# **Planning Your Visit**

Arches National Park is open seven days per week, 24 hours per day. The Visitor Center is open dally, except Christmas, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mountain Time, and later from mid-April through September.

Campfire programs and rangerguided walks are offered during the summer. Ask about the Junior Ranger program. No other services are available in the park (see "For Additional Information" on reverse).

## Camping

The 52-site Devils Garden Campground is open all year. Individual sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. You must pre-register at the visitor center or entrance station.

A \$7 per night fee is charged from March to October, when water is available. Facilities include tables, grills and toilets. Wood gathering in the Park is prohibited; bring your own wood or charcoal for the grills.

Two group sites are available and may be reserved for ten or more people. Reservations for group camp sites are taken by mail or telephone beginning January 2nd for the year. The group camping fee is \$3.00 per person per night, with a minimum charge of \$30.00 per night. Children who have not begun firstgrade are free. No RVs or campers are permitted in group sites.

Backcountry permits are available free of charge at the Visitor Center. There are no backcountry trails or campsites.

## Hiking and Exploring



Arches is a great place to explore, but the climate and landscape can cause major problems for the unprepared.

Summer temperatures can exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius).

Carry water (one gallon or four liters per person each day is recommended), and wear protective clothing.

Winter daytime temperatures are generally comfortable, but at night, it often drops below freezing. Plan ahead!

Trails are marked with cairns (piles of rocks). Follow these carefullly and stay on the trails. Sandstone "slickrock" is fun to climb on, but can crumble and break easily, and can be very slippery. It is much easier to climb up some areas than to get back down. Listen to your common sense and turn back before you reach your skill

## **Bicycling and Climbing**

Bicycles are welcome on roads in the Park. There are no designated bike trails. All bicycles must abide by vehicle regulations and are not allowed on any hiking trails or off of established roads.

Technical climbing is allowed but is only for experienced climbers. Climbing is not permitted on any arches named on the USGS topographic map, nor on Balanced Rock and a few other locations. Check at the Visitor Center for more information.

### Fees

Entrance fees are \$4.00 per vehicle for a seven-day pass into Arches. Individuals walking, on bicycles or motorcycles, or traveling in commercial or charter buses are charged \$2.00 each.

Special passes are also available:

- Annual Pass for Arches and Canyonlands National Parks;
- Golden Eagle, Golden Age and Golden Access Passes for all Federal Fee Areas.

**Other Things You Need** to Know



Help the National Park Service protect your natural and cultural resources; know and follow regulations.

Pets are allowed in the campground but must be on a leash of less than six feet in length; they are not allowed on designated trails or in the backcountry.

We are proud of our reputation for outstanding scenery and a clean park. Please put all of your litter where it belongs--in the garbage can. Leave all natural, prehistoric and historical features as you found them for others to enjoy.

#### For Additional Information

For group campsite reservations and other information, write to Superintendent, P.O. Box 907, Moab, UT 84532 or call (801) 259-8161 [voice] or (801) 259-5279 [TDD, Telecommunication Device for the Deaf].

For a catalog of maps and books, write to Canyonlands Natural History Association, 30 South 100 East, Moab, UT 84532 or call (801) 259-6003.

Arches National Park is located five miles north of Moab, which offers a variety of services (lodging, restaurants, camping, stores, guided tours, etc.).

For information on services outside the Park, contact the Grand County Travel Council at P.O. Box 550, Moab, Utah 84532 or call 1-800-635-MOAB.

