

SOUTHEASTERN UTAH REGIONAL MAP

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“It seems as if the right words can come only out of the perfect space of a place you love. In canyon country they would begin with three colors: blue, terra-cotta, green. Sky, stone, life. Then some feather or pelt or lizard’s back, the throat of a flower or ripple of sunlit river, would enter the script, and I would have to leap from three colors to uncountable thousands, all in some exquisite combination of Place, possessed by this one and no other.”

— Ellen Meloy, *The Anthropology of Turquoise: Reflections on Desert, Sea, Stone, and Sky*



SOUTHEASTERN UTAH IS EXPANSIVE .

It unfolds as you move across its slickrock landscapes. When you walk, you feel the sandstone layers beneath your feet. It is firm, yet fragile. If you were water, you would break it. If you were wind, you would disperse its eroded sediments as freely as the Colorado River glides through the country's deep canyons. When you drive, you flow over the plateau like sinuous lines of topography. Memories start to collect at the foot of wild geology. Stories build from the journeys between them. Your journey starts now, on the heels of fellow travelers and in the footsteps of explorers and the land's first cultures — now all but lost to time.

ARCHES NATIONAL PARK \$ ⓘ ▲

Discover a sun-soaked red rock wonderland of eroded sandstone fins, towers, ribs, gargoyles, hoodoos, balanced rocks and, of course, arches. Most visitors enjoy the 18-mile scenic drive (one-way), Delicate Arch and The Windows section within the park, but skilled hikers may experience solitude on the Devils Garden Primitive Trail. The Moab area abounds with hiking, biking, camping, rafting, scenic driving and more. National parks are open 24 hours. Make camping reservations months in advance.

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BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT ▲

SHASH JAA UNIT

A pair of towering buttes stand against beautiful scenery. The twin buttes are so distinctive that in each of the native languages of the region their name is the same: Hoon’Naqvut, Shash Jáa, Kwiyagatu Nukavachi, Ansh An Lashokdiwe, or in English: Bears Ears. Cliff dwellings of ancestral cultures near S.R. 95 are the most popular sites. Small day-use fees at some trailheads. Start your trip at the Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum in Blanding.

INDIAN CREEK UNIT

An expansive sky spreads out across the fractured rock rock formations along the Indian Creek Corridor Scenic Byway (S.R. 211), a renowned rock climbing destination. Stop at Newspaper Rock State Historic Monument en route to Needles District of Canyonlands National Park.

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CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK \$ ⓘ ▲

Imagine wave after wave of deep canyons, towering mesa, pinnacles, cliffs and spires stretching across hundreds of square miles. Canyonlands has four separate districts. Most visitors opt for the accessible views at Island in the Sky near Moab, but serious adventurers can take on the rambling trails in The Needles, deep remoteness of The Maze or even floating the whitewater rivers that carved the dramatic landscape. Visitor centers in Island in the Sky and Needles open spring through fall.

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CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK \$ ⓘ ▲

In an evocative world of spectacular colored cliffs, hidden arches, massive domes and deep canyons, you get a feel for what the earth might have been like millions of years before life appeared. Take the 25-mile round-trip scenic drive, hike to Hickman Bridge, pick fruit in the historic orchards, explore the pioneer and Native American heritage and if all that isn’t enough — and you have the right vehicle and gear — head for the backcountry. Don't forget a slice of pie at Gifford Homestead, open seasonally.

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CALF CREEK RECREATION AREA \$ ▲

Hike the slickrock and soft sands along the life-giving Calf Creek in the stark landscape of Grand Staircase–Escalante National Monument. The hike is nearly six miles, round trip, but relatively flat and beautifully interpreted. The reward is a true oasis in the desert, the cooling 126-foot waterfall Lower Calf Creek Falls. Further up the road is a shorter, but steeper hike to the 87-foot Upper Calf Creek Falls. Carry two liters of water per person.

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CLEVELAND-LLOYD DINOSAUR QUARRY \$

Welcome to the world’s densest concentration of dinosaur bones. More than 12,000, so far. The quarry asks its visitors to help solve the mystery: What brought so many dinosaurs to perish in this place? Cleveland-Lloyd reflects the evolution of paleontology as a science and is appealing to all ages. Typically open early March through late September, daily in summer, more limited hours during spring and fall. Children get in free. Also free with certain parks passes.

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FOUR CORNERS MONUMENT ⓘ

The unique Four Corners area represents more than the connection point of Utah, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico. Four Corners is a spiritual journal into sweeping landscapes with profound human and geologic history. Visit as part of a tour of the Trail of the Ancients Scenic Byway that includes Hovenweep National Monument and Mesa Verde National Park. The

\$ May include fees ⓘ Public visitor information ▲ Camping available (Fees may apply)

monument itself is a granite and brass representation of remarkable surveying before the advent of GPS. Visitors will also find a demonstration center with Navajo artisans.

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GOBLIN VALLEY STATE PARK \$ ▲

Set your imagination free among the whimsical hoodoos, nooks and gnomes in the Valley of the Goblins and surrounding canyons. The fantastical landscape is often compared to Mars and families will love roaming among the goblins. Near the park are opportunities to mountain bike on Wild Horse Mesa or get to know Utah’s famous slot canyons at Little Wild Horse or the more challenging Ding and Dang Canyons. Overnight camping options available, including two yurts.

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GOOSENECKS STATE PARK \$ ▲

For millions of years, the San Juan River went to work on the land, carving an entrenched meander through limestone and shale a total of 6 miles, yet advancing only 1.5 miles as the crow flies. Goosenecks captures this dramatic scene from a perch at 1,000 feet. There’s no easy way down to the river. This is a panorama best appreciated from on high. Camping is limited and primitive.

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GRAND STAIRCASE–ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT ⓘ ▲

Escalante Canyons is the most popular area of the monument, particularly among well-prepared hikers and campers. Active waterfalls, arches, riparian oases, sculpted slickrock and narrow canyons make up the rugged landscape. You could wander for a lifetime, but good places to start are trailheads from Utah’s All-American Road: Scenic Byway 12, Burr Trail Scenic Backway, Calf Creek Falls or the Hole-in-the-Rock Road. Always check conditions locally and stop by the visitor center in Escalante. Backways may become impassable after storms. Fee charged for the Calf Creek trail. Free overnight permits required for car camping and backpacking. All camping is primitive, no hook-ups.

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HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT ⓘ ▲

In a stark and beautiful landscape of sage and juniper, explore the astonishing ruins of Hovenweep’s six prehistoric villages. In the 13th century, Ancestral Puebloans built towers and other structures, some skillfully balanced on canyon rims. Learn more with hiking and interpretive programs, then pause to appreciate the challenge of living in this rugged and remote landscape. Visitor center hours vary by season.

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JOE’S VALLEY ▲

Surrounded by pine-covered peaks on the Wasatch Plateau and grassy meadows filled with blooming wildflowers, this secluded mountain basin attracts people interested in exploring the miles of OHV trails, hunting, fishing, boating and camping. On the west side of the reservoir, where the emerald water escapes by finding its way through the craggy sandstone canyon below, people come to climb the challenging varnish-streaked boulders. There is additional climbing and camping at the New Joe’s site.

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MONUMENT VALLEY NAVAJO TRIBAL PARK \$ ▲

There’s not a bad view of Monument Valley. The iconic symbol of the American West and heart of the Navajo Nation will feel hauntingly familiar to fans of Hollywood and deeply spiritual as your Navajo guide escorts you through the park — the best way to experience the area. Self-guide on the Wildcat Trail and learn more at Goulding’s Lodge. Under clear skies, it’s also stunning at night. Please respect tribal practices.

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NATURAL BRIDGES NATIONAL MONUMENT \$ ⓘ ▲

You cannot see the chaotic landscape of this remote monument from the highway. Something impressive awaits: The amazing force of water has cut three spectacular natural bridges in White Canyon. A nine-mile scenic drive has overlooks but the best vantage comes from hiking into the canyon. At night, the universe vividly fills the view above the world’s first internationally certified Dark Sky Park. The monument is open 24 hours. Check visitor center for its operating hours and days during the off-season. Limited camp sites, no hook-ups.

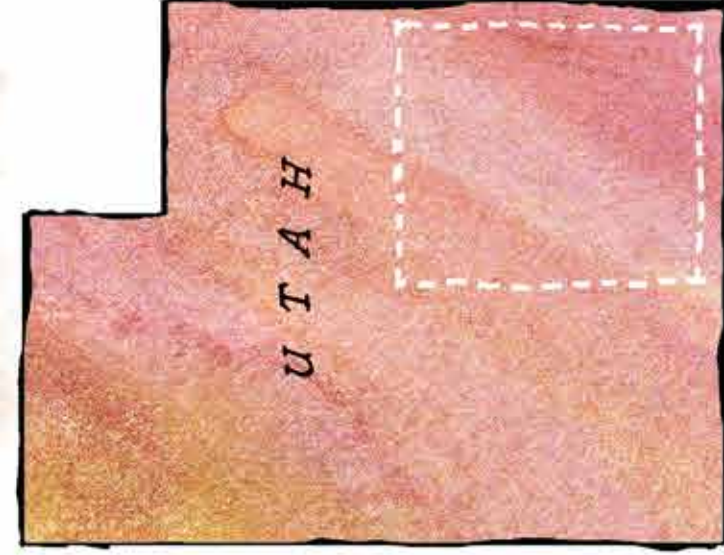
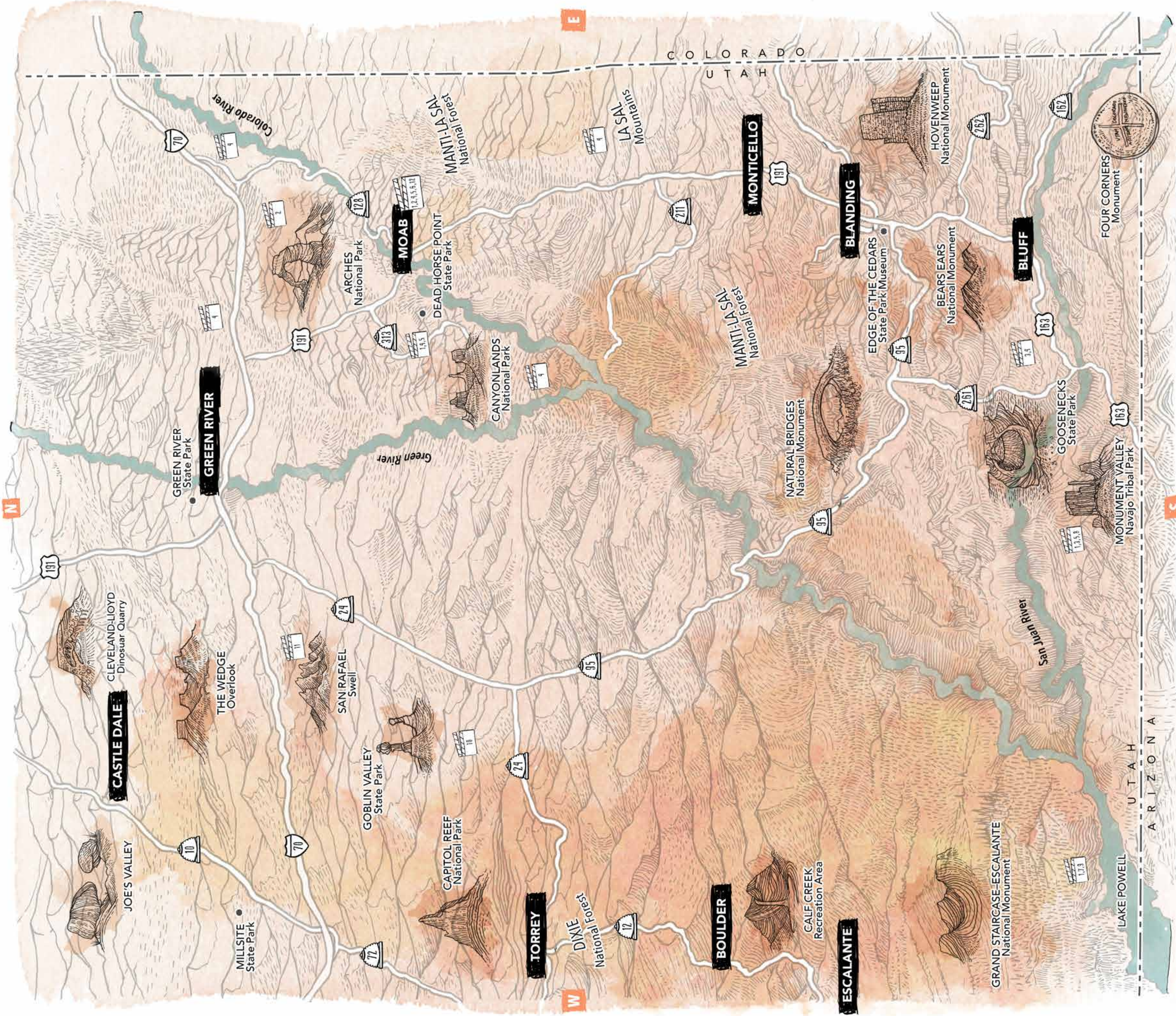
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SAN RAFAEL SWELL & WEDGE OVERLOOK ▲

They call it a geologic upheaval. Wind and water have gone on to shape this unique feature into a vast assembly of sandstone buttresses, canyons and plateaus. “Little Grand Canyon” aptly describes the Wedge Overlook’s view from 1,000 feet above the meandering San Rafael River. Drive down into the Buckhorn Draw Backway to experience a wealth of petroglyphs, hiking, climbing and peaceful, primitive camping under dark skies. Continue to the rugged southern portion to explore a variety of roads and slot canyons. Take a map, fuel up, carry water and supplies. Improved graded dirt roads may be impassable when wet.













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 Westworld 2016-2018 Moab, Monument Valley, Dead Horse Point State Park, Lake Powell	 The Lone Ranger 2013 Dead Horse Point State Park, Moab, Monument Valley	 Gravity 2013 Lake Powell
 Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade 1989 Arches National Park, Moab	 127 Hours 2010 Moab, Canyonlands	 Galaxy Quest 1999 Goblin Valley State Park
 Forrest Gump 1994 Monument Valley, Mexican Hat	 Planet of the Apes 1968 Lake Powell	 Star Trek 2009 San Rafael Swell
 Thelma & Louise 1991 Canyonlands National Park, Cisco ghost town, Dead Horse Point State Park, La Sal Mountains, Thompson Springs, Mexican Hat, Moab	 2001: A Space Odyssey 1968 Monument Valley	 Need for Speed 2014 Moab