Spoke!

Entertainment:

- **The Blu Pig BBQ** has live music every night.
- **Woody's Tavern** is a local bar hangout and they have live music, karaoke, pool and more. Come hang with the locals!
- **The Moab Backyard Theater** offers fun, free entertainment in an outdoor setting. Just steps from Main Street, music and magic entertainers perform underneath a giant cottonwood tree while you pull up hay and enjoy. They have shows 3 days a week so check out their schedule on facebook :)
- A couple tour companies offer a dinner, music and light show on the Colorado River. It's a great way to spend an evening.
- Moab hosts music festivals throughout the year. Check out www.moabhappenings.com for upcoming concerts and events.

Tips for a Memorable Stay:

- **Stay Hydrated:** The desert climate can be deceiving. Carry water with you during all outdoor activities.
- **Respect the Environment:** Tread lightly and stay on trails. Practice Leave No Trace principles to help preserve Moab's natural beauty for future generations.
- **Book Early:** Whether it's dining reservations or adventure tours, planning ahead ensures you won't miss out on what Moab has to offer.
- **Cell phone service:** It's spotty in most places outside of town. Depending on your carrier you may have no service at all. Especially in the National Parks and State Parks.
- **Stay on Trail:** I do recommend downloading trail maps before you head out so you can be sure you don't get off course. Our local trail crews do a great job of marking trails but there are some sections where you may need some help if you're unfamiliar with the area. Trailforks and Alltrails have good mapping.

Emergency Contacts:

- Our office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 7 days a week. If you need emergency assistance after office hours, please call 970-749-4820 for our after-hours call center. Otherwise, leave a message or send a text to 801-513-3299 and someone will assist you as soon as possible.
- Grand County Sheriff – 435-259-8115
- Emergency/Fire/Ambulance – 911
- Poison Control – 1-800-222-1222
- Animal Control – 435-259-8938
- Moab Regional Hospital is located at: 450 Williams Way

Local Tour Companies:

- **Moab Adventure Center** – Hummer Safaris – Climbing – Hot Air Balloon Rides – Mountain Biking – Scenic Flights – Jeep Rentals – Private Tours – (888)-904-1163
- **Outlaw Adventure Tours** – Drive Along – Ride Along – Guided Tours – (435)-260-7451
- **Skydive Moab** – Skydiving – (435)-259-5867
- **Rim Tours** – Bike Tours – (435)-259-5223
- **Redrock Astronomy** – Stargazing – (435)-210-0066
- **Raven’s Rim** – Zipline and Via Ferrata Adventure – (435)-260-0973
- **Paraglide Moab** – Sky Adventure – (435)-767-7359
- **Canyonlands by Night & Day** – Helicopter Tours – Skydiving – Paddleboard Tour – Jet Boat Tours – 4x4/ATV/Hummer Tours – Horseback Riding – Zipline Adventure – (435)-259-2628
- **Moab Jett** - Jet Boat Tours - (435) 259-5538

Bike Shops:

- **Poison Spider Bicycles** – 497 N Main St – (435)-259-7882
- **Rim Cyclery** – 94 W 100 N – (435)-259-5333
- **Chile Pepper Bike Shop** – 702 S Main St #2 – (435)-259-4688

Thank you for choosing our Moab vacation rental for your adventure base. We hope this guide helps make your stay both enjoyable and memorable. Explore, relax, and soak in the extraordinary beauty of Moab, Utah. Safe travels and unforgettable adventures await!

