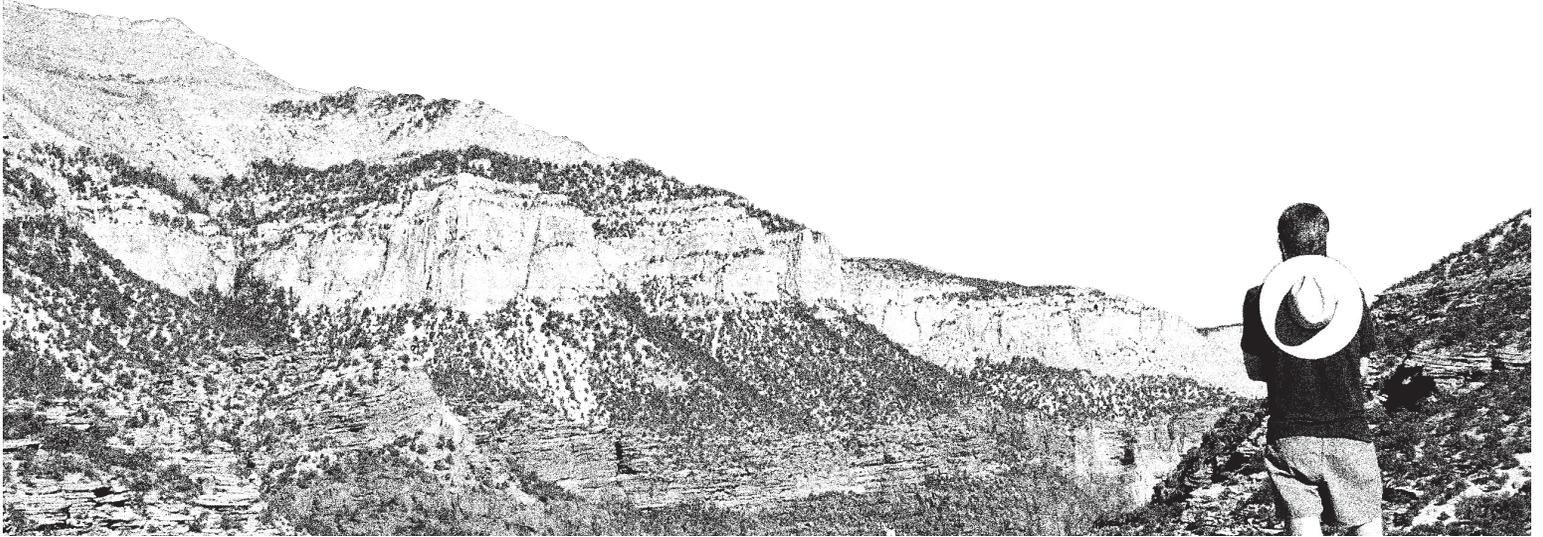




Hiking Trails



From the canyon rims to the river banks, visitors can discover various fossils, mysterious petroglyphs, historic homesites, and spectacular scenery along the numerous hiking trails in Dinosaur National Monument. The most popular day hikes are described below. For overnight or extended backpacking trips, stop by any park visitor center for a free permit. Maps and trail guides are also available for purchase at park visitor centers. Before hiking, be prepared. Wear sturdy shoes, take plenty of drinking water (a gallon per person per day is recommended), and wear sunscreen and a hat for protection against harsh sunlight.

Tour of the Tilted Rocks / Main Visitor Center Area (Utah)

Tilted vertical layers of rock characterize this area of the park. This is also the only area of the park to see dinosaur fossils. While the dinosaur fossils may be the most popular hiking destination, take time

to discover the tilted rocks, Josie Bassett's cabin, secluded box canyons, and numerous petroglyphs and pictographs.

Trail Name	Trailhead	Distance	Difficulty	Highlights
1. Fossil Discovery *	Main Visitor Center	0.7 mi 1.2 km (o)	easy-moderate	trail cuts through tilted rock layers, exposing variety of rocks and fossils, including dinosaur fossils
2. Sound of Silence *	Stop 2 on Tour of Tilted Rocks	3.0 mi 4.8 km (l)	moderate-difficult	interesting rock layers with excellent geologic diversity; trail joins Desert Voices Trail via a ¼ mile connector trail
3. Desert Voices **	Split Mountain Boat Ramp	1.5 mi 2.4 km (l)	moderate	excellent views of Split Mountain and several adjacent rock layers; trail joins Sound of Silence Trail via a ¼ mile connector trail
4. River	Green River and Split Mountain Campgrounds	1.0 mi 1.6 km (o)	easy	trail follows the Green River, connecting Green River and Split Mountain Campgrounds
5. Cub Creek Petroglyphs	Stop 14 on Tour of Tilted Rocks	0.2 mi 0.4 km (o)	easy-moderate	numerous petroglyphs, including several large lizard figures
6. Box Canyon	Josie Bassett's homesite	0.2 mi 0.4 km (o)	easy	shady box canyon once used as a natural animal corral
7. Hog Canyon	Josie Bassett's homesite	0.7 mi 1.2 km (o)	easy	scenic, partly shaded canyon with spring-fed creek

* = trail guide available

** = waysides along trail

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Harpers Corner Road / Canyon Visitor Center Area (Colorado)

Harpers Corner Road is the gateway to Dinosaur National Monument's canyon country. The trails in this area offer a look into desert shrub communities

and outstanding views into the Uintah Basin and Green and Yampa River canyons.

Trail Name	Trailhead	Distance	Difficulty	Highlights
8. Cold Desert *	Canyon Visitor Center	0.5 mi <i>0.8 km (l)</i>	easy	desert shrub community
9. Plug Hat Trail ** (accessible)	Plug Hat pull-out along Harper's Corner Auto Tour	0.2 mi <i>0.4 km (l)</i>	easy	level trail through pinyon/juniper forest, affording excellent views of the surrounding landscape
10. Ruple Point	Island Park Overlook along Harper's Corner Auto Tour	4.0 mi <i>6.4 km (o)</i>	moderate	rolling terrain of sagebrush and juniper with a view into Split Mountain Canyon
11. Harpers Corner *	End of Harper's Corner Auto Tour	1.0 mi <i>1.6 km (o)</i>	easy	view into Green and Yampa River canyons and Echo Park

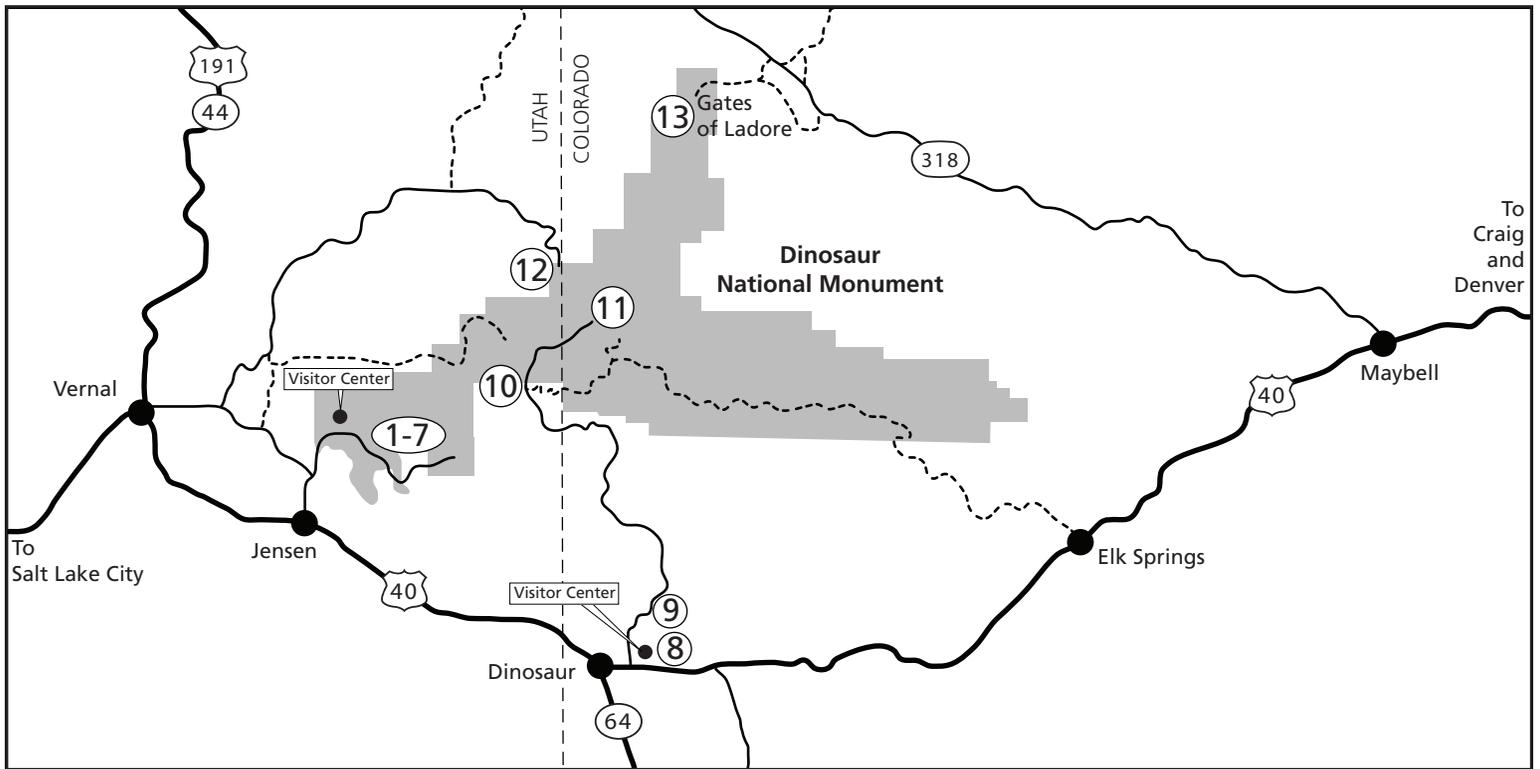
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Other Areas

Trail Name	Trailhead	Distance	Difficulty	Highlights
12. Jones Hole (Utah)	Jones Hole Fish Hatchery	4.0 mi <i>6.4 km (o)</i>	moderate	shady hike along spring-fed Jones Hole Creek; panel of pictographs
13. Gates of Lodore (Colorado)	Lodore Campground	0.2 mi <i>0.4 km (o)</i>	easy	scenic view of the entrance to Lodore Canyon

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Hiking Regulations

Leave things as you find them. All plants, animals, rocks, fossils, historic features, and archeological objects are protected by law.

Pets are not allowed on trails.

Stay on trails – shortcuts create erosion.

Mountain biking is prohibited on all hiking trails.

Pack out all trash.

All-terrain vehicles are prohibited in the park.