Wetherill Mesa
Planning Information Sheet

The following information will help you plan your visit to Wetherill Mesa. The road to Wetherill is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The 12-mile, 30/45 minute drive offers a number of excellent views of the Park and Four Corners.

NOTE: Vehicles in excess of 8,000 G.V.W. and/or 25 feet in length are prohibited.

Summer Activities

Wetherill Mesa offers a variety of sights, from cliff dwellings to mesa top ruins. From the parking area, walk to the information kiosk and mini-train loading area. There the Ranger will help you plan your visit to the ruins.

Step House Ruin: The ½-mile self-guided walk takes 45 minutes to complete. Guidebooks are available on the trail to the ruin. A Ranger is on duty in the dwelling to answer any questions. This ruin may be visited anytime between 9:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Mini-Train

Departs from the kiosk area every ½-hour from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There may be an hour wait for tours. You must ride the mini-train to visit:

- The Ranger guided tour at Long House
- The self-guided Badger House Community walk
- The Kodak House Overlook
- The Long House Overlook
- The Nordenskiöld’s Ruin #16

Long House: This Ranger guided tour of the Park’s second largest dwelling leaves every ½-hour from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the trail head. The total round trip walking distance is ½-mile and takes approximately one hour.

Note: Tours are limited to 50 people on a first come, first served basis. This tour is not recommended for those with a heart condition. Last tour to Long House leaves from the kiosk at 5:00 p.m.

Badger House Community: This ¾-mile self-guided trail will take you to four mesa top ruins.

1. Modified Basketmaker Pithouse
2. Pueblo Village and Great Kiva
3. Badger House
4. Two Raven House

Guidebooks are available at the beginning of the trail and a Ranger will be roving the trail in order to answer any questions or provide assistance. This ruin may be visited anytime between 9:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Visitors taking the 5:00 p.m. tour (last tour) to Long House will not be able to visit Badger House or Step House.

Two Overlooks: Kodak viewpoint and Long House viewpoint.

NOTICE: The mini-train and most trails are accessible by wheelchair.

- All hiking is restricted. Ask a Ranger for hiking information.
- Smoking is restricted to the parking area.
- Pets are not allowed beyond the parking area.
- Please use trash cans.

The ARA (concessioner) van departs from Far View Lodge at 9:30 a.m.